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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 20-F

Annual Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005

Commission file number 0-27466

NICE-SYSTEMS LTD.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter and translation of Registrant's name into English)

Israel

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

8 Hapnina Street, P.O. Box 690, Ra'anana 43107, Israel

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange On Which Registered
None	None

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

**American Depositary Shares, each representing
one Ordinary Share, par value one
New Israeli Shekel per share**

(Title of Class)

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

None

(Title of Class)

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report:

24,137,643 Ordinary Shares, par value NIS 1.00 Per Share

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

Yes No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days:

Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark which financial statements the registrant has elected to follow:

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If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No



PRELIMINARY NOTE

This annual report contains historical information and forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to NICE's business, financial condition and results of operations. The words "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "project," "should," "strategy," "continue," "goal" and "target" and similar expressions, as they relate to NICE or its management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect the current views and assumptions of NICE with respect to future events and are subject to risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements relate to, among other things: operating results; anticipated cash flows; gross margins; adequacy of resources to fund operations; our ability to maintain our average selling prices despite the aggressive marketing and pricing strategies of our competitors; our ability to maintain and develop profitable relationships with our key distribution partners, one of which constitutes 21% of our revenues; the financial strength of our key distribution partners; and the market's acceptance of our technologies, products and solutions.

In connection with the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, we are identifying important factors that, individually or in the aggregate, could cause actual results and outcomes to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements made by us; any such statement is qualified by reference to the following cautionary statements. Many factors could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of NICE to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including, among others, changes in general economic and business conditions, changes in currency exchange rates and interest rates, difficulties or delays in absorbing and integrating acquired operations, products, technologies and personnel, changes in business strategy and various other factors, both referenced and not referenced in this annual report. These risks are more fully described under Item 3, "Key Information – Risk Factors" of this annual report. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected, intended, planned or projected. NICE does not intend or assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements. Investors should bear this in mind as they consider forward-looking statements and whether to invest or remain invested in NICE-Systems Ltd.'s securities.

In this annual report, all references to "NICE," "we," "us" or "our" are to NICE-Systems Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the State of Israel, and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Nice Systems Inc., NICE Systems GmbH, NICE Systems Canada Ltd., NICE CTI Systems UK Ltd., STS Software Systems (1993) Ltd., NiceEye BV, NICE Systems S.A.R.L., NICE APAC Ltd., NiceEye Ltd., Racal Recorders Systems Ltd., NICE Interactive Solutions India Private Ltd., Nice Systems Latin America, Inc., Nice Japan Ltd., Nice Systems (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., Nice Systems Australia PTY Ltd., Nice Switzerland AG, Fast Video Security GmbH and Fast Video Security (UK) Ltd.

In this annual report, unless otherwise specified or unless the context otherwise requires, all references to “\$” or “dollars” are to U.S. dollars and all references to “NIS” are to New Israeli Shekels. Except as otherwise indicated, the financial statements of and information regarding NICE are presented in U.S. dollars.

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PART I

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Not Applicable.

Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable.

Not Applicable.

Item 3. Key Information.

Selected Financial Data

The following selected consolidated financial data as of December 31, 2004 and 2005 and for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or U.S. GAAP, and audited by Kost, Forer, Gabbay & Kasierer, a member of Ernst & Young Global. The consolidated selected financial data as of December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2002 has been derived from other consolidated financial statements not included in this annual report and have also been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and audited by Kost, Forer, Gabbay & Kasierer, a member of Ernst & Young Global. The selected consolidated financial data set forth below should be read in conjunction with and are qualified by reference to Item 5, "Operating and Financial Review and Prospects" and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and other financial information included elsewhere in this annual report.

Year Ended December 31,

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
(in thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share data)					
OPERATING DATA:					
Revenues					
Products	\$ 99,395	\$ 127,896	\$ 168,055	\$ 182,616	\$ 206,355
Services	14,474	27,445	56,203	70,027	104,755
Total revenues	113,869	155,341	224,258	252,643	311,110
Cost of revenues					
Products	47,781	55,453	64,231	64,432	67,543
Services	19,446	26,054	42,084	49,876	68,683
Total cost of revenues	67,227	81,507	106,315	114,308	136,226
Gross profit	46,642	73,834	117,943	138,335	174,884
Operating expenses:					
Research and development, net	18,843	17,122	22,833	24,866	30,896
Selling and marketing	33,683	38,685	53,351	61,855	72,829
General and administrative	23,410	23,806	29,840	31,269	37,742
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	3,414	58	350	317	1,331
Other special charges	17,862	29,092	7,082	-	-
Total operating expenses	97,212	108,763	113,456	118,307	142,798
Operating income (loss)	(50,570)	(34,929)	4,487	20,028	32,086
Financial income, net	4,254	3,992	2,034	3,556	5,398
Other income (expenses), net	(4,846)	(4,065)	292	54	(13)
Income (loss) before taxes on income	(51,162)	(35,002)	6,813	23,638	37,471
Taxes on income	198	350	1,205	2,319	902
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	(51,360)	(35,352)	5,608	21,319	36,569
Net income (loss) from discontinuing operations	4,565	1,370	1,483	3,236	-
Net income (loss)	\$ (46,795)	\$ (33,982)	\$ 7,091	\$ 24,555	\$ 36,569
Basic earnings (loss) per share:					
Continuing operations	\$ (3.94)	\$ (2.56)	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.91
Discontinued operations	0.35	0.10	0.09	0.18	-
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (3.59)	\$ (2.46)	\$ 0.44	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.91
Weighted average number of shares used in computing basic earnings (loss) per share (in thousands)					
	13,047	13,795	16,038	17,497	19,121
Diluted earnings (loss) per share:					
Continuing operations	\$ (3.94)	\$ (2.56)	\$ 0.33	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.77
Discontinued operations	0.35	0.10	0.09	0.17	-
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (3.59)	\$ (2.46)	\$ 0.42	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.77
Weighted average number of shares used in computing diluted earnings (loss) per share (in thousands)					
	13,047	13,795	16,781	18,703	20,646

At December 31,

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
BALANCE SHEET DATA:					
Working capital	\$ 70,572	\$ 79,583	\$ 56,174	\$ 51,428	\$ 274,708
Total assets	210,012	236,288	249,415	298,311	617,250
Total debt	–	24	–	–	–
Shareholders' equity	167,018	154,536	176,831	222,871	487,041

Risk Factors

General Business Risks Relating to Our Business Portfolio and Structure

The markets in which we operate are characterized by rapid technological changes and frequent new products and service introductions. We may not be able to keep up with these rapid technological and other changes.

We are operating in several markets, each characterized by rapidly changing technology, new product introductions and evolving industry standards. The introduction of products embodying new technology and the emergence of new industry standards can render existing products obsolete and unmarketable and can exert price pressures on existing products. We anticipate that a number of existing and potential competitors will be introducing new and enhanced products that could adversely affect the competitive position of our products. Our most significant market is the market for voice recording platforms and related enhanced applications (or Voice Platforms and Applications). Voice Platforms and Applications are utilized by entities operating in the contact center, trading floor, public safety and air traffic control segments to capture, store, retrieve and analyze recorded data. The market for our Voice Platforms and Applications is, in particular, characterized by a group of highly competitive vendors that are introducing rapidly changing competitive offerings around evolving industry standards.

Our ability to anticipate changes in technology and industry standards and to successfully develop and introduce new, enhanced and competitive products, on a timely basis, in all the markets where we operate, will be a critical factor in our ability to grow and be competitive. As a result, we expect to continue to make significant expenditures on research and development, particularly with respect to new software applications, which are continuously required in all our business areas. The convergence of voice and data networks and wired and wireless communications could require substantial modification and customization of our current products and business models, as well as the introduction of new products. Further, customer acceptance of these new technologies may be slower than we anticipate. We cannot assure you that the market or demand for our products will grow as rapidly as we expect, or if at all, that we will successfully develop new products or introduce new applications for existing products, that such new products and applications will achieve market acceptance or that the introduction of new products or technological developments by others will not render our products obsolete. In addition, our products must readily integrate with major third party security, telephone, front-office and back-office systems. Any changes to these third party systems could require us to redesign our products, and any such redesign might not be possible on a timely basis or achieve market acceptance. Our inability to develop products that are competitive in technology and price and responsive to customer needs could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Additional factors that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations include industry specific factors; our ability to continuously develop, introduce and deliver commercially viable products, solutions and technologies, the market's rate of acceptance of the product solutions and technologies we offer; and our ability to keep pace with market and technology changes and to compete successfully.

Our business could be materially adversely affected as a result of the risks associated with acquisitions and investments. In particular, we may not succeed in making additional acquisitions or be effective in integrating such acquisitions.

As part of our growth strategy, we have made a number of acquisitions and have made minority investments in complementary businesses, products or technologies. We frequently evaluate the tactical or strategic opportunity available related to complementary businesses, products or technologies. The process of integrating an acquired company's business into our operations and/or of investing in new technologies, may result in unforeseen operating difficulties and large expenditures and may absorb significant management attention that would otherwise be available for the ongoing development of our business. Other risks commonly encountered with acquisitions include the effect of the acquisition on our financial and strategic position and reputation, the failure of the acquired business to further our strategies, the inability to successfully integrate or commercialize acquired technologies or otherwise realize anticipated synergies or economies of scale on a timely basis and the potential impairment of acquired assets. Moreover, there can be no assurance that the anticipated benefits of any acquisition or investment will be realized. Future acquisitions or investments contemplated and/or consummated could result in potentially dilutive issuances of equity securities, the incurrence of debt and contingent liabilities, and amortization expenses related to intangible assets, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in making additional acquisitions or effective in integrating such acquisitions into our existing business. In addition, if we consummate one or more significant acquisitions in which the consideration consists, in whole or in part, of ordinary shares or American Depositary Shares (ADSs), representing our ordinary shares, shareholders would suffer dilution of their interests in us. We have also invested in companies which can still be considered in the start-up or development stages. These investments are inherently risky as the market for the technologies or products they have under development are typically in the early stages and may never materialize. We could lose our entire initial investment in these companies.

We have expanded into new markets and may not be able to manage our expansion and anticipated growth effectively.

We have established a sales and service infrastructure in India by recruiting sales and service personnel in order to bring about further growth in revenue in the Asia Pacific market and have expanded our professional services group to include business consultants. Also, since 2002 we have been expanding our presence in Europe (mainly in the United Kingdom) and in the Middle East and Africa (the EMEA region) through organic growth and through our acquisition of Thales Contact Solutions (or TCS). The growth in our business in the EMEA region is still in its early stage, and in particular, we are just beginning to develop our digital video business in the EMEA region. We expect continued growth, particularly in connection with the enhancement and expansion of our operations in the EMEA region, as well as in the Asia Pacific region. We may establish additional operations within these regions or in other regions where growth opportunities are projected to warrant the investment. However, we cannot assure you that our revenues will increase as a result of this expansion or that we will be able to recover the expenses we incurred in effecting the expansion. Our failure to effectively manage our expansion of our sales, marketing, service and support organizations could have a negative impact on our business. To accommodate our global expansion, we are continuously implementing new or expanded business systems, procedures and controls. There can be no assurance that the implementation of such systems, procedures, controls and other internal systems can be completed successfully.

Our evolving business strategy could adversely affect our business.

Historically we have supplied the hardware and some software for implementing multimedia recording solutions. Our shift towards providing professional support services and an enterprise software business model has required and will continue to require substantial change, potentially resulting in some disruption to our business. These changes may include changes in management and technical personnel; expanded or differing competition resulting from entering the enterprise software market; increased need to expand our distribution network to include system integrators which could impact revenues and gross margins, and, as our applications are sold either to our installed base or to new customers together with our recording platforms, the rate of adoption of our software applications by the market.

The changes in our business may place a significant strain on our operational and financial resources. We may experience substantial disruption from changes and could incur significant expenses and write-offs. Failing to carefully manage expense and inventory levels consistent with product demand and to carefully manage accounts receivable to limit credit risk, could materially adversely affect our results of operations.

We depend upon outsourcers for the manufacture of our key products. The failure of our product manufacturers to meet our quality or delivery requirements would likely have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In 2002, we entered into a manufacturing agreement with Flextronics Israel Ltd., a subsidiary of Flextronics, a global electronics manufacturing services company, or Flextronics. Under this agreement, Flextronics provides us with a comprehensive manufacturing solution that covers all aspects of the manufacture of our products from order receipt to product shipment, including purchasing, manufacturing, testing, configuration, and delivery services. This agreement covered all our products. In addition, in connection with the acquisition of Dictaphone Corporation's (or Dictaphone) Communications Recordings Systems division (or CRS), we assumed a contract manufacturing agreement with Dictaphone's EMS (EMS) division pursuant to which EMS manufactures all ex-CRS products. As a result of these arrangements, we are now fully dependent on Flextronics and EMS to process orders and manufacture our products. Consequently, the manufacturing process of our products is not in our control.

We may from time to time experience delivery delays due to the inability of Flextronics and EMS to consistently meet our quality or delivery requirements and we may experience production interruptions if any of Flextronics or EMS is for any reason unable to continue the production of our products. Should we have on-going performance issues with our contract manufacturers, the process to move from one contractor to another is a lengthy and costly process that could affect our ability to execute customer shipment requirements and/or might negatively affect revenue and/or costs. If these manufacturers or any other manufacturer were to cancel contracts or commitments with us or fail to meet the quality or delivery requirements needed to satisfy customer orders for our products, we could lose time-sensitive customer orders and have significantly decreased quarterly revenues and earnings, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Undetected problems in our products could directly impair our financial results.

If flaws in design, production, assembly or testing of our products (by us or our suppliers) were to occur, we could experience a rate of failure in our products that would result in substantial repair, replacement or service costs and potential liability and damage to our reputation. There can be no assurance that our efforts to monitor, develop, modify and implement appropriate test and manufacturing processes for our products will be sufficient to permit us to avoid a rate of failure in our products that results in substantial delays in shipment, significant repair or replacement costs or potential damage to our reputation, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

If we lose our key suppliers, our business may suffer.

Certain components and subassemblies that are used in the manufacture of our existing products are purchased from a single or a limited number of suppliers. In the event that any of these suppliers are unable to meet our requirements in a timely manner, we may experience an interruption in production until an alternative source of supply can be obtained. Any disruption, or any other interruption of a supplier's ability to provide components to us, could result in delays in making product shipments, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, some of our major suppliers use proprietary technology and software code that could require significant redesign of our products in the case of a change in vendor. Further, as suppliers discontinue their products, or modify them in manners incompatible with our current use, or use manufacturing processes and tools that could not be easily migrated to other vendors, we could have significant delays in product availability, which would have a significant adverse impact on our results of operations and financial condition. Although we generally maintain an inventory for some of our components and subassemblies to limit the potential for an interruption and we believe that we can obtain alternative sources of supply in the event our suppliers are unable to meet our requirements in a timely manner, we cannot assure you that our inventory and alternative sources of supply would be sufficient to avoid a material interruption or delay in production and in availability of spare parts.

The European Union has issued directives relating to the sale in member countries of electrical and electronic equipment, including products sold by us. If our products fail to comply with these directives, we could be subject to penalties and sanctions that could materially adversely affect our business.

A directive issued by the European Union on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment, or "RoHS", comes into effect on July 1, 2006. The RoHS directive lists a number of substances including, among others, lead, mercury, cadmium and hexavalent chromium, which must either be removed or reduced to within maximum permitted concentrations in any products containing electrical or electronic components that are sold within the European Union. Our products fall within the scope of the RoHS directive and we are making every effort in order to ensure that all of our products sold in the European Union after July 1, 2006, will comply with the RoHS directive, without otherwise adversely affecting the quality and functionalities of such products. We, alongside other manufacturers, will be dependent on our suppliers for certain components and sub-system modules to comply with these requirements.

Compliance with the RoHS directive, especially with respect to the requirement that products be lead free, will require us to undertake significant expenses with respect to the redesign of our products. In addition, we may be required to pay higher prices for components that comply with this directive. We may not be able to pass these higher component costs or redesign costs on to our customers. We cannot at this point estimate the expense that will be required to redesign our products in order to include "environmentally friendly" components. We cannot be sure that we will be able to comply with these regulations in a timely manner, that we will be able to comply on a cost effective basis or that a sufficient supply of compliant components will be available to us. Our inability or failure to comply with these regulations may restrict us for a period of time from conducting certain business in the European Union and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition, manufacturers of components that we use in our products that do not comply with these regulations may decide to stop manufacturing these components prior to the July 2006 compliance date. These actions by manufacturers of components could result in a shortage of components that could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

A further directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, or "WEEE", approved by the European Union in 2003, promotes waste recovery with a view to reducing the quantity of waste for disposal and saving natural resources, in particular by reuse, recycling and recovery of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The WEEE directive covers all electrical and electronic equipment used by consumers and electronic equipment intended for professional use. The directive, which partly came into effect in August 2005, requires that all new electrical and electronic equipment placed for sale in the European Union be appropriately labeled regarding waste disposal and contains other obligations regarding the collection and recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. Our products fall within the scope of the WEEE directive, and we are taking and will continue to take all requisite steps to ensure compliance. The WEEE directive is required to be implemented by each member country of the European Union through its own national legislation. Accordingly, we cannot at this time be certain that we will be able to comply with the specific regulations which will be enacted to implement the WEEE directive in each of the individual countries in the European Union.

The countries of the European Union, as a single market for our products, accounted in 2005 for approximately 23% of our revenues. If our products fail to comply with WEEE or RoHS directives or any other directive issued from time to time by the European Union, we could be subject to penalties and other sanctions that could have a material adverse affect on our results of operations and financial condition.

If we lose a major customer or support contract, our business may suffer.

We derive a significant portion of our revenues from services, which include maintenance, project management, support and training. As a result, if we lose a major customer or if a support contract is delayed or cancelled, our revenues would be adversely affected. In addition, customers who have accounted for significant services revenues in the past may not generate revenues in future periods. Our failure to obtain new customers or additional orders from existing customers could also materially affect our results of operations.

Risks associated with our distribution channels and key strategic partners may materially adversely affect our financial results.

We have agreements in place with many distributors, dealers and resellers to market and sell our products and services in addition to our direct sales force. We derive a significant percentage of our revenues from one of our distributor channels and new channels may, in the future, account for a significant percentage of our revenues. Our top channel partner accounted for approximately 21%, 19% and 20% of our revenues in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Our financial results could be materially adversely affected if our contracts with channel partners were terminated, if our relationship with channel partners were to deteriorate or if the financial condition of our channel partners were to weaken. Additionally, our competitors' ability to penetrate our strategic relationships, particularly our relationship with Avaya Inc., our largest global distribution partner and one of the leading global providers of enterprise business communication platforms in voice, e-business and data, may result in a significant reduction of sales through that partner.

As our market opportunities change, our reliance on particular channel partners may increase, which may negatively impact gross margins. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in maintaining or expanding these channels. If we are not successful, we may lose sales opportunities, customers and market share. In addition, some of our channel partners are suppliers of telecommunication infrastructure equipment. There can be no assurance that our channel partners will not develop or market VoIP, software applications and storage products and services in competition with us in the future.

Our uneven sales patterns could significantly impact our quarterly revenues and earnings.

The sales cycle for our products and services is variable, typically ranging between a few weeks to several months from initial contact with the potential client to the signing of a contract. Frequently, sales orders accumulate towards the latter part of a given quarter. Looking forward, given the lead-time required by our contract manufacturer, if a large portion of sales orders are received late in the quarter, we may not be able to deliver products within the quarter and thus such sales will be deferred to a future quarter. There can be no assurance that such deferrals will result in sales in the near term, or at all. Thus, delays in executing client orders may affect our revenue and cause our operating results to vary widely. Additionally, as a high percentage of our expenses, particularly employee compensation, is relatively fixed, a variation in the level of sales, especially at or near the end of any quarter, may have a material adverse impact on our quarterly operating results.

It is also difficult to predict the exact mix of products for any period between hardware, software and services as well as within the product category between audio platforms and related applications and digital video. As each of our product types and services have different gross margins, changes in the mix of products in a period will have an impact, and perhaps a material impact, on our gross profit and net income in that period.

If we lose our key personnel or cannot recruit additional personnel, our business may suffer.

If our growth continues, we will be required to hire and integrate new employees. Recruiting and retaining qualified engineers and computer programmers to perform research and development and to commercialize our products, as well as qualified personnel to market and sell those products, are critical to our success. As of December 31, 2005, approximately 26% of our employees were devoted to research and product development and 23% were devoted to marketing and sales. There can be no assurance that we will be able to successfully recruit and integrate new employees. There is often intense competition to recruit highly skilled employees in the technology industry. We may also experience personnel changes as a result of our move from multimedia recording equipment towards business performance solutions. An inability to attract and retain highly qualified employees may have an adverse effect on our ability to develop new products and enhancements for existing products and to successfully market such products, all of which would likely have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial position. Our success also depends, to a significant extent, upon the continued service of a number of key management, sales, marketing and development employees, the loss of any of whom could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Operating internationally exposes us to additional and unpredictable risks.

We sell our products throughout the world and intend to continue to increase our penetration of international markets. In 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005, approximately 98%, 98%, 99%, 99% and 99%, respectively, of our total sales were derived from sales to customers outside of Israel, and approximately 48%, 52%, 50%, 44%, and 53%, respectively, of our total sales were made to customers in North America. A number of risks are inherent in international transactions. Our future results could be materially adversely affected by a variety of factors including changes in exchange rates, general economic conditions, regulatory requirements, tax structures or changes in tax laws, and longer payment cycles in the countries in our geographic areas of operations. International sales and operations may be limited or disrupted by the imposition of governmental controls and regulations, export license requirements, political instability, trade restrictions, changes in tariffs and difficulties in managing international operations. We cannot assure you that one or more of these factors will not have a material adverse effect on our international operations and, consequently, on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Inadequate intellectual property protections could prevent us from enforcing or defending our intellectual property and we may be subject to liability in the event our products infringe on the proprietary rights of third parties and we are not successful in defending such claims.

Our success is dependent, to a significant extent, upon our proprietary technology. We currently hold 29 U.S. patents and 20 patents issued in additional countries covering the same technology as the U.S. patents. We have over 128 patent applications pending in the United States and other countries. We currently rely on a combination of patent, trade secret, copyright and trademark law, together with non-disclosure and non-competition agreements, as well as third party licenses to establish and protect the technology used in our systems. However, we cannot assure you that such measures will be adequate to protect our proprietary technology, that competitors will not develop products with features based upon, or otherwise similar to our systems, or that third party licenses will be available to us or that we will prevail in any proceeding instituted by us in order to enjoin competitors from selling similar products. Although we believe that our products do not infringe upon the proprietary rights of third parties, we cannot assure you that one or more third parties will not make a contrary claim or that we will be successful in defending such claim.

From time to time, we receive “cease and desist” letters alleging patent infringements. No formal claims or other actions have been filed with respect to such alleged infringements, except for claims filed by Dictaphone (which have since been settled and dismissed) and Witness Systems, Inc. (described under Item 8, “Financial Information—Legal Proceedings” in this annual report). We believe that none of these allegations has merit. We cannot assure you, however, that we will be successful in defending against the claims that have been asserted or any other claims that may be asserted. We also cannot assure you that such claims will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or operations. Defending infringement claims or other claims could involve substantial costs and diversion of management resources. In addition, to the extent we are not successful in defending such claims, we may be subject to injunctions with respect to the use or sale of certain of our products or to liabilities for damages and may be required to obtain licenses which may not be available on reasonable terms.

We face potential product liability claims against us.

Our products focus specifically on organizations’ business—critical operations. We may be subject to claims that our products are defective or that some function or malfunction of our products caused or contributed to property, bodily or consequential damages. We minimize this risk by incorporating provisions into our distribution and standard sales agreements that are designed to limit our exposure to potential claims of liability. We carry product liability insurance in the amount of \$20,000,000 per occurrence and \$20,000,000 overall per annum. No assurance can be given that all claims will be covered either by the contractual provisions limiting liability or by the insurance, or that the amount of any individual claim or all claims will be covered by the insurance or that the amount of any individual claim or all claims in the aggregate will not exceed policy coverage limits. A significant liability claim against us could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial position.

If our advanced compliance recording solutions fail to record our customers’ interactions, we may be subject to liability and our reputation may be harmed.

Many of our customers use our solutions to record and to store recordings of commercial interactions. These recordings are used to provide back-up and verification of transactions and to guard against risks posed by lost or misinterpreted voice communications. These customers rely on our solutions to record, store and retrieve voice data in a timely, reliable and efficient manner. If our solutions fail to record our customer’s interactions or our customers are unable to retrieve stored recordings when necessary, we may be subject to liability and our reputation may be harmed. Although we attempt to limit any potential exposure through quality assurance programs, insurance and contractual terms, we cannot assure you that we will eliminate or successfully limit our liability for any failure of our recording and storage solutions.

We face risks relating to government contracts.

We sell our products to, among other customers, governments and governmental entities. These sales are subject to special risks, such as delays in funding, termination of contracts or sub-contracts at the convenience of the government, termination, reduction or modification of contracts or sub-contracts in the event of changes in the government’s policies or as a result of budgetary constraints, and increased or unexpected costs resulting in losses or reduced profits under fixed price contracts. Although to date we have not experienced any material problems in our performance of government contracts, or in the receipt of payments in full under such contracts, we cannot assure you that we will not experience problems in the future.

The markets in which we operate are highly competitive and we may be unable to compete successfully.

The market for our products and related services, in general, is highly competitive. Additionally, some of our principal competitors such as Witness Systems, Inc. and Verint Systems, Inc. may have significantly greater resources and larger customer bases than do we. We have seen evidence of deep price reductions by our competitors and expect to continue to see such behavior in the future, which, if we are required to match such discounting, will adversely affect our gross margins and results of operations. To date, we have been able to manage our product design and component costs. However, there can be no assurance that we will be able to continue to achieve reductions in component and product design costs. Further, the relative and varying rates of increases or decreases in product price and cost could have a material adverse impact on our earnings.

We are expanding the scope of our Voice Platforms and Applications to Enterprise Performance Management solutions, with a focus on analytic software solutions that are based on voice and data content analysis. The market for such content analysis applications is still in its early phases. Successful positioning of our products is a critical factor in our ability to maintain growth. Furthermore, new potential entrants from the traditional enterprise business intelligence and business analytics sector may decide to develop recording and content analysis capabilities and compete with us in this emerging opportunity. As a result, we expect to continue to make significant expenditures on marketing. We cannot ensure that the market awareness or demand for our new products will grow as rapidly as we expect, or if at all, that we will successfully develop new products or introduce new applications for existing products, that such new products and applications will achieve market acceptance or that the introduction of new products or technological developments by others will not adversely impact the demand for our products.

The recent expansion of Voice over Internet Protocol (or VoIP) into contact centers and trading floors may allow one or more of our competitors to take a leadership position with respect to this new technology. Strategic partners may change their vendor preference as a result or may develop embedded VoIP recording as part of the VoIP switch or networking infrastructure. We cannot assure you that our products or existing partnerships will ensure sustainable leadership.

With respect to the market for digital video products and applications (or Video Platforms and Applications), our Video Platforms and Applications are utilized by entities in the closed circuit television, or CCTV, security, gaming and retail industries to capture, store and analyze digital video and related data. The market for our Video Platforms and Applications is highly competitive and includes products offering a broad range of features and capacities. We compete with a number of large, established manufacturers of video recording systems and distributors of similar products, as well as new emerging competitors. The price per channel of digital recording systems has decreased throughout the market in recent years, primarily due to competitive pressures. We cannot assure you that the price per channel of digital recording systems will not continue to decrease or that our gross profit will not decrease as a result.

With respect to the public safety part of our business, our ability to succeed depends on our ability to develop an effective network of distributors to the mid-low segment of the public safety market, while facing pricing pressures and low barriers to entry. We face significant competition from other well-established competitors, including CVDS Inc., VoicePrint Inc. and others. Prices have decreased throughout the market in recent years, primarily due to competitive pressures. We cannot assure you that prices will not continue to decrease or that our gross profit will not decrease as a result. We believe that our ability to sell and distribute our Voice Platforms and Applications in the public safety market depends on the success of our marketing, distribution and product development initiatives. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in these initiatives.

Continuing adverse conditions in the information technology sector may lead to a decreased demand for our voice platforms and applications and may harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to the effects of general global, economic and market conditions. Our operating results may be materially adversely affected as a result of recent unfavorable economic conditions and reduced information technology spending, particularly in the product segments in which we compete. In particular, many enterprises, telecommunications carriers and service providers have reduced spending in connection with contact centers, and many financial institutions have reduced spending related to trading floors. Customer purchase decisions may be significantly affected by a variety of factors including trends in spending for information technology and enterprise software, market competition, and the viability or announcement of alternative technologies. If these industry-wide conditions persist, they may have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We depend on the success of the NiceLog system and related products.

We are dependent on the success of the NiceLog system and related products to maintain profitability. In 2003, 2004 and 2005, approximately 75%, 78% and 78%, respectively, of our revenues were generated from sales of NiceLog systems and related products and we anticipate that such products will continue to account for a significant portion of our sales in the next several years. A significant decline in sales of NiceLog systems and related products, or a significant decrease in the profit margin on such products, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We may be unable to develop strategic alliances and marketing partnerships for the global distribution of our Video Platforms and Applications, which may limit our ability to successfully market and sell these products.

We believe that developing marketing partnerships and strategic alliances is an important factor in our success in marketing our Video Platforms and Applications and in penetrating new markets for such products. However, unlike our Voice Platforms and Applications, we have only recently started to develop a number of strategic alliances for the marketing and distribution of our Video Platforms and Applications. We cannot assure you that we will be able to develop such partnerships or strategic alliances on terms that are favorable to us, if at all. Failure to develop such arrangements that are satisfactory to us may limit our ability to successfully market and sell our Video Platforms and Applications and may have a negative impact on our business and results of operations.

We may be unable to commercialize new video content analysis applications.

We are currently in the process of developing and commercializing new video content analysis applications that will enable real-time detection of security threats. The market for such video content analysis applications is still in an early phase. In addition, because this is a new opportunity for changing security procedures and represents a transition to proactive security management, we are not able to predict the pace at which security organizations will adopt this technology, if at all. Successful positioning of our products is a critical factor in our ability to maintain growth. New potential entrants to the market may decide to develop video content analysis capabilities and compete with us in this emerging opportunity. As a result, we expect to continue to make significant expenditures on marketing. We cannot assure you that a market for these products will develop as rapidly as we expect or at all, that we will successfully develop new products or introduce new applications for existing products, that new products or applications will meet market expectations and needs, that we will be successful in penetrating these markets and in marketing our products or that the introduction of new products or technological developments by others will not adversely impact the demand for our video content analysis applications.

If the pace of spending by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is slower than anticipated, our security business will likely be adversely affected, perhaps materially.

The market for our security solutions in CCTV continuous recording, public safety and law enforcement is highly dependent on the spending cycle and spending scope of the United States Department of Homeland Security, as well as local, state and municipal governments and security organizations in international markets. We cannot be sure that the spending cycle will materialize and that we will be positioned to benefit from the potential opportunities.

If we are unable to maintain the security of our systems, our business, financial condition and operating results could be harmed.

The occurrence of or perception of occurrence of security breaches in the operation of our business or by third parties using our products could harm our business, financial condition and operating results. Some of our customers use our products to compile and analyze highly sensitive or confidential information. We may come into contact with such information or data when we perform service or maintenance functions for our customers. While we have internal policies and procedures for employees in connection with performing these functions, the perception or fact that any of our employees has improperly handled sensitive information of a customer or a customer's customer could negatively impact our business. If, in handling this information we fail to comply with our privacy policies or privacy and security laws, we could incur civil liability to government agencies, customers and individuals whose privacy was compromised. If personal information is received or used from sources outside the U.S., we could be subject to civil, administrative or criminal liability under the laws of other countries. In addition, third parties may attempt to breach our security or inappropriately use our products through computer viruses, electronic break-ins and other disruptions. If successful, confidential information, including passwords, financial information, or other personal information may be improperly obtained and we may be subject to lawsuits and other liability. Any internal or external security breaches could harm our reputation and even the perception of security risks, whether or not valid, could inhibit market acceptance of our products.

Our business could be materially adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory environment.

Our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected if laws, regulations or standards relating to our products or us are newly implemented or changed.

Additional tax liabilities could materially adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

As a global corporation, we are subject to income taxes both in Israel and various foreign jurisdictions. Our domestic and international tax liabilities are subject to the allocation of revenues and expenses in different jurisdictions and the timing of recognizing revenues and expenses. Additionally, the amount of income taxes paid is subject to our interpretation of applicable laws in the jurisdictions in which we file. From time to time, we are subject to income tax audits. While we believe we comply with all applicable income tax laws, there can be no assurance that a governing tax authority will not have a different interpretation of the law and assess us with additional taxes. Should we be assessed additional taxes, there could be a material adverse affect on our results of operations and financial condition.

Our business may be impacted by inflation and NIS exchange rate fluctuations.

Exchange rate fluctuations between the United States dollar and the NIS may negatively affect our earnings. A substantial majority of our revenues and a substantial portion of our expenses are denominated in U.S. dollars. However, a significant portion of the expenses associated with our Israeli operations, including personnel and facilities related expenses, are incurred in NIS. Consequently, inflation in Israel will have the effect of increasing the dollar cost of our operations in Israel, unless it is offset on a timely basis by a devaluation of the NIS relative to the U.S. dollar. We cannot predict any future trends in the rate of inflation in Israel or the rate of devaluation of the NIS against the U.S. dollar. If the U.S. dollar cost of our operations in Israel increases, our dollar-measured results of operations will be adversely affected. In addition, exchange rate fluctuations in currency exchange rates in countries other than Israel where we operate and do business may also negatively affect our earnings.

We are subject to the political, economic and military conditions in Israel.

Our headquarters, research and development and main manufacturing facilities are located in the State of Israel, and we are directly affected by the political, economic and military conditions to which Israel is subject. Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, a number of armed conflicts have taken place between Israel and its Arab neighbors. A state of hostility, varying in degree and intensity, has led to security and economic problems for Israel. Since October 2000, there has been a high level of violence between Israel and the Palestinians, and in January 2006, Hamas, an Islamic movement responsible for many attacks against Israelis, won the majority of the seats in the Parliament of the Palestinian Authority. The election of a majority of Hamas-supported candidates is expected to be a major obstacle to relations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, as well as to the stability in the Middle East as a whole. Acts of terrorism, armed conflicts or political instability in the region could negatively affect local business conditions and harm our results of operations. We cannot predict the effect on the region of any diplomatic initiatives or political developments involving Israel or the Palestinians or other countries in the Middle East. Furthermore, several countries restrict doing business with Israel and Israeli companies, and additional companies may restrict doing business with Israel and Israeli companies as a result of an increase in hostilities. Our products are heavily dependent upon components imported from, and most of our sales are made to, countries outside of Israel. Accordingly, our operations could be materially adversely affected if trade between Israel and its present trading partners were interrupted or curtailed.

Some of our officers and employees are currently obligated to perform annual military reserve duty. Additionally, in the event of a military conflict, including the ongoing conflict with the Palestinians, these persons could be required to serve in the military for extended periods of time. We cannot assess the full impact of these requirements on our workforce or business and we cannot predict the effect on us of any expansion or reduction of these obligations.

Service and enforcement of legal process on us and our directors and officers may be difficult to obtain.

Service of process upon our directors and officers, most of whom reside outside the United States, may be difficult to obtain within the United States. Furthermore, since the majority of our assets and most of our directors and officers are located outside the United States, any judgment obtained in the United States against us or these individuals or entities may not be collectible within the United States.

There is doubt as to the enforceability of civil liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, in original actions instituted in Israel. However, subject to certain time limitations and other conditions, Israeli courts may enforce final judgments of United States courts for liquidated amounts in civil matters, including judgments based upon the civil liability provisions of those Acts.

We depend on the availability of government grants and tax benefits.

We derive and expect to continue to derive significant benefits from various programs and laws in Israel including tax benefits relating to our “Approved Enterprise” programs and certain grants from the Office of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor, or OCS, for research and development. To be eligible for these grants, programs and tax benefits, we must continue to meet certain conditions, including making certain specified investments in fixed assets and conducting the research, development and manufacturing of products developed with such OCS grants in Israel (unless a special approval has been granted for performing manufacturing activities outside Israel). From time to time, the Israeli Government has discussed reducing or eliminating the availability of these grants, programs and benefits and there can be no assurance that the Israeli Government’s support of grants, programs and benefits will continue. If grants, programs and benefits available to us or the laws, rules and regulations under which they were granted are eliminated or their scope is further reduced, or if we fail to meet the conditions of existing grants, programs or benefits and are required to refund grants or tax benefits already received (together with interest and certain inflation adjustments) or fail to meet the criteria for future “Approved Enterprises”, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

On April 1, 2005, an amendment to the Israeli law which deals with Approved Enterprises came into force. Pursuant to the amendment, a company’s facility will be granted the status of “Approved Enterprise” only if it is proven to be an industrial facility (as defined in such law) that contributes to the economic independence of the Israeli economy and is a competitive facility that contributes to the Israeli gross domestic product. The amendment incorporates certain changes to both the criteria and procedure for obtaining “Approved Enterprise” status for an investment program, and changes to the tax benefits afforded in certain circumstances to “Approved Enterprises” under such law (which in some cases is referred to as a Benefiting Enterprise following such amendment). The amendment will apply to Approved Enterprise programs in which the year of commencement of benefits under the law is 2004 or later, unless such programs received approval from the applicable government authority prior to December 31, 2004, in which case the provisions of the amendment will not apply.

As a result of the amendment, where we benefit from tax-exempt income pursuant to the new Benefiting Enterprise regime, we will be subject to taxes upon the distribution of such tax-exempt income or upon our liquidation. Accordingly, we may be required to record a deferred tax liability with respect to such tax-exempt income. We are currently evaluating the impact of the amendment on us. Based on our preliminary analysis, it may materially increase our provision for income taxes in future years.

We may be required to pay stamp duty on agreements executed by us between June 1, 2003 and December 31, 2005. This would increase our taxes.

The Israeli Stamp Duty on Documents Law, 1961 (the "Stamp Duty Law"), provided that most documents signed by Israeli companies were subject to a stamp duty, generally at a rate of between 0.4% and 1% of the value of the subject matter of such document. De facto, it was common practice in Israel not to pay such stamp duty unless a document was filed with a governmental authority or with the courts. As a result of an amendment to the Stamp Duty Law that came into effect on June 1, 2003, the Israeli tax authorities have approached many companies in Israel (including us) and requested the disclosure of all agreements signed by such companies after June 1, 2003 with the aim of collecting stamp duty on such agreements. Based on advice from our Israeli counsel, we believe that we may only be required to pay stamp duty on documents signed on or after August 2004. However, we cannot give any assurance that the tax authorities or the courts will accept such view. At this stage it is not yet possible to evaluate the effect, if any, on us of the 2003 amendment to the Stamp Duty Law.

Under an order published in December 2005, the said requirement to pay stamp duty was cancelled with respect to documents signed on or after January 1, 2006.

Risks Related to our Ordinary Shares and ADSs

Our share price is volatile and may decline.

Numerous factors, some of which are beyond our control, may cause the market price of our ordinary shares or our ADSs, each of which represents one ordinary share, to fluctuate significantly. These factors include, among other things, announcements of technological innovations, development of or disputes concerning our intellectual property rights, customer orders or new products by us or our competitors, currency exchange rate fluctuations, earnings releases by us or our competitors, market conditions in the industry and the general state of the securities markets, with particular emphasis on the technology and Israeli sectors of the securities markets.

Our operating results in one or more future periods may fluctuate significantly and may cause our share price to be volatile.

The sales cycle for our products and services is variable, typically ranging between a few weeks to several months from initial contact with the potential client to the signing of a contract. Frequently, sales orders accumulate towards the latter part of a given quarter. Looking forward, given the lead time required by our contract manufacturer, if a large portion of sales orders are received late in the quarter, we may not be able to deliver products within the quarter and thus such sales will be deferred to a future quarter. There can be no assurance that such deferrals will result in sales in the near term, or at all. Thus, delays in executing client orders may affect our revenue and cause our operating results to vary widely. Additionally, as a high percentage of our expenses, particularly employee compensation, is relatively fixed, a variation in the level of sales, especially at or near the end of any quarter, may have a material adverse impact on our quarterly operating results.

In addition, our quarterly operating results may be subject to significant fluctuations due to other factors, including the timing and size of orders and shipments to customers, variations in distribution channels, mix of products, new product introductions, competitive pressures and general economic conditions. It is difficult to predict the exact mix of products for any period between hardware, software and services as well as within the product category between audio platforms and related applications, digital video and communications intelligence. Because a significant portion of our overhead consists of fixed costs, our quarterly results may be adversely impacted if sales fall below management's expectations. In addition, the period of time from order to delivery of our Audio and Video Platforms and Applications is short, and therefore our backlog for such products is currently, and is expected to continue to be, small and substantially unrelated to the level of sales in subsequent periods. As a result, our results of operations for any quarter may not necessarily be indicative of results for any future period. Due to all of the foregoing factors, in some future quarters our sales or operating results may be below our forecasts and the expectations of public market analysts or investors. In such event, the market price of our ordinary shares and ADSs may be materially adversely affected.

**Item 4. Information on the Company.
History and Development of the Company**

Our legal and commercial name is NICE–Systems Ltd. We are a company limited by shares organized under the laws of the State of Israel. We were originally incorporated as NICE Neptun Intelligent Computer Engineering Ltd. on September 28, 1986 and were renamed NICE–Systems Ltd. on October 14, 1991. Our principal executive offices are located at 8 Hapnina Street, P.O. Box 690, Ra’anana 43107, Israel and the telephone number at that location is +972–9–775–3030. Our agent for service in the United States is our subsidiary, NICE Systems Inc., 301 Route 17 North, 10th Floor, Rutherford, New Jersey 07070.

For a summary of our recent acquisitions and dispositions, please see Item 5, “Operating and Financial Review and Prospects–Recent Acquisitions and Dispositions” in this annual report.

Business Overview

We are a leading provider of solutions that capture, manage and analyze unstructured multimedia content enabling companies and public organizations to enhance business and operational performance, address security threats and take proactive actions. Unstructured multimedia content includes phone calls to contact centers and back offices, video captured by closed circuit television cameras, radio communications between emergency services personnel, email and instant messaging. Our solutions include integrated, scalable, multimedia recording platforms, enhanced software applications and related professional services. These solutions address critical business processes and risk management, compliance procedures and security needs of corporations or government agencies. Our solutions facilitate faster decision–making and near real–time action, improving business and employee performance, and enhancing security and public safety. Our customers use our systems in a variety of enterprises, such as financial services, health care, outsourcers, retail, service providers, telecommunications, and utilities. Our public safety and security customers include air traffic control, correctional facilities, emergency services, gaming facilities, government intelligence agencies, homeland security and public transportation. Our solutions are deployed at over 23,000 customers, including over 75 of the Fortune 100 companies, across over 40,000 sites around the world.

For a breakdown of total revenues by products and services for each of the last three years, please see Item 5, “Operating and Financial Review and Prospects–Results of Operations.”

Increased focus on business productivity, operational performance and customer profitability. Companies are increasingly focused on improving productivity and increasing profitability by creating better-quality customer experiences and through achieving higher efficiencies across the enterprise. These objectives require organizations to better manage their customer, partner and employee relationships, analyze critical customer data, maximize the value of customer interactions and execute customer-focused business processes. Given the high cost of acquiring additional customers and the maturation of many once fast growing industries, it is increasingly important to convert potential customers to new customers and to maximize revenue from the retention and continued satisfaction of current customers. Similarly, due to the high cost of hiring and training new employees, it is important for organizations to address employee concerns in a timely fashion to maximize employee retention and productivity.

In the past, companies have invested in business intelligence solutions and operational systems, which rely on structured transactional data contained in Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and other related application databases. Traditional business intelligence solutions unlock value contained in these structured data by describing what has happened in any given transaction, and then, by examining patterns in historical data, attempting to predict future customer behavior. Recently, however, companies have recognized the value contained in other types of data, including the vast amounts of unstructured multimedia content that is generated by ongoing interactions with their customers, employees or partners. By employing software-based analytics on unstructured multimedia content, companies are able to detect customer intent, often through near real-time interactions where a customer may express concerns, desires or provide other signals of their intentions. Equipped with such an “early detection” system, companies can take proactive measures to reduce customer churn, focus their marketing efforts and address employee dissatisfaction. By better understanding unstructured data, companies can develop a more comprehensive view across the enterprise, increase revenue and improve service quality, productivity and profitability.

Increased regulatory and compliance requirements and the high cost of dispute resolution. Regulatory pressures have increased for corporations and public organizations worldwide, especially in the wake of recent well-publicized accounting scandals. For example, regulations such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the pending financial guidelines established by the International Financial Reporting Standards Board have heightened the complexity of corporate and governmental compliance. In addition, the hiring of additional finance and accounting employees and increased civil penalties and auditor expenses have raised the financial costs of both noncompliance and ongoing compliance. Moreover, it continues to be important to be able to resolve certain communication disputes, such as between counterparties in a securities trade, in an efficient and definitive manner. Existing business intelligence and other IT solutions have addressed these growing challenges to some degree. However, companies and public organizations require improved solutions that not only provide better compliance but also more current, near real-time information with increased operational visibility. These solutions need to reduce the costs associated with ongoing compliance, while creating the required audit trail for regulatory purposes.

Internet Protocol adoption driving proliferation of multimedia content. Over the last several years, the growth of Internet Protocol (IP) based communications have expanded the types of interactions between companies and their customers, employees and partners. This proliferation, together with businesses' replacement of legacy communications systems, has created additional growth in the need for IP-based communications solutions. To remain competitive, businesses offer email, Internet and other multimedia, IP-based transmissions, such as Voice-over-Internet-Protocol (VoIP), in addition to traditional means of communications, such as mail and analog voice calls. We believe public safety organizations are also increasingly adopting the flexibility and lower cost of IP-based technologies in their efforts to respond to public safety and security threats. Due to these and other trends, the amount and types of communications within businesses have increased dramatically. As a result, many businesses are faced with the increasing challenge of better understanding the variety of unstructured multimedia content generated by these customer, employee and partner interactions.

Increased focus on physical corporate security. Companies operating throughout the world have recognized that threats to their physical facilities, IT networks, and personnel need to be addressed at all times. For example, many companies have determined that they need to establish measures for personnel screening and observation, invest in enhanced physical security measures and incident response capability, and deploy a variety of systems to address network-based vulnerabilities. As a result of these global trends in security needs, more companies face the growing challenge of storing and analyzing vast amounts of content, such as voice, video and other IP-based communications, captured by an increasing variety of detection devices, such as closed circuit television.

New challenges for public safety and homeland security. Recent terrorist attacks around the world have significantly changed the geopolitical landscape and created long-term consequences for public safety, security and intelligence agencies. These agencies face new challenges in detecting, protecting and effectively responding to threats to public safety and homeland security. As a result of these global trends, security organizations face the growing challenge of storing and analyzing vast amounts of multimedia content generated by traditional and IP-based communications captured by an increasing variety of detection devices. Emergency services and public organizations require increasingly sophisticated solutions to analyze this content in order to strengthen the measures they take for public safety and security. These solutions need to identify threats as they occur and analyze video footage to identify suspicious objects or behavior more quickly and effectively.

Our Solutions

We have developed fully integrated solutions that include software applications that can be deployed in a modular manner. This flexibility allows our customers to incorporate additional functions and capabilities as their business or operational needs change.

The key features of our solutions are:

Ability to capture and manage vast amounts of complex, unstructured content. Our solutions record and store a wide variety of unstructured content, allowing both our enterprise and public safety and security customers to capture valuable existing and new customer interaction data. They are designed to optimally manage the storage and retrieval of unstructured data within centralized data storage warehouses, which maximizes the efficiency of our customers' networked environments. Our solutions can be integrated with various enterprise software applications and storage systems. As a result, our solutions enable our customers to capture and manage efficiently and reliably the vast amounts of unstructured data that are generated by their daily operations. This allows our customers to gain insight, improve profitability, enhance operational effectiveness and meet compliance and regulatory requirements.

Near real-time insights, utilizing proprietary analytic capabilities. We have developed advanced analytics and applications that allow our customers to derive critical insights from the vast amounts of unstructured data that they capture. Our solutions provide valuable insights into important, but previously unscrutinized, interactions and the unstructured content generated by these interactions. For example, our contact center customers are able to immediately review and react to interactions with their callers. Our solutions enable our enterprise customers to detect early signs of customer churn, gain valuable information about competitors, and identify critical market information during these interactions. Our solutions enable our public safety and security customers to identify threats as they occur, and analyze video footage to identify suspicious objects or behavior more quickly and effectively. Based on these insights, our customers are better equipped to adapt and respond to changes in the market or their safety environment. Our business customers are able to increase revenue, maintain a complete view across the enterprise, and improve quality, productivity and profitability. Similarly, by extracting intelligence and insight from captured voice and video content, our solutions enable public safety and security organizations to better respond to threats, prevent intrusions, detect irregular behavior, reduce crime and accelerate investigations.

Our Strategy

The key elements of our strategy include the following:

Drive market adoption of next-generation business intelligence solutions in both the enterprise and public safety and security markets. We believe there is a growing unmet need to capture, manage and analyze unstructured data in a wide variety of business and operational environments. Accordingly, we plan to continue to target this market through focused sales, marketing and customer education efforts. Moreover, we plan to continue to invest in research and development and strategic alliances to enhance our industry-leading solutions, delivering superior insight into driving improved operational and business results. We will continue to leverage the technology, operational and partnership synergies we derive from serving both the enterprise and public safety and security markets.

Increase market share through our strategic alliances. We have strong strategic relationships with industry leaders such as Avaya, IPC, SAS, Motorola, Siemens and BT. We intend to continue to leverage those and additional relationships to increase the value of our solutions to our end customers. For example, we have recently signed a strategic alliance with SAS to jointly offer a next generation business intelligence solution. This solution allows enterprises to link their billing, CRM, ERP and other systems' transactional data with their unstructured multimedia interaction data, thereby providing a more complete view of their customers' needs and potential revenue expansion opportunities.

Expand and leverage our position within our existing customer base. Our solutions are deployed at over 23,000 customers, including over 75 of the Fortune 100 companies, across over 40,000 sites around the world. Many customers are still using previous generations of our products. Through our market leading position in the most demanding environments, including trading floors, emergency services and transportation authorities, we believe there are abundant opportunities to expand within this customer base and migrate it to our next-generation solutions.

Continue to pursue selective, disciplined acquisitions. We have a successful acquisition history spanning eight transactions over the past eight years. We intend to continue augmenting our organic growth through additional acquisitions that broaden our product and technology portfolio, expand our presence in selected geographic areas, broaden our customer base, and increase our distribution channels and vertical market access. We believe our acquisition strategy is aligned with our customers' desire to procure broader, higher value solutions from a smaller group of strategic vendors.

Deliver integrated end-to-end solutions to new and existing customers. We believe there is a growing need for vendors that can deliver a complete offering, both in the enterprise and in the public safety and security markets. With one of the largest service organizations in the industry, we are well positioned to deliver such offerings. These offerings include the provisioning of services in designing a solution around the customers' needs, the deployment of those solutions and the ongoing delivery of maintenance services following such implementations. We intend to continue to increase our direct sales force to expand the sale of these solutions, which provides increased services revenues and closer customer relationships.

Products

Our enterprise business intelligence solutions include recording, monitoring, quality management and business performance management solutions, which are designed to capture interactions, analyze them and take action based on this analysis to drive enterprise performance. They also help protect businesses and customers against risks posed by lost or misinterpreted voice or data transmissions as well as capture and improve contact center agent performance and the customers' experience.

Our public safety and security solutions are comprised of voice platforms and applications, digital video platforms and applications, and lawful interception products. Our voice platforms and applications offering to the public safety and security market ranges in size and complexity from small, single-site single-recorder systems to large, multi-site, multi-recorder systems integrated with trunked radio and computer-aided dispatch systems. We provide emergency services and air traffic control organizations with a full range of recording features for voice, radio and trunked radio, including on-line access to hundreds of hours of recording for a quick response time, a choice of different types of archiving media, and a dubbing capability to edit calls on-line for courtroom presentations. The system enables the organizations to re-construct scenarios, investigate and improve performance. Our digital video platforms and applications provide continuous CCTV, recording, archiving, and debriefing capabilities that meet the needs of today's demanding security environments. Our lawful interception products enable the interception, delivery, monitoring, collection and advanced analysis of telecommunication interactions. These products handle both telephony and Internet data on the same platform and are fully compliant with the international standards defined by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), under various European legislations, and the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), under the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA).

Products	Markets Served	Purpose
NICE Perform	Enterprise and Public Safety & Security	Records and analyzes customer interactions with contact center agents
NiceUniverse	Enterprise and Public Safety & Security	Evaluates agent performance and raises the level of customer service in contact centers through advanced voice and desktop screen recording technologies
NiceLog	Enterprise and Public Safety & Security	Provides digital voice recording system, a computer telephony integrated multi-channel voice recording and retrieval system
NICE VoIP Capture Unit	Enterprise and Public Safety & Security	Builds on NiceLog technology to provide a complete solution to audio storage in VoIP telephony
NICE Storage Center	Enterprise and Public Safety & Security	Provides central storage option; integrates with various enterprise storage networks (SAN, NAS or DAS) for long term or medium term voice storage

NiceCall Focus III	Enterprise and Public Safety & Security	Provides a competitively priced voice recording system for organizations that have a relatively small number of input channels and a cost-effective solution for branch recording with centralized management and storage
NiceUniverse Compact	Enterprise and Public Safety & Security	Provides a competitively priced voice recording and quality management system for organizations that have a relatively small number of input channels and a cost-effective solution for small contact centers with centralized management and storage
Freedom Enterprise	Enterprise and Public Safety & Security	Provides recording and analysis of customer interactions with contact center agents
Freedom FT	Enterprise and Public Safety & Security	Provides high-level fault-tolerant recording
Mirra	Enterprise and Public Safety & Security	Provides small recording system that is suited to simple recording applications in which it can record up to 32 channels of voice traffic from a wide variety of analog and digital interfaces
NiceVision Pro	Public Safety & Security	Provides premium solution designed for high-end applications requiring high-frame rate and/or a large number of cameras in a campus environment
NiceVision Harmony	Public Safety & Security	Provides mid-range digital video recording solution designated for sites accommodating a large number of cameras yet requiring a variety of frame rates per channel
NiceVision Alto	Public Safety & Security	Provides mid-range digital video recording solution
NiceVision NVSAT	Public Safety & Security	Provides small scale digital video recording solution
FAST alpha Silver	Public Safety & Security	Provides high quality digital video monitoring and recording solution for large to mid-size applications

FAST alpha Blue	Public Safety & Security	Provides “all in one” solution for high quality video monitoring and recording for small to mid–size applications
NiceTrack	Public Safety & Security	Provides interception, delivery, monitoring, collection and advanced analysis of telecommunication interactions
Freedom rDT	Public Safety & Security	Works with the Motorola or M/A–COM trunked radio system to record radio communications dynamically and capture trunked radio data

NICE Perform is our flagship enterprise product. It is an integrated suite of solutions that offers innovative ways for organizations to generate insight from interactions to enhance performance. NICE Perform combines multiple data sources in a fully integrated architecture with a centralized data warehouse, allowing interoperability of many data sources to address a variety of business issues with a high level of accuracy. The data sources include word spotting, emotion detection, talk pattern analysis, customer surveys, Computer Telephony Integration (CTI) analysis, application activities and business data. With a set of advanced engines, NICE Perform provides multi-dimensional analytics of these data sources. State-of-the-art visualization techniques help enable analysts and executives to quickly and easily identify trends, deviations and situations requiring immediate action. While providing critical statistical data, NICE Perform goes beyond the scope of transactional analytics to help decision makers understand customer intent and market dynamics, identify current and future trends early enough for proactive management of challenges, opportunities and changes, and enhance corporate governance throughout the enterprise. NICE Perform also contains the contact center quality management capabilities of NiceUniverse. In addition, NICE Perform includes advanced online coaching capabilities that enable supervisors to coach the contact center agents in order to improve their skills and to empower them and cover matters as needed by different departments, such as marketing or order administration.

NiceUniverse, introduced in February 1998, is a comprehensive quality management solution used to evaluate contact center agent performance and to raise the level of customer service in contact centers through advanced voice and desktop screen recording technologies. The NiceUniverse system provides objective evaluation tools and helps identify training requirements for contact center agents, including near real-time monitoring for instant access to live customer interactions and enhanced reporting and administration features. NiceUniverse uses a CTI that integrates with automatic call distributions (ACDs) that enable NiceUniverse to monitor and record agent sessions (voice and screen) on a user-defined schedule and store them in compressed digital format. Sessions can be retrieved later by the reviewers from their network PCs or thin clients, and agent performance is graded using customized on-screen templates. From these templates and other data, NiceUniverse generates detailed reports, statistics and graphs to help identify training requirements and set relevant benchmarks for contact center agents.

NiceLog, our digital voice recording system, is a computer telephony integrated multi-channel voice recording and retrieval system. NiceLog is an open architecture system based on PC architecture and advanced audio compression technology that performs continuous, reliable recordings of up to thousands of analog and digital telephone lines, as well as radio channels, and enables simultaneous access by multiple users. NiceLog can be used either as a stand-alone unit or as part of a highly expandable and scaleable system comprised of several seamlessly integrated units. Each NiceLog unit can simultaneously record, monitor, archive and play back voice communications.

NICE VoIP Capture Unit builds on our NiceLog technology to provide a complete solution to audio storage in VoIP telephony environments. The VoIP Capture Unit provides an IP-recording platform with a wide range of scaleable recording solutions that supports the leading telephony vendors. Our VoIP Capture Units are fully integrated with the NICE product portfolio, making all of our applications available for use over VoIP. NICE VoIP Loggers can serve alongside other logger types in a mixed VoIP/non-VoIP environment with the same familiar application software; users are unaware of the voice capture method being used. NICE VoIP Capture Unit's active recording solutions integrate with leading vendors such as Avaya, offering centralized recording of distributed environments and other benefits.

NICE Storage Center, NiceLog's central storage option, can integrate with various enterprise storage networks (SAN, NAS or DAS) for long-term or medium-term voice storage. Central storage sites can hold the entire voice recording from the organization's different sites, helping to reduce management costs and redundancy. The retrieval process is fully automated.

NiceCall Focus III is a voice recording system that records up to 48 input channels and provides up to 66,000 hours of on-line voice storage capacity (using NICE's ACA compression) and supports a wide range of archiving devices for long-term storage options. NiceCall Focus III offers a wide range of connectivity to PABX and radio systems and is built on the core technology of Nice High Density Logger. NiceCall Focus III provides organizations that have a relatively small number of input channels, such as public safety agencies, with a competitively priced yet technologically advanced digital recording product that offers many of the connectivity and processing features of NiceLog. NiceCall Focus III is being targeted primarily at public safety facilities, including 911 emergency centers, and utilities, as well as small bank branches, financial trading sites, and contact centers.

NiceUniverse Compact is a new total recording and quality management solution for contact centers with up to 48 seats. NiceUniverse Compact integrates NICE's market-leading interaction recording infrastructure with its highly successful quality management offering, creating a powerful, cost-effective recording and quality management application packaged as a unique single-box solution, easily installed and maintained with a remarkably low total cost of ownership. NiceUniverse Compact is being targeted primarily at small contact centers with up to 48 seats, as well as public safety facilities that require total recording and quality management solutions.

Freedom Enterprise combines state-of-the-art recording technology for full-time or selective recording with advanced tools for optimizing contact center performance in virtually any telephony environment, including circuit-switched telephony, VoIP and hybrid environments.

Freedom FT provides high-level fault-tolerant recording with a design that eliminates single points of failure and ensures that recordings are captured and accessible when required.

Mirra is a small recording system that is particularly suited to simple recording applications in which it can record up to 32 channels of voice traffic from a wide variety of analog and digital interfaces. Mirra has been designed to be simple to install, operate and maintain and has been sold to many local, city and state public safety organizations that have a single site operation. Digitized voice and associated data are stored on DVD disks that provide a robust and long-term archive medium. Mirra's design avoids using an internal hard disk for the operating system and consequently it starts-up very rapidly and avoids the maintenance liabilities associated with hard disks.

NiceVision consists of NiceVision Pro, NiceVision Harmony, NiceVision Alto and NiceVision NVSAT. NiceVision is a state-of-the-art digital video and audio recording system that provides continuous CCTV, recording, archiving, and debriefing capabilities for, among others, central banks, Fortune 500 companies, transportation facilities, prisons and casinos.

NiceVision Pro is designed for high-end applications requiring high frame rate and/or a large number of cameras in a campus environment. Typical environments for the NiceVision Pro are airports, casinos and ground transportation facilities. The NiceVision Pro accommodates 96 video channels in a single box and can handle storage devices in the range of terabytes. There are two types of devices: disk based on-line storage (internal drives or external RAIDs) and tape-based off-line devices.

NiceVision Harmony is a mid-range digital video recording solution designated for sites accommodating a large number of cameras yet requiring a variety of frame rates per channel, from single frames per second to full frame rate, when required. Typical environments for the NiceVision Harmony are retail shops, certain bank facilities and corporate buildings. The NiceVision Harmony supports 64 video channels with a preset frame rate shared between groups of channels. The NiceVision Harmony can also support large storage devices like the NiceVision Pro.

NiceVision Alto is a mid-range product that is able to support eight to 32 video channels using variable frame rates and resolutions. Typical environments for the NiceVision Alto are distributed sites that require high image quality and adjustable level of service to meet different networking channels. The NiceVision Alto runs content analytics to support smart monitoring.

NiceVision NVSAT is a small scale unit that supports four to eight video channels. It is designed for distributed architectures, providing high image quality, level of service and content analytics.

FAST alpha Silver is designed for applications requiring monitoring and recording of high video quality at high frame rate. The system supports distributed architecture over IP based networks, using encoders and digital video servers, and supports up to 64 digital video streams in a single server. Typical applications are ones that require high video quality, such as casinos, or distributed architecture, such as various transportation projects.

FAST alpha Blue is an “all in one” solution for monitoring and recording high quality video at varying frame rates. The system supports up to 32 channels in a single chassis and can be configured easily using a configuration wizard. The FAST alpha Blue is suitable for small to mid–size installations that require a “plug and play” solution for high quality video monitoring and recording.

The **NiceTrack** product line provides law enforcement agencies, internal security services and intelligence organizations with end–to–end solutions for the interception, delivery, monitoring, collection and advanced analysis of telecommunication interactions. This product line provides intelligence analysts with a broad intelligence perspective to ensure that crucial information is always delivered to decision makers and operational staff in near real–time. NiceTrack also features an open architecture design that offers government agencies the flexibility to build an effective intelligence platform customized and localized to suit specific operational requirements. NiceTrack, as a lawful interception solution, is fully compliant with the international standards defined by ETSI (under various European legislations) and TIA (under the CALEA legislation).

Freedom rDT works with the Motorola or M/A–COM trunked radio system to record radio communications dynamically and capture trunked radio data. It is a solution aimed at the emergency services market.

Strategic Relationships

We have a dedicated sales organization for all of our products. In certain regions, most significantly, North America, a substantial part of our sales are made directly, while in other regions, most notably, Asia Pacific (APAC), sales are made through our distribution channels. In addition, we partner with leading companies to deliver and support our solutions. In the financial institutions market, we have established marketing, sales and support arrangements with leading suppliers of complementary products including BT, Etrali and IPC. These companies market and distribute our products to their customers either as stand–alone solutions or as integrated parts of their own solutions. For our contact center customers, we have entered into global distribution agreements as well as alliance and partnership programs with leading vendors including Avaya, BT, SAS and Siemens. In the public safety and security markets, we have formed alliances for the co–marketing and distribution of our products with leading companies including Anixter, Diebold, Motorola, Siemens, Thales, Tyco and Honeywell.

Service and Support

We have focused on building a strong service and support organization for all our systems and have focused on rendering the various regions in which we operate to be as self sufficient as possible. Our partners and dealers are primarily responsible for supporting the day–to–day requirements of the end–users, while we provide technical support to such partners and dealers. In order to support our direct customers and partners, we established three regional support centers, the largest of which is in Denver, Colorado, to support our U.S. customers and partners, as well as one in the United Kingdom to support EMEA customers, dealers and partners, and one in Hong Kong to support APAC customers, dealers and partners. We maintain at our headquarters a staff of highly skilled customer service engineers that offer support to our dealers or partners that offer direct support to our customers. These service engineers, as well as additional service engineers located in our offices in the United States, EMEA and APAC, provide first class field services and support worldwide. We maintain regular training sessions for our dealers and installation support as well.

Our systems are generally sold with a warranty for repairs of hardware and software defects and malfunctions, the term of which is usually one year after shipment. Longer warranty periods are applicable to sales in certain international and government markets. Extended warranty and service coverage is provided in certain instances and is usually made available to customers through our distributors on a contractual basis for an additional charge. Our customers may purchase a renewable maintenance agreement from our dealers or directly from us. The maintenance agreements generally provide for maintenance, upgrades of standard system software and on-site repair or replacement.

For our telecommunications monitoring systems, we provide first and second tier service and support either directly using our support organization or indirectly through local companies working closely with the law enforcement agencies.

Manufacturing and Source of Supplies

Our products are built in accordance with industry standard infrastructure and are PC compatible. The hardware elements in our products are based primarily on standard commercial off-the-shelf components and utilize proprietary in-house developed circuit cards and algorithms and digital processing techniques and software. In the fourth quarter of 2002, we started selling "software only" solutions for use on standard servers.

We manufacture our products through subcontractors. Under a contract manufacturing agreement with Flextronics Israel Ltd., a subsidiary of a global electronics manufacturing services (or EMS) company, Flextronics provides us with a turnkey manufacturing solution including order receipt purchasing, manufacturing, testing and configuration. This agreement covers all of our product lines, including our voice recording family of products, our video product lines, our upgrade lines and our spare parts and RMA. We believe this outsourcing agreement provides us with a number of cost advantages due to Flextronics' large-scale purchasing power, and greater supply chain flexibility. We also have a contract manufacturing agreement with Dictaphone's EMS division entered into by us simultaneously with the acquisition of CRS. Under this agreement EMS is the manufacturer of all ex-CRS products. This manufacturing facility is located in the United States.

Some of the components we use have a single approved manufacturer while others have two or more options for purchasing. In addition, for some of the components and subassemblies we maintain an inventory to limit the potential for interruption. We also carry out relationships directly with some of the more significant manufacturers of our components. Although certain components and subassemblies we use in our existing products are purchased from a limited number of suppliers, we believe that we can obtain alternative sources of supply in the event that such suppliers are unable to meet our requirements in a timely manner.

We had a manufacturing agreement with Instem Technologies Ltd., a U.K. company, which was entered into by Thales Contact Solutions (or TCS) prior to its acquisition by us. On September 22, 2005, the manufacturing agreement with Instem was terminated due to Instem's entering into bankruptcy. Our ex-TCS products are now manufactured for us by Flextronics.

Quality control is conducted at various stages at our manufacturing outsourcers' facilities and at their subcontractors' facilities. We generate reports to monitor our operations, including statistical reports that track the performance of our products from production to installation. This comprehensive data allows us to trace failure and to perform corrective actions accordingly.

We have qualified for and received the ISO-9001:2000 quality standard for all of our products.

Research and Development

We believe that the development of new products and the enhancement of existing products are essential to our future success. Therefore, we intend to continue to devote substantial resources to research and new product development, and to continuously improve our systems and design processes in order to reduce the cost of our products. Our research and development efforts have been financed through our internal funds and programs sponsored through the Government of Israel. We believe our research and development effort has been an important factor in establishing and maintaining our competitive position. Gross expenditures on research and development in 2003, 2004 and 2005 were approximately \$26.4 million, \$27.5 million and \$33.4 million, respectively, of which approximately \$1.3 million, \$1.3 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, were derived from third-party funding, and \$2.3 million, \$1.3 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, were capitalized software development costs.

In 2005, we were qualified to participate in seven programs funded by the Office of the Chief Scientist, or OCS, of the Israeli Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor to develop generic technology relevant to the development of our products. Such programs are approved pursuant to the Law for the Encouragement of Industrial Research and Development, 1984, or the Research and Development Law, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. We are eligible to receive grants constituting between 20% and 66% of certain research and development expenses relating to these programs. These programs include programs approved under certain Magnet consortiums and programs approved for companies with large research and development activities. Accordingly, as opposed to the standard type of OCS grants (described below), the grants under these programs are not required to be repaid. However, the restrictions of the Research and Development Law described below apply to these programs. In 2003, 2004 and 2005, we received a total of \$1.4 million, \$0.8 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, and we anticipate receiving approximately \$0.4 million in 2006 from these programs.

We are eligible to receive grants from the OCS under its “standard” programs, usually constituting a grant of up to 50% of certain approved research and development expenses, for the research and development of approved technology. Under the terms of these programs, a grant recipient is required to pay royalties of 3% to 5% of the net sales of products incorporating technology developed in, and related services resulting from, a project funded by the OCS. Generally, the royalties are required to be paid beginning with the commencement of sales of such products and ending when 100% of the grant is repaid in New Israeli Shekels, or NIS, linked to the U.S. dollar plus LIBOR interest. In 2003, 2004 and 2005, we received no such grants and incurred no royalty obligations under these programs, and we have no further royalty obligations to the OCS.

The Research and Development Law generally requires that the product developed under an OCS–funded program be manufactured in Israel. However, upon the approval of the OCS, some of the manufacturing volume may be performed outside of Israel, provided that the grant recipient pays royalties at an increased rate, which may be substantial, and the aggregate repayment amount is increased, which increase might be up to 300% of the grant (depending on the portion of the total manufacturing volume that is performed outside of Israel). The OCS is authorized to approve the transfer of manufacturing rights outside Israel in exchange for an import of different manufacturing into Israel as a substitute, in lieu of the increased royalties. The Research and Development Law also allows for the approval of grants in cases in which the applicant declares that part of the manufacturing will be performed outside of Israel or by non–Israeli residents and the OCS is convinced that doing so is essential for the execution of the program. This declaration will be a significant factor in the determination of the OCS whether to approve a program and the amount and other terms of benefits to be granted. For example, the increased royalty rate and repayment amount will be required in such cases.

The Research and Development Law also provides that know–how developed under an approved research and development program may not be transferred to third parties in Israel without the approval of the OCS. Such approval is not required for the sale or export of any products resulting from such research or development. The Research and Development Law further provides that the know–how developed under an approved research and development program may not be transferred to any third parties outside Israel, except in certain circumstances and subject to prior OCS approval. The OCS may approve the transfer of OCS–funded know–how outside Israel in the following cases: (a) the grant recipient pays to the OCS a portion of the sale price paid in consideration for such OCS–funded know–how (according to certain formulas); or (b) the grant recipient receives know–how from a third party in exchange for its OCS–funded know–how; or (c) such transfer of OCS–funded know–how arises in connection with certain types of cooperation in research and development activities.

The Research and Development Law imposes reporting requirements with respect to certain changes in the ownership of a grant recipient. The law requires the grant recipient and its controlling shareholders and interested parties to notify the OCS of any change in control of the recipient or a change in the holdings of the means of control of the recipient that results in a non-Israeli becoming an interested party directly in the recipient and requires the new interested party to undertake to the OCS to comply with the Research and Development Law. In addition, the rules of the OCS may require prior approval of the OCS or additional information or representations in respect of certain of such events. For this purpose, "control" is defined as the ability to direct the activities of a company other than any ability arising solely from serving as an officer or director of the company. A person is presumed to have control if such person holds 50% or more of the means of control of a company. "Means of control" refers to voting rights or the right to appoint directors or the chief executive officer. An "interested party" of a company includes a holder of 5% or more of its outstanding share capital or voting rights, its chief executive officer and directors, someone who has the right to appoint its chief executive officer or at least one director, and a company with respect to which any of the foregoing interested parties owns 25% or more of the outstanding share capital or voting rights or has the right to appoint 25% or more of the directors. Accordingly, any non-Israeli who acquires 5% or more of our ordinary shares or ADSs will be required to notify the OCS that it has become an interested party and to sign an undertaking to comply with the Research and Development Law.

The funds available for OCS grants out of the annual budget of the State of Israel were reduced in recent years, and the Israeli authorities have indicated in the past that the government may further reduce or abolish OCS grants in the future. Even if these grants are maintained, we cannot presently predict what would be the amounts of future grants, if any, that we might receive.

In January 2006, we were selected to participate in the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6). FP6 is the European Community Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration. FP6 funds and promotes research. We anticipate that our program will commence in May 2006 and will be in effect for a period of approximately 2.5 years. FP6 will give us funding of approximately EUR 325,000 during this period. There are no royalty obligations associated with receiving such funding.

Intellectual Property

We currently rely on a combination of trade secret, patent, copyright and trademark law, together with non-disclosure and non-compete agreements, to establish and/or protect the technology used in our systems.

We currently hold 29 U.S. patents and 20 patents issued in additional countries covering the same technology as the U.S. patents. We have over 128 patent applications pending in the United States and other countries. We believe that the improvement of existing products, and the development of new products are important in establishing and maintaining a competitive advantage. We believe that the value of our products is dependent upon our proprietary software and hardware continuing to be “trade secrets” or subject to copyright or patent protection. We generally enter into non-disclosure and non-compete agreements with our employees and subcontractors. However, there can be no assurance that such measures will protect our technology, or that others will not develop a similar technology or use technology in products competitive with those offered by us. Although we believe that our products do not infringe upon the proprietary rights of third parties, there can be no assurance that one or more third parties will not make a contrary claim or that we will be successful in defending such claim.

From time to time, we receive “cease and desist” letters claiming patent infringements. However, no formal claims or other actions have been filed with respect to such alleged infringement, except for claims filed by Dictaphone (which have since been settled and dismissed) and Witness Systems. We believe that none of these has merit. We cannot assure you, however, that we will be successful in defending such claims, if asserted, or that infringement claims or other claims, if asserted, will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Defending infringement claims or other claims could involve substantial costs and diversion of management resources. In addition, to the extent we are not successful in defending such claims, we may be subject to injunctions with respect to the use or sale of certain of our products or to liabilities for damages and may be required to obtain licenses which may not be available on reasonable terms.

We own the following trademarks in different countries: Insight from Interactions™, 360⁰ View™, Executive Connect®, Executive Insight™, Freedom®, Investigator®, Mirra®, Universe®, My Universe™, NICE®, NiceCall®, NiceCall Focus™, NiceCLS™, NICE Learning™, eNiceLink™, NiceLog®, Playback Organizer™, Renaissance®, ScreenSense™, NiceScreen™, NICE Storage Center™, NiceTrack™, NiceUniverse®, NiceVision®, NiceVision Harmony™, NiceVision Mobile™, NiceVision Pro™, NiceVision NVSAT™, NiceVision Alto™, Scenario Replay™, Tienna®, Wordnet®, NICE Perform™, NICE Inform™, NICE Analyzer™, Last Message Replay™, NiceUniverse Compact™, Customer Feedback™, Interaction Capture Unit™, Dispatcher Assessment™, Encorder™, Freedom Connect®, FAST®, FAST Alpha Silver™, FAST Alpha Blue™ and Alpha®. Applications to register certain of these marks have been filed in certain countries, including Australia, Brazil, the European Union, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Argentina and the United States. Some of such applications have matured to registrations.

Regulation

Israeli Export Restrictions

The export of certain defense products from Israel, such as our NiceTrack products, requires a permit from the Defense Sales and Exports branch of the Israeli Ministry of Defense, or SIBAT. In addition, the sale of products to certain customers, mostly armed forces, also requires a permit from the Israeli Ministry of Defense. In 2005, only a small portion of all of our sales was subject to such permit requirements. To date, we have encountered no difficulties in obtaining such permits. However, the Ministry of Defense notifies us from time to time not to conduct business with specific countries that are undergoing political unrest, violating human rights or exhibiting hostility toward Israel. We may be unable to obtain permits for our defense products we could otherwise sell in particular countries in the future.

New European Environmental Regulations

Our European activities require us to comply with Directive 2002/95/ec of the European Parliament on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (the RoHS Directive), which will take effect on July 1, 2006. This directive provides that producers of electrical and electronic equipment may not place new equipment containing lead, mercury and certain other materials deemed to be hazardous, in amounts exceeding any relevant set maximum concentration values, on the market in the European Union. Certain of our hardware products that include our business solutions may need to be modified to meet this regulation. Some of our suppliers may be required to comply with these new rules and may be unable to do so on a timely basis. Complying with this directive may impose some additional costs and administrative burden on us. If we fail to achieve compliance, including by reason of a delay or failure of our suppliers to comply, we may be restricted from conducting certain business in the European Union, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

Our European activities also require us to comply with Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, or the WEEE Directive. The WEEE Directive covers the labeling, recovery and recycling of IT/Telecommunications equipment, electrical and electronic tools, monitoring and control instruments and other types of equipment, devices and items, and already partly came into effect on August 13, 2005. Our products fall within the scope of the WEEE directive, and we are taking and will continue to take all requisite steps to ensure compliance. The WEEE directive is required to be implemented by each member country of the European Union through its own national legislation. Accordingly, we cannot at this time be certain that we will be able to comply with the specific regulations which will be enacted to implement the WEEE directive in each of the individual countries in the European Union. If we fail to achieve compliance, including by reason of a delay or failure to comply, we may be restricted from conducting certain business in the European Union, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

Competition

The market for our enterprise interaction solutions is highly competitive and includes numerous products offering a broad range of features and capabilities. As the market is still developing, we anticipate that a number of our existing and potential competitors will be introducing new and enhanced products. Some of our competitors in the digital voice recording and quality management for contact center agent monitoring businesses include Autonomy (formerly e-talk), Verint Systems Inc. (formerly Comverse Infosys), a subsidiary of Comverse Technology Inc., and Witness Systems Inc.

We believe that competition in the evolving enterprise interaction solutions market is based on a number of factors related to the product offering and business model. With respect to products, we consider system performance and reliability, the ability to integrate with a variety of external computer and communications systems and ease of use as key factors. With respect to the business model, we consider marketing and distribution capacity, price and global service and support capacity as key factors. We believe that NICE Perform applications have a competitive advantage based on their holistic integration of various unstructured data sources, their ability to extract insight with a multi-dimensional approach, their wide-range connectivity and compatibility with telephone and computer networks and their ease of use. We believe that we have a competitive advantage because of the size and capabilities of our global distribution network, our business partners, and our global service and support capacity.

Traditionally, public safety customer voice recording requirements for emergency phones and radio were relatively basic. As the command and control center is becoming more complex and advanced systems are being deployed, and as more trunk radio and IP-based systems are offered, the recording system has to be integrated with these systems. Our ability to deliver a more integrated and sophisticated recording system that can capture voice, video, data and meta-data information from trunk radio systems and computer aided dispatch, or CAD, systems, positions our products above the competition mainly in the large high-end emergency centers. In addition, we believe that applications for scenario reconstruction of an incident connecting voice, video, data and meta-data together give us an advantage over the competition. Some of our competitors in the public safety market include ASC Telecom, Mercom and Voiceprint.

There are several competitors who have products that compete with our video platform and applications. Our main competitors in this market are Bosch (formerly VCS), Dallmeier, GE (formerly Visiowave), Pelco and Verint Systems. We believe that our approach to provide a full solution based on our self-developed recording, management software, networking devices and real-time content analysis creates a competitive advantage in this market.

There are a number of competitors in the telecommunications monitoring market, having products competing with our NiceTrack system, the major ones being Raytheon Company, Siemens, ETI, JSI and Verint Systems. We believe that our solution offers innovations that provide law enforcement agencies the tools and capabilities they require to meet the challenges of today's advanced telecommunications world, as well as being price competitive.

Organizational Structure

The following is a list of all of our significant subsidiaries, including the name, country of incorporation or residence, and the proportion of our ownership interest in each.

Name of Subsidiary	Country of Incorporation or Residence	Percentage of Ownership Interest
Nice Systems Inc.	United States	100%
NICE Systems GmbH	Germany	100%
NICE Systems Canada Ltd.	Canada	100%
NICE CTI Systems UK Ltd.	United Kingdom	100%
STS Software Systems (1993) Ltd.	Israel	100%
NICE APAC Ltd.	Hong Kong	100%
NiceEye BV	Netherlands	100%
NiceEye Ltd.	Israel	100%
Nice Systems S.A.R.L.	France	100%
Racal Recorders Systems Ltd.	United Kingdom	100%
Nice Interactive Solutions India Private Ltd.	India	100%
Nice Japan Ltd.	Japan	100%
Nice Systems Latin America, Inc.	United States	100%
Nice Systems (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	100%
Nice Systems Australia PTY Ltd.	Australia	100%
Nice Switzerland AG	Switzerland	100%
Fast Video Security GmbH	Germany	100%
Fast Video Security (UK) Ltd.	United Kingdom	100%

Property, Plants and Equipment

Our executive offices and engineering, research and development operations are located in Ra'anana, Israel, where we occupy approximately 140,000 square feet of space, pursuant to a lease expiring in 2008. This lease may be terminated by us at any time from the year 2006, subject to certain conditions. The annual rent and maintenance fee for the facility is approximately \$2.9 million linked to the changes in the U.S. consumer price index. We have leased various offices and other facilities in North America and in several other countries, as described below.

Our North American facilities consist of:

- Our North American headquarters in Rutherford, New Jersey, which occupy approximately 28,400 square feet. We also have a warehouse facility in Lyndhurst, New Jersey, which occupies approximately 6,000 square feet;
- Our office in San Diego, California, which occupies approximately 6,250 square feet (subleased in its entirety to a third party);
- Our office in Chicago, Illinois, which occupies approximately 1,000 square feet;
- Our office in Denver, Colorado, which occupies approximately 30,775 square feet;
- Our office in New York, New York, which occupies approximately 4,300 square feet;
- Our office in Melbourne, Florida, which occupies approximately 5,000 square feet;
- Our office in Stratford, Connecticut, which occupies 19 workstations; and
- Our office in Herndon, Virginia, which occupies approximately 3,900 square feet.

Our international facilities consist of:

- Our office in Frankfurt, Germany, which occupies approximately 2,850 square feet;
- Our office in Friedrichaphen, Germany, which occupies approximately 8,370 square feet;
- Our office in Hunenberg, Switzerland, which occupies approximately 5,490 square feet;
- Our office in London, UK, which occupies 3 workstations;
- Our office in Southampton, UK, which occupies approximately 34,870 square feet;
- Our office in Watford, UK, which occupies 30 workstations;
- Our office in Paris, France which occupies approximately 3,175 square feet;
- Our office in Hong Kong, which occupies approximately 4,810 square feet;
- Our office in Tokyo, which occupies approximately 1,778 square feet;
- Our office in Bangalore, which occupies approximately 1,047 square feet;
- Our office in Singapore, which occupies approximately 2,232 square feet;
- Our office in Sydney, Australia, which occupies approximately 2,755 square feet; and
- Our office in Melbourne, Australia, which occupies approximately 170 square feet.

We believe that our existing facilities are adequate to meet our current and foreseeable needs.

Item 4A. Unresolved Staff Comments
None.

Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects.

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes and other financial information included elsewhere in this annual report. This discussion contains certain forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. As a result of many factors, including those set forth under Item 3D, "Key Information — Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this report, our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements. For more information about forward-looking statements, see the Preliminary Note that precedes the Table of Contents of this Annual Report on Form 20-F.

Overview

We are a leading provider of solutions that capture, manage and analyze unstructured multimedia content enabling companies and public organizations to enhance business and operational performance, address security threats and take proactive actions. Unstructured multimedia content includes phone calls to contact centers and back offices, video captured by closed circuit television cameras, radio communications between emergency services personnel, email and instant messaging. Our solutions include integrated, scalable, multimedia recording platforms, enhanced software applications and related professional services. These solutions address critical business processes and risk management, compliance procedures and security needs of corporations or government agencies. Our solutions facilitate faster decision-making and near real-time action, improving business and employee performance, and enhancing security and public safety. Our customers use our systems in a variety of enterprises, such as financial services, health care, outsourcers, retail, service providers, telecommunications, and utilities. Our public safety and security customers include air traffic control, correctional facilities, emergency services, gaming facilities, government intelligence agencies, homeland security and public transportation. Our solutions are deployed at over 23,000 customers, including over 75 of the Fortune 100 companies, across over 40,000 sites around the world.

Our products are sold primarily through a global network of distributors, system integrators and strategic partners; a portion of product sales and most services are sold directly to end-users. One distributor accounted for approximately 20%, 19% and 21% of revenues in 2003, 2004 and 2005, respectively.

Recent Acquisitions and Dispositions

The following acquisitions were accounted for as purchases, and, accordingly, the purchase price for each acquisition was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their respective fair values. The results of operations related to each acquisition are included in our consolidated statement of operations from the date of acquisition. The disposed business was accounted for as a discontinued operation as of the date of its disposition.

In January 2006, we acquired all the outstanding shares of FAST Video Security AG, a Switzerland-based developer of innovative video systems for security and surveillance purposes, for approximately \$21 million in cash, plus potential earn-outs based on performance milestones amounting to a maximum of an additional \$12 million payable over the next three years.

In September 2005, we acquired the assets and assumed certain liabilities of Hannamax Hi-Tech Pty. Ltd. for \$1.8 million. Hannamax was our distributor in Australia and New Zealand. With the acquisition of Hannamax, we expect to expand our customer base and presence in Australia and New Zealand and to expand and strengthen our support organization in the region. Under the terms of the acquisition agreement, in the second quarter of 2006, an additional \$0.5 million was paid, and in 2007 a contingent cash payment of up to \$0.5 million will be due if certain financial performance criteria are met, as part of a two-year earn-out provision. Should any contingent payment be made under the agreement in the future, the additional consideration will increase the aggregate purchase price and, as a result, we will record additional goodwill.

In June 2005, we acquired the assets and assumed certain liabilities of Dictaphone Corporation's Communications Recording Systems business (Dictaphone CRS) for approximately \$38.5 million. Dictaphone CRS provides liability and quality management systems for emergency services, critical facilities, contact centers and financial trading floors. The parties have signed an amendment to the aforementioned asset purchase agreement with Dictaphone, according to which a final adjustment will be made to the audited closing balance sheet, which will reduce the purchase price under the asset purchase agreement by \$2 million. In addition, the parties agreed that we are entitled to all previously undistributed interest and other investment income earned with respect to such escrow funds.

In March 2004, we sold the assets and liabilities of our COMINT/DF military-related business to ELTA Systems Ltd. for \$4.0 million. The assets and liabilities sold included the intellectual property, fixed assets, inventory, and contracts related to the COMINT/DF product line, which included high performance spectral surveillance and direction finding systems that detect, identify, locate, monitor and record transmission sources. In 2002, 2003 and 2004, the COMINT/DF business generated revenues of approximately \$7.2 million, \$6.5 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, and net income of approximately \$1.4 million, \$1.5 million and \$3.2 million (including gain on disposition), respectively.

2005 Public Offering

In December 2005, we completed a public offering on Nasdaq of 4,600,000 ADSs, representing 4,600,000 of our ordinary shares, at a public offering price of \$46.25 per ADS. The proceeds of the offering, net of underwriting discount and other related expenses, amounted to approximately \$201.7 million.

Off-Balance Sheet Transactions

We have not engaged in nor been a party to any off-balance sheet transactions.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Management believes that the significant accounting policies which affect its more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and those that are the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating our reported results include the following:

- Revenue recognition
- Allowance for doubtful accounts
- Inventory valuation
- Impairment of long-lived assets
- Provision for income taxes
- Contingencies

Revenue Recognition. We derive our revenues primarily from two sources: product revenues, which include hardware and software sales; and service revenues, which include support and maintenance, installation, consulting and training revenue. Revenue related to sales of our products is generally recognized when persuasive evidence of an agreement exists, the product has been delivered and title and risk of loss have passed to the buyer, the sales price is fixed or determinable, no further obligations exist, and collectibility is probable. Sales agreements with specific acceptance terms are not recognized as revenue until the customer has confirmed that the product or service has been accepted. Revenues from maintenance and professional services are recognized ratably over the contract period or as services are performed.

For arrangements with multiple elements, we allocate revenue to each component of the arrangement using the residual value method based on vendor specific objective evidence (VSOE) of the undelivered elements. This means that we defer the arrangement fee equivalent to the fair value of the undelivered elements until these elements are delivered. Our VSOE used to allocate the sales price to maintenance is based on the renewal percentage.

To assess the probability of collection for revenue recognition, we have an established credit policy that determines, by way of mathematical formulae based on the customers' financial statements and payment history, the credit limit that reflects an amount that is deemed probably collectible for each customer. These credit limits are reviewed and revised periodically on the basis of new customer financial statement information and payment performance.

We record a provision for estimated sales returns and allowances on product sales in the same period as the related revenues are recorded. We base these estimates on the historical sales returns ratio and other known factors. Actual returns could be different from our estimates and current provisions for sales returns and allowances may need to be increased.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. We evaluate the collectibility of our accounts receivable based on a combination of factors. In circumstances where we are aware of a specific customer's inability to meet its financial obligations to us, we record a specific allowance against amounts due to reduce the net recognized receivable to the amount we reasonably believe will be collected. For all other customers, we recognize allowances for doubtful accounts based on the length of time the receivables are past due.

Inventory Valuation. At each balance sheet date, we evaluate our inventory balance for excess quantities and obsolescence. This evaluation includes analyses of sales levels by product line and projections of future demand. In addition, we write off inventories that are considered obsolete. Remaining inventory balances are adjusted to the lower of cost or market value. If future demand or market conditions are less favorable than our projections, additional inventory write-downs may be required and would be reflected in cost of sales in the period the revision is made.

During 2002 we completed the outsourcing of the manufacture of our audio and video product platforms. Under this arrangement, we take ownership of inventories at the conclusion of the manufacturing process, such inventories representing finished goods or spare parts. As we largely manufacture to order, we do not tend to accumulate finished goods. We are obligated, however, to purchase certain excess raw material and subassembly inventories from the contract manufacturer that may be deemed obsolete or slow-moving. We monitor the levels of the contract manufacturer's relevant inventories periodically and, if required, will write-off such deemed excess or obsolete inventory.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets. Our long-lived assets include property and equipment, investment in affiliates, goodwill and other intangible assets. The fair value of the investment in affiliates is dependent upon the performance of the companies in which we have invested. In assessing potential impairment of these investments, we consider this factor as well as the forecasted financial performance of the investees and other pertinent information. We record an investment impairment charge when we believe that the investment has experienced a decline in value that is other than temporary. During 2002, we recognized \$229,000 of impairment losses related to our investment in affiliates. As of December 31, 2005, the carrying value of our investments in affiliate was \$1.2 million.

In assessing the recoverability of our property and equipment, goodwill and other intangible assets, we must make assumptions regarding the estimated future cash flows and other factors to determine the fair value of the respective assets. If these estimates or their related assumptions change in the future, we may be required to record impairment charges for these assets.

SFAS No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" addresses the initial recognition and measurement of intangible assets acquired in a business combination and the accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets subsequent to their acquisition. SFAS No. 142 provides that intangible assets with finite useful lives will be amortized and that goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives will not be amortized, but rather will be tested at least annually for impairment. We adopted SFAS No. 142 beginning January 1, 2002. Upon adoption of SFAS No. 142, we discontinued the amortization of recorded goodwill, which was approximately \$3.4 million on an annual basis at that time. We performed an impairment test of our goodwill as of January 1, 2002 under the transitional provisions of SFAS No. 142, and our test did not indicate an impairment of goodwill. We confirmed that we have only one reporting unit to which we allocated all recorded goodwill, as well as all assets and liabilities.

By October 1, 2002, our stock price had declined significantly from January 1, 2002, at which point our market capitalization, based on our stock price, was below book value. The price of our ADSs was \$17.04 per ADS on January 2, 2002 and declined to \$8.47 per ADS by October 1, 2002. We determined our fair value based on relative market multiples for comparable businesses and a discounted cash flow model. This evaluation indicated that an impairment might exist. We then performed Step 2 under SFAS No. 142 in which an amount of the impairment loss, if any, must be measured. Four categories of intangible assets were identified as being separable from goodwill in accordance with SFAS No. 141 "Business Combinations." These included trade names, an in-place distribution network, technology based intangible assets and maintenance contracts. In valuing the NICE trade name, a relief from royalty method was used. Under this method, the value of a trade name reflects the savings realized by owning the trade name. The value of the intangible asset under the relief from royalty method is dependent upon the following factors: the selected royalty rate, the revenues expected to be generated from the underlying intellectual property, the discount rate and the expected life of the intellectual property. The value of our distribution network was determined through the use of the cost approach. Using this method, the value of the distribution network is estimated as the after-tax direct costs that a potential acquirer would avoid spending in recreating a similar functional distribution network. The value of the intangible asset under the cost method is dependent upon the estimated direct cost of establishing a new distributor relationship. Qualifying technology-based intangible assets consist of current and core technology and technologies that were under development at the valuation date. The current and core technology was valued using a derivation of the income approach, namely the excess earnings method. This method is used to analyze the earnings contribution of an intangible asset. Under this method, the excess earnings that an intangible asset generates are calculated over the intangible asset's expected life and discounted to the present to calculate the fair value of the intangible asset. Excess earnings are defined as the residual earnings after providing for appropriate returns on the other identified contributing assets. The value under the excess earnings method is dependent upon the following factors: the expected revenues generated by the intangible asset, the expected after-tax earnings on those revenues, the charges (or returns) required on other contributing assets and the discount rate. Our maintenance contracts, which are intangible assets under the contractual-legal criterion of SFAS No. 141, were valued using the excess earnings method. In determining the applicable discount rate to be used to estimate the fair value of our net assets, we calculated a market-derived rate based on our estimated weighted average cost of capital. In determining our cost of equity, we used a standard methodology based on the capital asset pricing model and analyzed selected guideline companies, industry data and factors specific to us. We expect to use a similar decision process in the future.

Following these analyses, we compared the carrying amount of goodwill to the implied fair value of the goodwill and determined that an impairment loss existed. A non-cash charge totaling \$28.3 million was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2002 to write down goodwill to its fair value under the caption "Goodwill impairment." The valuation of long-lived assets requires significant estimates and assumptions. These estimates contain management's best estimates, using appropriate and customary assumptions and projections at the time. If different estimates or projections were used, it is reasonably possible that our analysis would have generated materially different results.

In the fourth quarter of 2005, we performed our annual test on the remaining goodwill pursuant to the SFAS No. 142 requirements, applying the same methodologies as those used in the prior year. No additional impairment was found to exist. We will continue to perform an impairment test at least annually and on an interim basis should circumstances indicate that an impairment loss may exist. The outcome of such testing may lead to the recognition of an impairment loss.

Taxes on Income. We record income taxes using the asset and liability approach. Management's judgment is required in determining our income tax expense in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. The provision for income tax is calculated based on our estimates for our exposure to current taxes, which is based on assumptions as to our entitlement to various benefits pursuant to applicable tax laws in the jurisdictions in which we operate, together with our assessment of temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of certain items for accounting and tax purposes. We have recognized a deferred tax asset for net operating losses (less a valuation allowance), acknowledging our belief that our future income for tax purposes is expected to be reduced as a result of these net operating losses. We have considered future taxable income, future expected tax benefits, prudent and feasible tax planning and transfer pricing strategies and other available evidence in determining the need for a valuation allowance. Although we believe that our estimates are reasonable and that we have considered future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax strategies in estimating our tax outcome, there is no assurance that the final tax outcome, possibly after audit by the relevant tax authorities, will not be different than those which are reflected in our historical income tax provisions and accruals. Such differences could have a material effect on our income tax provision, net income and cash balances in the period in which such determination is made.

Contingencies. From time to time, we are defendant or plaintiff in various legal actions, which arise in the normal course of business. We are required to assess the likelihood of any adverse judgments or outcomes to these matters as well as potential ranges of probable losses. A determination of the amount of reserves required for these contingencies, if any, which would be charged to earnings, is made after careful and considered analysis of each individual action together with our legal advisors. The required reserves may change in the future due to new developments in each matter or changes in circumstances, such as a change in settlement strategy. A change in the required reserves would affect our earnings in the period the change is made.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth our selected consolidated statement of operations for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005 expressed as a percentage of total revenues. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

	2003	2004	2005
Revenues			
Products	74.9%	72.3%	66.3%
Services	25.1	27.7	33.7
	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost of revenues			
Products*	38.2	35.3	32.7
Services*	74.9	71.2	65.6
	47.4	45.2	43.8
Gross Profit	52.6	54.8	56.2
Operating expenses			
Research and development, net	10.2	9.8	9.9
Selling and marketing	23.8	24.6	23.5
General and administrative	13.3	12.4	12.1
Restructuring, in-process research and development, legal settlement and other	3.1	0.0	0.0
Amortization of acquired intangibles	0.2	0.1	0.4
Total operating expenses	50.6	46.9	45.9
Operating income (loss)	2.0	7.9	10.3
Financial income, net	0.9	1.4	1.7
Other income (expenses), net	0.1	0.0	0.0
Income before taxes	3.0	9.3	12.0
Taxes on income	0.5	0.9	0.3
Net income from continuing operations	2.5	8.4	11.7
Net income from discontinued operations	0.7	1.3	0.0
Net income	3.2	9.7	11.7

* percent of related revenue

Comparison of Years Ended December 31, 2004 and 2005

Revenues

Our total revenues rose approximately 23.1% to \$311.1 million in 2005 from \$252.6 million in 2004. Revenues from sales to the enterprise market were \$237.4 million in 2005, an increase of 22.3% from 2004, and revenues from sales to the public safety and security market were \$73.7 million in 2005, an increase of 26.0% from 2004. Our growth in revenues was due primarily to the inclusion of the results of Dictaphone CRS beginning on June 1, 2005, market share gains in these markets and market growth.

	Years Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	2004	2005		
Product Revenues	\$ 182.6	\$ 206.4	\$ 23.8	13.0%
Service Revenues	70.0	104.7	34.7	49.6
Total Revenues	\$ 252.6	\$ 311.1	\$ 58.5	23.2

The increase in product revenues was due primarily to higher sales to the enterprise and public safety and security markets.

The increase in service revenues was due to an increase in our installed customer base resulting from new product sales, higher installation and training revenues relating mainly to the increase in product sales to the enterprise market and the first time inclusion of the Dictaphone CRS service revenue beginning on June 1, 2005. Service revenues represented 33.7% of total revenues, as compared to approximately 27.7% in 2004. Although we typically generate lower profit margins on services than on products, our strategy is to continue to grow our global services business, which we believe increases the competitiveness of our product offerings, and, as a result, we expect services to represent a growing portion of total revenues in the future.

Revenues in 2005 in the Americas, which includes the United States, Canada and Central and South America, rose 34.3% to \$163.3 million, as compared to \$121.6 million in 2004. The increase was largely attributable to the inclusion of the Dictaphone CRS revenues beginning on June 1, 2005 and higher post-contract service and maintenance revenue. Sales to Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) rose 6.5% to \$99.3 million in 2005, as compared to \$93.2 million in 2004. The increase was due mainly to higher sales to the security market and higher services and maintenance revenues primarily related to the enterprise market. Sales to Asia-Pacific (APAC) increased 28.3% to \$48.5 million in 2005, as compared to \$37.8 million in 2004 due mainly to higher sales to the enterprise market.

Cost of Revenues

	Years Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	2004	2005		
Cost of Product Revenues	\$ 64.4	\$ 67.5	\$ 3.1	4.8%
Cost of Service Revenues	49.9	68.7	18.8	37.7
Total Cost of Revenues	\$ 114.3	\$ 136.2	\$ 21.9	19.2

Cost of product revenues increased slightly on a dollar basis while decreasing as a percentage of product revenues. The slight increase on a dollar basis was due mainly to the higher sales volume. Cost of services revenues increased on a dollar basis while decreasing as a percentage of service revenues. The increase on a dollar basis was due principally to higher labor, subcontractor and material costs associated with the growth in product installations and maintenance contracts.

Gross Profit

	Years Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	2004	2005		
Gross Profit on Product Revenues	\$ 118.2	\$ 138.8	\$ 20.6	17.4%
as a percentage of product revenues	64.7%	67.3%		
Gross Profit on Service Revenue	20.1	36.1	16.0	79.6
as a percentage of service revenues	28.8%	34.4%		
Total Gross Profit	\$ 138.3	\$ 174.9	\$ 36.6	26.5
as a percentage of total revenues	54.8%	56.2%		

The improvement in gross profit on product revenues was due primarily to higher sales volume, product cost reductions and a higher proportion of software in the product mix. The improvement in gross profit margin on services revenue reflected improved staff utilization and other efficiencies.

Operating Expenses

	Years Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	2004	2005		
Research and development, net	\$ 24.9	\$ 30.9	\$ 6.0	24.1%
Selling and marketing	61.8	72.8	11.0	17.8
General and administrative	31.3	37.7	6.4	20.4
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	0.3	1.3	1.0	333

Research and Development, Net. Research and development expenses, before capitalization of software development costs and government grants, increased to \$33.4 million in 2005, as compared to \$27.5 million in 2004 and represented 10.7% and 10.9% of revenues in 2005 and 2004, respectively. The increase in these expenses was due mainly to the increase in research and development labor costs.

Capitalized software development costs were \$0.8 million in 2005, as compared to \$1.3 million in 2004. Amortization of capitalized software development costs included in cost of product revenues was \$2.4 million and \$4.1 million in 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Selling and Marketing Expenses. The increase in selling and marketing expenses was due primarily to the inclusion of Dictaphone CRS beginning on June 1, 2005 and higher sales commissions resulting mainly from the increase in sales. Selling and marketing expenses represented 23.4% of total revenues in 2005, as compared to 24.6% in 2004.

General and Administrative Expenses. The increase in general and administrative expenses in 2005 was due principally to an increase in legal expenses associated with pending litigation and labor costs. General and administrative expenses represented 12.1% of total revenues in 2005, as compared to 12.4% in 2004.

Financial Income

	Years Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	2004	2005		
Financial income, net	\$ 3.6	\$ 5.4	\$ 1.8	50%
Other income (expense)	0.1	(0.0)	(0.1)	(100)

Financial Income, Net. The increase in financial income, net reflects a higher average cash balance and higher prevailing average interest rates in 2005, as compared to 2004.

Taxes on Income. In 2005, we recorded a provision for income taxes of \$0.9 million, as compared to \$2.3 million in 2004. The decrease was primarily related to \$4.8 million of net deferred tax assets, recognized for the first time. We expect that our effective corporate tax rate will continue to increase into the high-teens mainly due to an increase in financial income, the reversal of our deferred tax assets, the possible recognition of deferred tax liabilities on tax-exempt income, a geographic change in the jurisdictions in which our profits are earned and as a result of any future possible acquisitions of companies which operate in a high-tax environment.

Net Income from Continuing Operations. Net income from continuing operations was \$36.6 million in 2005, as compared to \$21.3 million in 2004. The increase in 2005 resulted primarily from the increase in revenues and gross margin.

Net Income from Discontinued Operations. Net income from the discontinued operations of our COMINT/DF military-related business was \$0 in 2005, as compared to approximately \$3.2 million (including gain on disposition) in 2004.

Comparison of Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2004

Revenues

Our total revenues increased approximately 13% to \$252.6 million in 2004 from \$224.3 million in 2003. Revenues from sales to the enterprise market were \$194.1 million in 2004, an increase of 13% from the prior year, and revenues from sales to the public safety and security market were \$58.5 million, an increase of 11% from the prior year. Our growth in revenues was due principally to market share gains in these markets and market growth.

	Years Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	2003	2004		
Product Revenues	\$ 168.1	\$ 182.6	\$ 14.5	8.6%
Service Revenues	56.2	70.0	13.8	24.6
Total Revenues	\$ 224.3	\$ 252.6	\$ 28.3	12.6

The increase in product revenues was due primarily to higher sales to both the enterprise market and public safety markets.

The increase in services revenues was generated partly by the increase in our installed customer base resulting from new product sales, and higher installation and training revenues related mainly to the increase in product sales to the enterprise market. Service revenues for 2004 represented 28% of total revenues compared with approximately 25% in 2003.

Revenues in 2004 in the Americas, which includes the United States, Canada and Central and South America, rose 3% to \$121.6 million from \$118.6 million in 2003. The increase was largely attributable to higher post-contract support. Sales to EMEA rose 26% to \$93.2 million in 2004 from \$73.8 million in 2003. The increase was due mainly to higher sales to the enterprise market and post-contract service and maintenance. Sales to APAC increased 19% to \$37.8 million in 2004 from \$31.8 million in 2003 due mainly to higher sales to the enterprise market in the region.

Cost of Revenues

	Years Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	2003	2004		
Cost of Product Revenues	\$ 64.2	\$ 64.4	\$ 0.2	0.3%
Cost of Service Revenues	42.1	49.9	7.8	18.5
Total Cost of Revenues	\$ 106.3	\$ 114.3	\$ 8.0	7.5

The slight increase in cost of product revenues was due mainly to the higher sales volume. The increase in cost of services revenue was due principally to higher labor, subcontractor and material costs associated with the growth in product installations and maintenance contracts.

Gross Profit

	Years Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	2003	2004		
Gross Profit on Product Revenues	\$ 103.9	\$ 118.2	\$ 14.3	13.8%
as a percentage of product revenues	61.8%	64.7%		
Gross Profit on Service Revenues	14.1	20.1	6.0	42.6
as a percentage of service revenues	25.1%	28.8%		
Total Gross Profit	\$ 117.9	\$ 138.3	\$ 20.4	17.3
as a percentage of total revenues	52.6%	54.8%		

The improvement in gross profit on product revenues was due primarily to the higher sales volume, product cost reductions and a higher proportion of software in the product mix. The improvement in gross profit margin on services revenue reflects improved staff utilization and efficiencies.

Operating Expenses

	Years Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	2003	2004		
Research and development, net	\$ 22.8	\$ 24.9	\$ 2.1	9.2%
Selling and marketing	53.4	61.8	8.4	15.7
General and administrative	29.8	31.3	1.5	5.0
Amortization of acquired intangibles	0.4	0.3	(0.1)	(25)

Research and Development, Net. Research and development expense, before capitalization of software development costs and grants, increased to \$27.5 million in 2004 from \$26.4 million in 2003 and represented 10.9% and 11.8% of revenues in 2004 and 2003, respectively. The increase in gross outlays was due mainly to the increase of research and development labor costs.

Capitalized software development costs were \$1.3 million in 2004, as compared to \$2.3 million in 2003. Amortization of capitalized software development costs, included in cost of product revenues, was \$4.1 million and \$5.7 million in 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Selling and Marketing Expenses. The increase in selling and marketing expenses was due primarily to an increase in our corporate and regional sales and marketing efforts and higher sales commissions resulting mainly from the increase in sales. Selling and marketing expenses represented 24.8% of total revenues in 2004 compared with 23.9% in 2003.

General and Administrative Expenses. The increase in general and administrative expenses in 2004 was due principally to increases in labor costs and depreciation expenses. General and administrative expenses represented 12.4% of total revenues in 2004 compared with 13.3% in 2003.

Other Special Charges

	Years Ended December 31,		Percentage Change
	2003	2004	
Restructuring	\$ 1.9	\$ 0.0	(100)%
Legal Settlement	5.2	0.0	(100)
Total other special charges	\$ 7.1	\$ 0.0	(100)%

Restructuring. In December 2002, we adopted a restructuring plan, which involved the phased reduction of approximately 75 of our 1,077 staff members and consolidation of certain offices. Some of the involuntary reductions were effected in December 2002 and, in accordance with SFAS No. 146, a liability of \$282,000 was recorded as of December 31, 2002 in connection with those terminations. This liability was utilized as of June 30, 2003. The remaining reductions in personnel and facility closures were implemented during 2003. We included in our results for 2003 costs of approximately \$1.9 million, which related primarily to involuntary terminations and facility closures.

Legal Settlement. In June 2000, Dictaphone Corporation, one of our competitors, filed a patent infringement claim relating to certain technology embedded in some of our products. The claim was for damages for past infringement and enjoinder of any continued infringement of Dictaphone patents. In the fourth quarter of 2003, we reached a settlement with Dictaphone in which both parties agreed to dismiss all claims and counterclaims connected with the patent infringement claim. The terms of the settlement required us to pay Dictaphone \$10.0 million, of which approximately \$4.8 million was paid by our insurance carrier in December 2003 and the balance was paid by us. As a result, a charge of approximately \$5.2 million was recorded in the last quarter of 2003. We and Dictaphone also agreed to grant each other a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual license to certain of their patents including the disputed patents. We and Dictaphone further agreed to enter into enforcement proceedings with respect to both companies' patent portfolios and to share any proceeds from these actions. As a result of our acquisition of Dictaphone CRS in June 2005, the agreement with respect to patents was terminated since we acquired the relevant patents.

Financial and Other Income

	Years Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
	2003	2004		
Financial income	\$ 2.0	\$ 3.6	\$ 1.6	80.0%
Other income (expense)	0.3	0.1	(0.2)	(66.7)

Financial Income, Net. The increase in financial income, net reflects a higher average cash balance and higher prevailing average interest rates in 2004 compared with 2003.

Other Income, Net. Other income, net was \$0.1 million in 2004 compared with \$0.3 million in 2003. In 2003, we recorded \$0.3 million of income reflecting amounts received from our insurance carrier in respect of the settlement of a litigation in connection with the April 2000 acquisition of Centerpoint Solutions Inc. In 2004, other income represented a capital gain recognized upon the disposal of fixed assets.

Taxes on Income. In 2004, we recorded a provision for income taxes of \$2.3 million compared with \$1.2 million in 2003. The increase was primarily related to operating profits recorded at certain distribution subsidiaries.

Net Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations. Net income from continuing operations was \$21.3 million in 2004 compared with \$5.6 million in 2003. The increase in 2004 resulted primarily from the increase in revenues and gross margin.

Net Income from Discontinued Operations. As discussed above under "Recent Acquisitions and Dispositions," on March 31, 2004 we sold the assets and liabilities of our COMINT/DF military-related business to ELTA for \$4.0 million in cash. Net income from this discontinued operation was approximately \$3.2 million (including gain on disposition) and \$1.5 million for 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

In recent years, we have financed our operations through cash generated from operations. Generally, we invest our excess cash in instruments that are highly liquid, investment grade securities. At December 31, 2005, we had \$411.6 million of cash and cash equivalents and short-term and long-term investments, as compared to \$165.9 million at December 31, 2004 and \$107.3 million at December 31, 2003. The increase in 2005 is primarily attributable to approximately \$201.7 million of proceeds we received from a public offering of 4,600,000 ADSs, representing 4,600,000 of our ordinary shares, which we completed in December 2005. In addition, the increase in 2005 was due to an increase in our net income and the proceeds from the issuance of shares upon the exercise of stock options and under our employee share purchase plan, which was partially offset by cash payments made in respect of the purchase of Dictaphone CRS and the Hannamax Hi-Tech Pty. Ltd. businesses.

Cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations was \$65.7 million and 44.3 million in 2005 and 2004, respectively, compared with \$36.9 million in 2003. The improvement in 2005 was primarily attributable to higher net operating income and an increase in current liabilities.

Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations was \$64.3 million and \$72.3 million in 2005 and 2004, respectively, compared with \$39.8 million in 2003. In June 2005, we paid \$39.7 million for Dictaphone CRS (including \$1.2 million of acquisition-related costs). In September 2005, we paid \$1.8 million for the Hannamax Hi-Tech Pty. Ltd. business. Capital expenditures were \$6.1 million in 2005, \$6.7 million in 2004 and \$5.5 million in 2003. Capital expenditures in 2005 and 2004 included investment in back-office IT systems, equipment for research and development and testing purposes, and general computer equipment. As of December 31, 2005, we had no material commitments for capital expenditures.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$226.9 million, \$19.9 million and \$12.1 million in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively, of which \$201.7 million represents the net proceeds of our public offering of ADSs in December 2005 and the balance represents the net proceeds from the issuance of shares upon the exercise of stock options and under our employee share purchase plan. As of December 31, 2005, we had authorized credit lines from banks in the amount of \$353 million. As of December 31, 2005, we have no outstanding borrowings under these credit lines; however, \$6.3 million of the \$353 million were utilized for bank guarantees. Any borrowing under these credit lines will be denominated in dollars and will bear interest at the rate of up to LIBOR + 0.7% per year. Any borrowing under two of these credit lines, having an aggregate borrowing limit of \$328 million, would be secured by our marketable securities. One of our credit lines contains a negative pledge covenant and one contains covenants requiring us to maintain a minimum amount of cash and shareholders' equity.

We believe that based on our current operating forecast, the combination of existing working capital, expected cash flows from operations and available credit lines will be sufficient to finance our ongoing operations for the next twelve months. This belief takes into consideration the steps we have taken to limit certain customer-related risks through insuring a significant portion of our accounts receivable and achieving ISO 9000-2001 certification to help ensure the quality of our products and services, which in turn lowers our exposure to certain commercial risks.

Research and Development

For information on our research and development policies, please see Item 4, "Information on the Company" in this annual report.

Trend Information

Our development efforts for our recording platforms are aimed at addressing several trends we see developing in the industry. The trend towards the proliferation of voice over IP-based networks is leading to a greater requirement for VoIP recording capabilities in financial trading, contact centers, public safety environments and telecommunications monitoring. The continued trend towards replacing analog video recording with digital video recording is leading to the need for network applications in the video recording area.

We also see the continuation of a trend towards requirements for multimedia recording capabilities, in contact centers (voice, fax, email, chat screen), public safety (voice, radio, video, data) and telecommunications monitoring (voice, fax, internet) markets. We are beginning to see this same trend developing in the financial trading sector, and we expect some Homeland Security initiatives in areas such as border control, critical infrastructure security and first responder communications to require multimedia capture platforms as well.

We also see the migration to VoIP network as a driver for additional recording system for centralized branch recording and manage services.

Our software applications enable our customers to capture, store, retrieve and analyze unstructured data (multimedia interactions) and combine them with data from other systems to create actionable knowledge that can be distributed via reports and alerts to all relevant parties to improve performance.

There is growing demand from our customers for software applications that will leverage the wealth of unstructured data captured by the recording platform to improve overall performance. In turn, as these enhanced software applications are being added, customers are considering our systems “mission critical.” We see an opportunity for applications that analyze the content of unstructured interactions in contact centers for quality monitoring and contact center management as well as for enterprise-wide process improvement and business performance management. We see a trend towards more software applications in the financial trading environment for compliance monitoring and dispute management to improve business performance. We see similar trends happening in digital video recording. We expect video content analysis applications to become increasingly important to building, campus, city center, and infrastructure perimeter security, loss prevention in casinos, retail and warehousing, as well as various homeland security applications to enable proactive security management.

For more information on trends in our industry, please see Item 4, “Information on the Company–Business Overview–Industry Background and Trends.”

For more information on uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on revenue, please see Item 3, “Key Information–Risk Factors.”

Contractual Obligations

Set forth below are our contractual obligations and other commercial commitments over the medium term as of December 31, 2005 (in thousands of U.S. dollars):

Contractual Obligations	Payments Due by Period				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1– 3 years	3–5 years	More than 5 years
Long-Term Debt					
Capital Lease Obligations					
Operating Leases	11,584	5,636	5,948		
Unconditional Purchase Obligations	4,108	2,225	1,646	237	
Other Long-Term Obligations					
Total Contractual Cash Obligations	15,692	7,861	7,594	237	
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Other Commercial Commitments	Total Amounts Committed	Amount of Commitment Expiration Per Period			
		Less than 1 year	1– 3 years	3–5 years	More than 5 years
Lines of Credit					
Standby Letters of Credit					
Guarantees – continuing operations	2,844	1,566	241	15	1,022
Guarantees – discontinued operation	3,430	3,430			
Standby Repurchase Obligations					
Other Commercial Commitments	22	22			
Total Commercial Commitments	6,296	5,018	241	15	1,022

Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosure About Market Risk

For information on the market risks relating to our operations, please see Item 11, “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk” in this annual report.

Recently Issued or Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), “Share-Based Payment”. SFAS No. 123(R) will provide investors and other users of financial statements with more complete and neutral financial information by requiring that the compensation cost relating to share-based payment transactions be recognized in financial statements. That cost will be measured based on the fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued. SFAS No. 123(R) covers a wide range of share-based compensation arrangements including share options, restricted share plans, performance-based awards, share appreciation rights and employee share purchase plans. SFAS No. 123(R) replaces SFAS No. 123, “Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation”, and supersedes APB No. 25, “Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees”. SFAS No. 123, as originally issued in 1995, established as preferable a fair-value-based method of accounting for share-based payment transactions with employees. However, that statement permitted entities the option of continuing to apply the guidance in APB No. 25, as long as the footnotes to financial statements disclosed what net income would have been had the preferable fair-value-based method been used. We will be required to apply SFAS No. 123(R) as of the first annual reporting period that begins after June 15, 2005. As permitted by SFAS No. 123, we currently account for share-based payments to employees using APB No. 25’s intrinsic value method.

Accordingly, the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R)'s fair value method will have a significant impact on our result of operations, although it will have no impact on our overall financial position. We plan to adopt SFAS No. 123(R) using the "modified prospective" method. The "modified prospective" method requires compensation cost to be recognized beginning with the effective date (a) based on the requirements of SFAS No. 123(R) for all share-based payments granted after the effective date and (b) based on the requirements of SFAS No. 123 for all awards granted to employees prior to the effective date of SFAS No. 123(R) that remain unvested on the effective date. The impact of adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) on future periods cannot be predicted at this time because it will depend on levels of share-based payments granted in the future. However, had we adopted SFAS No. 123(R) in prior periods, the impact of that standard would have approximated the impact of SFAS No. 123 as described in the disclosure of pro forma net income and earnings per share in Note 2(t) to the financial statements.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 153, "Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets, an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29". The guidance in APB Opinion No. 29, "Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions" ("APB No. 29"), is based on the principle that exchanges of nonmonetary assets should be measured based on the fair value of the assets exchanged. APB No. 29 included certain exceptions to that principle. SFAS No. 153 amends APB No. 29 to eliminate the exception for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replaces it with a general exception for exchanges of nonmonetary assets that do not have commercial substance. A nonmonetary exchange has commercial substance if the future cash flows of the entity are expected to change significantly as a result of the exchange. SFAS No. 153 is effective for nonmonetary assets exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2005. We do not expect that the adoption of SFAS No. 153 will have any material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections", a replacement of APB No. 20, "Accounting Changes" and SFAS No. 3, "Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements". SFAS No. 154 provides guidance on the accounting for and reporting of accounting changes and error corrections. APB No. 20 previously required that most voluntary changes in accounting principles be recognized by including in net income for the period of the change, the cumulative effect of changing to the new accounting principle. SFAS No. 154 requires retroactive application to prior periods' financial statements of a voluntary change in accounting principles unless it is impracticable. SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. As of December 31, 2005, adoption of SFAS No. 154 will not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operation.

In November 2005, the FASB issued FSP FAS 115-1. The FSP addresses the determination as to when an investment is considered impaired, whether that impairment is other than temporary, and the measurement of an impairment loss. The FSP also includes accounting considerations subsequent to the recognition of other-than-temporary impairment and requires certain disclosures about unrealized losses that have not been recognized as other-than-temporary impairments. The guidance in this FSP amends SFAS No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity." The FSP replaces the impairment evaluation guidance of EITF Issue No. 03-1, "The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments," with references to the existing other-than-temporary impairment guidance. The FSP clarifies that an investor should recognize an impairment loss no later than when the impairment is deemed other-than-temporary, even if a decision to sell an impaired security has not been made. The guidance in this FSP is to be applied to reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2005. As of December 31, 2005, adoption of FSP FAS 115-1 will not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees.
Directors and Senior Management

The following table sets forth, as of May 16, 2006, the name, age and position of each of our directors and executive officers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ron Gutler ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	48	Chairman of the Board of Directors
Joseph Atsmon ⁽¹⁾	57	Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors
Rimon Ben-Shaoul ⁽²⁾	61	Director
Yoseph Dauber ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	70	Director
Dan Falk ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	61	Director
John Hughes	54	Director
David Kostman	41	Director
Dr. Leora Meridor ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	58	Director
Haim Shani	49	Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Shlomo Shamir	59	President
Ran Oz	39	Corporate Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Koby Huberman	48	Corporate Vice President, Strategic Alliances & Business Development
Yechiam Cohen	49	Corporate Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Eran Porat	43	Corporate Vice President, Finance
Zvi Baum	49	Corporate Vice President & President, Enterprise Interaction Solutions
Israel Livnat	55	Corporate Vice President & President, Security Group
Yoav Zaltzman	48	Corporate Vice President & President, Intelligence Solutions
Doron Eidelman	51	Corporate Executive Vice President & President, NiceVision
Jim Park	50	Corporate Vice President & General Manager, Public Safety
Eran Gorev	41	President and Chief Executive Officer, NICE Systems Inc.
Tamir Ginat	43	President, EMEA
Doron Ben Sira	47	President, Nice APAC

(1) Member of the Audit Committee.

(2) Member of the Compensation Committee.

(3) Member of the Internal Audit Committee.

(4) Outside Director. See Item 6, "Directors, Senior Management and Employees—Board Practices— Outside Directors."

Set forth below is a biographical summary of each of the above-named directors and executive officers of NICE. Each of our directors qualifies as an independent director under the Nasdaq rules.

Ron Gutler has served as one of our directors since May 2001 and Chairman of the Board since May 2002. Mr. Gutler is currently the Chairman of G.J.E. 121 Promoting Investment Ltd., a real estate investment company, and a member of the Advisory Board of Poalim Real Estate (part of Poalim Capital Market Group). Between 2000 and 2002, he managed the Blue Border Horizon Fund, a global macro fund. Mr. Gutler is a former Managing Director and a Partner of Bankers Trust Company (currently part of Deutsche Bank). Between 1987 and 1999, he held various positions with Bankers Trust. Mr. Gutler headed its trading and sales activities in Asia, South America and Emerging Europe. He also established and headed the Israeli office of Bankers Trust. Mr. Gutler holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and International Relations and a Master's degree in Business Administration, both from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Joseph Atsmon has served as one of our directors since September 2001 and Vice-Chairman of the Board since May 2002. Mr. Atsmon currently serves as a director of Ceragon Networks Ltd., Radvision Ltd. and Vocaltec Communications Ltd.. From 1995 to 2000, Mr. Atsmon served as Chief Executive Officer of Teledata Communications Ltd., a public company acquired by ADC Telecommunications Inc. in 1998. Mr. Atsmon had a twenty-year career with Tadiran Ltd. In his last role at Tadiran Ltd., Mr. Atsmon served as Corporate Vice President for Business Development. Prior to that, he served as President of various of its military communications divisions. Mr. Atsmon holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology.

Rimon Ben-Shaoul has served as one of our directors since September 2001. Since 2001, Mr. Ben-Shaoul has served as Co-Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Koonras Technologies Ltd., a technology investment company controlled by Poalim Investments Ltd., a large Israeli holding company. Mr. Ben-Shaoul also serves as Chairman of Nipson Digital Printing Systems PLC and as a director of Dor Chemicals Ltd. and MIND C.T.I. Ltd., BVR Systems Ltd., Cimatron Ltd. and several private companies. In addition, he is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Polar Communications Ltd., which manages media and communications investments. Between 1997 and 2001, Mr. Ben-Shaoul was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Clal Industries and Investments Ltd., one of the largest holding companies in Israel with substantial holdings in the high tech industry. During that time, Mr. Ben-Shaoul also served as Chairman of the Board of Clal Electronics Industries Ltd., Scitex Corporation Ltd., and various other companies within the Clal group. Mr. Ben-Shaoul also served as a director of ECI Telecom Ltd., Fundtech Ltd., Creo Products, Inc. and Nova Measuring Instruments Ltd. From 1985 to 1997, Mr. Ben-Shaoul was President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Clal Insurance Company Ltd. Mr. Ben-Shaoul holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Statistics and a Master's degree in Business Administration, both from Tel Aviv University.

Yoseph Dauber has served as one of our directors since April 2002. Mr. Dauber has served in various senior positions at Bank Hapoalim since 1973. Until June 2002, he was Deputy Chairman of the Board of Management and joint Managing Director of Bank Hapoalim and was responsible for the commercial division of the bank. Between 1994 and 1996 and until June 2002, Mr. Dauber served as Chairman of Poalim American Express and of the Isracard Group. From 2002 to 2003, he served as Chairman of the Israel Maritime Bank Ltd. He currently serves as a director of Bank Hapoalim. He also serves as a director of Clal Insurance Holding Ltd., Vita Pri Galil Ltd., Lodzia Rotex Ltd., Afcon Industries Ltd. and Orbit Alchut Technologies Ltd. Mr. Dauber holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Statistics from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and a Masters degree in Law from Bar Ilan University.

Dan Falk has served as one of our directors since January 2002. Mr. Falk also serves as a director of Orbotech Ltd., Attunity Ltd., Orad Hi Tech Systems Ltd., Netafim Ltd., Plastopil Ltd., Nova Measuring Instruments Ltd., ClickSoftware Technologies Ltd., Dmatek Ltd., Jacada Ltd., Poalim Ventures 1 Ltd. and Ormat Technology Inc. From 1999 to 2000, Mr. Falk was President and Chief Operating Officer of Sapiens International Corporation N.V. From 1985 to 1999, Mr. Falk served in various positions in Orbotech Ltd., the last of which were Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President. From 1973 to 1985, he served in several executive positions in Israel Discount Bank. Mr. Falk holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Mr. Falk qualifies as an outside director under Israeli law.

John Hughes has served as one of our directors since November 2002. Mr. Hughes is currently Chairman of Intec Telecom Systems plc and Executive Chairman of Parity Group plc. From December 2000 to July 2004, he held senior executive positions at Thales Group, most recently as Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of all civil activities for the group. From 1997 to 2000, he held various positions with Lucent Technologies, including President of its GSM/UMTS division. From 1991 to 1997, Mr. Hughes served as Director of Convex Global Field Operations within the Hewlett Packard Company. Mr. Hughes holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the University of Hertfordshire.

David Kostman has served as one of our directors since January 2000. Mr. Kostman is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Delta Galil USA Inc., a subsidiary of Delta Galil Industries Ltd., a Nasdaq-listed apparel manufacturer. From April 2003 to April 2005, he was Chief Operating Officer of Delta Galil USA. From 2000 to 2002 he was the Chief Operating Officer of VerticalNet, Inc., a Nasdaq-listed software company. Prior thereto, Mr. Kostman was a Managing Director in the investment banking division of Lehman Brothers Inc., which he joined in 1994. Mr. Kostman holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from Tel Aviv University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from INSEAD, France.

Dr. Leora (Rubin) Meridor has served as one of our directors since January 2002. Since 2001, Dr. Meridor has been a financial and business consultant. From 2001 to 2005, she served as Chair of Bezeq International and Walla Telecommunication. From 2001 to 2004, Dr. Meridor served as Chair of Poalim Capital Markets. From 1996 to 2000, she served as Senior Vice President, Head of the Credit and Risk Management Division of the First International Bank of Israel. From 1983 to 1996, Dr. Meridor held various positions in the Bank of Israel, the last of which was Head of the Research Department. Dr. Meridor is a director of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Isrotel Ltd., G.J.E. 121 Promoting Investment Ltd. and Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. She has held various teaching positions with the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and holds a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Physics, a Master's degree in Mathematics and a Doctoral degree in Economics from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She qualifies as an outside director under Israeli law.

Haim Shani has served as our Chief Executive Officer since January 2001. He also served as our President from January 2001 to April 2005 and as a director from January 2001 to September 2005. From 1998 to 2000, he served as General Manager of the Israeli office of Applied Materials Inc., where he headed the process diagnostic and control business group formed following the acquisition by Applied Materials of Opal Ltd. and Orbot Instruments, Ltd. Prior thereto, Mr. Shani held various management positions at Orbotech Ltd. From 1995 to 1998, he served as Corporate Vice President of Marketing and Business Development, from 1993 to 1995, he served as President of Orbotech's subsidiary in Asia Pacific, based in Hong Kong, and from 1992 to 1993, he served as President of Orbotech Europe, based in Brussels. From 1982 to 1992, Mr. Shani held various management positions at Scitex Corporation and IBM Israel. Mr. Shani holds a Bachelor's degree in Industrial and Management engineering from the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in Business Administration from INSEAD, France.

Dr. Shlomo Shamir has served as our President since March 2005. From April 2001 to April 2005, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of NICE Systems Inc., our wholly owned subsidiary and corporate headquarters in North America. From 2000 to April 2001, Dr. Shamir served as President and Chief Executive Officer of CreoScitex America, Inc. From 1997 to 2000, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Scitex America Corp. and from 1994 to 1997, he served as Scitex Ltd.'s Corporate Vice President of Operations. Prior to 1994, Dr. Shamir served in the Israel Defense Force (IDF) where he attained the rank of Brigadier General. Dr. Shamir built and led the planning division in the IDF headquarters and served as Israel's military attaché to Germany. He holds a bachelor's degree in physics from the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology and Master's and Doctoral degrees in Engineering and Economic Systems from Stanford University, California.

Ran Oz has served as our Corporate Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since September 2004. Prior thereto, he worked for Ceragon Networks Ltd., an international fixed wireless company, where he was Chief Financial Officer from 2001 to 2004. From 1995 to 2001, he worked for Jacada Ltd., an international software company, where he held a variety of positions in finance and operations, most recently as General Manager of the parent company and Corporate Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Oz is a certified public accountant and holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Economics and a Master's degree in Business Administration and economics from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Koby Huberman has served as one of our Corporate Vice Presidents since January 2000 and currently serves as Corporate Vice President, Business Development and Strategic Planning. From 1998 to January 2000, Mr. Huberman served as Vice President of Marketing for the Enterprise Internetworking Systems Group of Lucent Technologies Ltd. and, from 1995 to 1998, he was Vice President of Global Marketing and Business Development for Lannet Data Communications Ltd., which was acquired by Lucent in 1998. Prior thereto, Mr. Huberman was the Managing Director of ServiceSoft Europe, a pan-European vendor of artificial intelligence and knowledge-based software for call center and customer service applications. Mr. Huberman serves voluntarily as chairman and board member of several non-profit organizations in the field of education and civil society community development. Mr. Huberman holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Business Administration from the Leon Recanati Graduate School of Business Administration of Tel Aviv University.

Yechiam Cohen has served as our Corporate Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary since 2005. From 1996 to 2004, he served as General Counsel of Amdocs, a leading provider of billing and CRM software solutions to the telecommunications industry. Before joining Amdocs, Mr. Cohen was a partner in the Tel Aviv law firm of Dan Cohen, Spigelman & Company. From 1987 to 1990, he was an associate with the New York law firm of Dornbush, Mensch, Mandelstam and Schaeffer. Mr. Cohen served as a law clerk to Justice Bejski of the Supreme Court of Israel in Jerusalem. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the Hebrew University School of Law and is admitted to practice law in Israel and New York.

Eran Porat has served as our Corporate Vice President, Finance since 2005. From March 2000 to 2005, he served as our Corporate Controller. From 1997 to February 2000, Mr. Porat served as Corporate Controller of Tecnomatix Technologies Ltd. From 1996 to 1997, he served as Corporate Controller of Nechushtan Elevators Ltd. Mr. Porat is a certified public accountant and holds a Bachelor's degree in economics and accounting from Tel Aviv University.

Zvi Baum has served as our Corporate Vice President and President, Enterprise Interaction Solutions since April 2005. He previously served in the positions of General Manager of the Product Division, Director of Product Management in the EIS Division and Corporate Vice President of Marketing. Before joining us in January 2002, Mr. Baum served as the Managing Director of Call Vision Israel Ltd., a company that specialized in the development of advanced web-based quality monitoring solutions for call centers. Prior thereto, he served as the Vice President of International Sales and Marketing at STS Software Systems, which developed recording solutions and was acquired by us at the end of 1999. From 1987 to 1998, Mr. Baum worked for a number of American and European companies in several areas, including technical management, marketing and channel management. Mr. Baum holds a Bachelor's degree in Engineering from the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in Computer Science and a Master's degree in Business Administration, both from the University of California in Los Angeles.

Israel Livnat will serve as Corporate Vice President & President Security Group as of May 15, 2006. Prior to joining NICE, he served since 2001 as the President and CEO of Elta Systems Ltd.. Prior to his last position as the President of Elta Systems, Mr. Livnat was heading a division in the Israeli Aircraft Industries, leading the development of the Arrow weapons system. Before that he was VP Engineering in the same division in the Israeli Aircraft Industries, and director for hardware engineering in Daisy Systems Mountain View California, leading state-of-the-art developments in the hardware and software of large computer-embedded systems. Mr. Livnat holds a B.Sc in Electrical Engineering from the Technion, and an Executive MBA from Stanford University California. He was awarded the prestigious Israeli Industry Prize in 2004.

Yoav Zaltzman has served as our Corporate Vice President and President, Intelligence Solutions since 2003. He previously served in the position of Corporate Vice President, Business Operations. Before joining us in May 2001, Mr. Zaltzman served as Senior Director of Sales for Applied Materials (Israel) from 1997. From 1994 to 1997, Mr. Zaltzman served as General Manager of Orbot Instruments in Europe, based in Brussels, which was acquired by Applied Materials in 1997. From 1987 to 1992, Mr. Zaltzman held various sales and marketing positions for Oracle in Israel. Mr. Zaltzman holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Sciences and a Master's degree in Business Administration, both from Tel Aviv University.

Doron Eidelman has served as our Corporate Executive Vice President and President, NiceVision since May 2002. Prior thereto, he was the Chief Operating Officer of AudioCodes Ltd., a telecommunications company. From 1992 to 2001, Mr. Eidelman was Executive Vice President and President of the Display Division of Orbotech and from 1987 to 1992, he held various positions in Optrotech, the last of which was Vice President. Mr. Eidelman served in an elite intelligence unit in the IDF and was awarded the prestigious Israel Defense Award. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Electronic Engineering from the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in Electronic Engineering from Tel Aviv University.

Jim Park serves as our Corporate Vice President & President, Public Safety. Mr. Park previously served as the President of NICE Systems CTI UK Ltd., our wholly owned subsidiary and corporate headquarters in EMEA. Prior thereto, he was the Chief Executive Officer of Thales Contact Solutions (previously Racal Recorders), which we acquired in 2002. Prior to joining Racal in 1998, Mr. Park held various senior management positions at Mitel Telecom. From 1996 to 1998, he served as General Manager for Mitel's EMEA switching business, from 1994 to 1996 he was Vice President of Business Development, from 1991 to 1994 he was Director of Marketing, and from 1982 to 1991 he held various sales management roles in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Mr. Park's early career was spent in various engineering roles with Siemens UK (1979 to 1982) and British Telecom (1974 to 1979), who sponsored him through college.

Eran Gorev has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of NICE Systems Inc. since March 2005. From 2002 to 2004, Mr. Gorev was President of the North America – Major Clients division at Amdocs. From 2000 to 2002, he served as Corporate Vice President and Head of Worldwide Sales at Amdocs. Prior thereto, Mr. Gorev held various marketing and sales management positions in the information technology industry. Mr. Gorev holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from Tel Aviv University and a joint Master's degree in Business Administration from the Kellogg School of Management of Northwestern University and the Leon Recanati Graduate School of Business Administration of Tel Aviv University.

Tamir Ginat has served as President of EMEA since July 2005. From 2000 to 2003, Mr. Ginat served as the General Manager of NICE UK and in 2003 was promoted to Vice President Sales, U.K. & Ireland, a position he held until June 2005. Prior thereto, Mr. Ginat held various sales positions in our company and before joining us in 1995, he served for five years within the International Marketing Department of ISCAR. Mr. Ginat holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Business from Haifa University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Heriot Watt University.

Doron Ben-Sira has served as President of NICE APAC Ltd. since May 2002. Prior thereto, he was the vice president of the assembly division of Orbotech Asia Pacific, responsible for all electronic assembly solutions sold to Asian customers. From 1996 to 1998, Mr. Ben-Sira was the Eastern European regional director for Cisco Systems and also served as the Eastern European and Middle Eastern channel director for that company. Mr. Ben-Sira also held management positions in Siemens Data Communication (Germany) and in Mashov Computers (Israel). He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Management and Master's degree in Business Administration, both from Tel Aviv University.

There are no family relationships between any of the directors or executive officers named above.

Compensation

The aggregate compensation paid to or accrued on behalf of all our directors and executive officers as a group (22 persons) during 2005 consisted of approximately \$4.9 million in salary, fees, bonus, commissions and directors' fees and approximately \$0.1 million in amounts set aside or accrued to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits, but excluding amounts we expended for automobiles made available to our officers, expenses (including business travel, professional and business association dues and expenses) reimbursed to our officers and other fringe benefits commonly reimbursed or paid by companies in Israel.

During 2005, our officers and directors received, in the aggregate, options to purchase up to 466,000 ordinary shares under our 2003 Stock Option Plan. These options have an average exercise price of \$37.35 and will expire six years after the date the options were granted.

Compensation and reimbursement for Outside Directors (as described below) is statutorily determined pursuant to the Israeli Companies Law, 5759–1999, or the Companies Law. The statutory rates for Outside Directors are approximately NIS 46,000 per annum and approximately NIS 1,800 per meeting. We pay each of our directors who is not an Outside Director an annual fee of \$15,000 and a meeting attendance fee of \$600, including for meetings of committees of the board of directors. We pay each member of our audit committee, excluding Outside Directors, an additional annual fee of \$2,500. The chairman of the Board receives 150% of the annual amount and the vice chairman of the Board receives 137.5% of the annual amount. The chairman was also entitled to an additional monthly fee of approximately \$4,000 through September 2005.

Board Practices

Our articles of association provide that the number of directors serving on the board shall be not less than three but shall not exceed thirteen. Our directors, other than outside directors, are elected at the annual shareholders meeting to serve until the next annual meeting or until their earlier death, resignation, bankruptcy, incapacity or removal by an extraordinary resolution of the general shareholders meeting. Directors may be re-elected at each annual shareholders meeting. The board may appoint additional directors (whether to fill a vacancy or create new directorships) to serve until the next annual shareholders meeting, provided, however, that the board shall have no obligation to fill any vacancy unless the number of directors is less than three.

The board may, subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, appoint a committee of the board and delegate to such committee all or any of the powers of the board as it deems appropriate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board may, at any time, amend, restate or cancel the delegation of any of its powers to any of its committees. The board has appointed an internal audit committee, as required under the Companies Law, that has three members, an audit committee that currently has four members and a compensation committee that has four members. We do not have, nor do our subsidiaries have, any directors' service contracts granting to the directors any benefits upon termination of their employment.

Outside Directors

Under the Companies Law, companies incorporated under the laws of Israel whose shares have been offered to the public in or outside of Israel are required to appoint at least two "outside" directors.

To qualify as an outside director, an individual or his or her relative, partner, employer or any entity under his or her control, may not have as of the date of appointment as an outside director, and may not have had during the previous two years, any affiliation with the company, with any entity controlling the company on the date of the appointment or with any entity whose controlling shareholder, on the date of the appointment or during the previous two years, is the company or an entity controlling the company. In general, the term “affiliation” includes:

- an employment relationship;
- a business or professional relationship maintained on a regular basis;
- control; and
- service as an office holder.

No person may serve as an outside director if the person’s position or other activities create, or may create, a conflict of interest with the person’s responsibilities as an outside director or may otherwise interfere with the person’s ability to serve as an outside director.

Outside directors are to be elected by a majority vote at a shareholders’ meeting, provided that either:

- the majority of shares voted at the meeting shall include at least one-third of the shares of non-controlling shareholders present at the meeting and voting on the matter (without taking into account the votes of the abstaining shareholders); or
- the total number of shares of non-controlling shareholders voted against the election of the outside directors does not exceed one percent of the aggregate voting rights in the company.

The term of an outside director will be three years and may be extended for an additional term of three years. Each committee of a company’s board of directors which is empowered to exercise any of the board’s powers is required to include at least one outside director.

Our outside directors were elected for a second term at our Annual General Meeting held on October 19, 2004. An outside director is entitled to compensation as provided in regulations adopted under the Companies Law and is otherwise prohibited from receiving any other compensation, directly or indirectly, from the company.

Financial and Accounting Expertise

Pursuant to new provisions of the Companies Law effective from April 2006, our board of directors has determined that at least one member of our board of directors must be an “accounting and financial expert.” The Companies Law requires that at least one outside director must be such an expert and that all other outside directors must be “professionally qualified.” Under the Nasdaq rules, each member of our audit committee must be financially literate and at least one of the members must be designated as a financial expert having accounting or related financial expertise. Our board of directors has designated Dan Falk as our audit committee financial expert.

Independent Directors

Under the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, a majority of our directors are required to be “independent” as defined in Nasdaq’s rules. All of our directors satisfy the respective independence requirements of Nasdaq.

Audit Committee

The Nasdaq rules also require that the audit committee of a listed company must be composed of at least three directors, each of whom is (i) independent; (ii) does not receive any compensation (except for board fees) from the company; (iii) is not an affiliated person of the company or any subsidiary; and (iv) has not participated in the preparation of the company’s (or a current subsidiary’s) financial statements during the past three years. All of the current members of our audit committee (presently comprised of Joseph Atsmon (Chairman), Ron Gutler, Dan Falk and Leora Meridor) meet the Nasdaq standards described above.

Our audit committee has adopted a charter specifying the committee’s purpose and outlining its duties and responsibilities which include, among other things: (i) appointing, retaining and compensating the company’s independent auditor, subject to shareholder approval, and (ii) pre-approving all services of the independent auditor. The audit committee must review and approve all related party transactions. Our audit committee is also authorized to act as our “qualified legal compliance committee.” As such, our audit committee will be responsible for investigating reports made by attorneys appearing and practicing before the SEC in representing us, of perceived material violations of U.S. federal or state securities laws, breaches of fiduciary duty or similar material violations of U.S. law by us or any of our agents.

We believe we currently meet the applicable Nasdaq requirements and we intend to continue to take all actions as may be necessary for us to maintain our compliance with applicable Nasdaq requirements.

Internal Audit Committee

The Companies Law requires public companies to appoint an internal audit committee. The role of the internal audit committee under the Companies Law is to examine flaws in the management of the company’s business in consultation with the internal auditors and the independent accountants, and to propose remedial measures to the board. The internal audit committee also reviews interested party transactions for approval as required by law. Under the Companies Law, an internal audit committee must consist of at least three directors, including all of the outside directors. The chairman of the board of directors, any director employed by or otherwise providing services to the company on a regular basis, and a controlling shareholder or any relative of a controlling shareholder, may not be a member of the internal audit committee. All of the current members of our internal audit committee (presently comprised of Leora Meridor (Chairperson), Dan Falk and Joseph Dauber) meet these qualifications.

Internal Auditor

Under the Companies Law, the board of directors must appoint an internal auditor, proposed by the internal audit committee. The role of the internal auditor is to examine, among other matters, whether the company's activities comply with the law and orderly business procedure. Under the Companies Law, the internal auditor may be an employee of the company but may not be an interested party or office holder, or a relative of any interested party or office holder, and may not be a member of the company's independent accounting firm or its representative. We have appointed an internal auditor in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Law.

Compensation Committee

As required by Nasdaq rules, our compensation committee approves the compensation of our executive officers. The compensation of our chief executive officer also requires the approval of our board of directors under the Companies Law. The compensation committee is also authorized to approve the grant of stock options and other securities to eligible grantees under our benefit plans pursuant to guidelines adopted by our board of directors. However, grants of stock options and other securities to our executive officers also requires approval of our board of directors. The current members of this committee, each of whom satisfies the respective independence requirements of Nasdaq, are Messrs. Falk, who is the chairman, Ben Shaoul, Dauber and Gutler.

Nominations Committee

As required by Nasdaq rules, our nominations committee recommends candidates for election to our board of directors pursuant to a written charter. The current members of this committee, all of whom are independent directors, are Ron Gutler and Dan Falk.

Employees

At December 31, 2005, we had approximately 1,416 employees worldwide, which represented an increase of 32.7% from year-end 2004.

The following table sets forth the number of our full-time employees at the end of each of the last three fiscal years as well as the main category of activity and geographic location of such employees:

Category of Activity	2003	At December 31, 2004	2005
Operations	90	86	105
Customer Support	312	316	466
Sales & Marketing	252	261	327
Research & Development	260	273	361
General & Administrative	137	131	157
Total	1,051	1,067	1,416
Geographic Location			
Israel	516	518	625
North America	333	339	526
Europe	183	179	195
Asia Pacific	19	31	70
Total	1,051	1,067	1,416

We also utilize temporary employees in various activities. On average, we employed approximately 39 such temporary employees and 136 contractor employees (not included in the numbers set forth above) during 2005.

Our future success will depend in part upon our ability to attract and retain highly skilled and qualified personnel. Although competition for such personnel in Israel is generally intense, we believe that adequate personnel resources are currently available in Israel to meet our requirements.

We are not a party to any collective bargaining agreement with our employees or with any labor organization. However, we are subject to certain labor related statutes, and to certain provisions of collective bargaining agreements between the Histadrut (General Federation of Labor in Israel) and the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations (including the Industrialists' Association of Israel) that are applicable to our Israeli employees by order of the Israeli Ministry of Labor and Welfare. These statutes and provisions principally concern the length of the work day and the work week, minimum wages for workers, contributions to a pension fund, insurance for work-related accidents, determination of severance pay and other conditions of employment. Furthermore, pursuant to such provisions, the wages of most of our employees are automatically adjusted based on changes in the Israeli consumer price index, or CPI. The amount and frequency of these adjustments are modified from time to time.

Israeli law generally requires the payment by employers of severance pay upon the death of an employee, his retirement or upon termination of employment by the employer without due cause. We currently fund our ongoing severance obligations by making monthly payments to approved severance funds or insurance policies. Please see Note 2(r) to our consolidated financial statements. In addition, according to the National Insurance Law, Israeli employers and employees are required to pay predetermined sums to the National Insurance Institute, an organization similar to the United States Social Security Administration. These contributions entitle the employees to benefits in periods of unemployment, work injury, maternity leave, disability, reserve military service and bankruptcy or winding-up of the employer. Since January 1, 1995, such amount also includes payments for national health insurance. The payments to the National Insurance Institute are equal to approximately 16.25% of an employee's wages (up to a certain cap as determined from time to time by law), of which the employee contributes approximately 66% and the employer contributes approximately 34%.

Employment Agreements

We have employment agreements with our officers. Pursuant to these employment agreements, each party may terminate the employment for no cause by giving a 30, 60 or 90 day prior written notice (six months in the case of certain senior employees). In addition, we may terminate such agreement for cause with no prior notice. The agreements generally include non-competition and non-disclosure provisions, although the enforceability of non-competition provisions in employment agreements under Israeli law is very limited.

Share Ownership

As of May 16, 2006, our directors and executive officers beneficially owned an aggregate of 642,400 ordinary shares, or approximately 2.5% of our outstanding ordinary shares, which amount includes options to purchase 608,994 ordinary shares that were vested on such date or that were scheduled to vest within the following 60 days. The options have an average exercise price of \$34.16 per share and expire between 2006 and 2011. As of May 16, 2006, our chief executive officer, Mr. Haim Shani, beneficially owned 251,633 ordinary shares, or approximately 1.0% of our outstanding ordinary shares, which includes options to purchase 251,189 ordinary shares that were vested on such date or that were scheduled to vest within the following 60 days, and 444 ordinary shares owned by him. Of the 251,189 options, 242,600 options have an exercise price of \$55.5 per share and expire on October 22, 2006. The remaining 8,589 options have exercises prices ranging from \$12.1 per share to \$23.4 per share, and expire between May 2007 and December 2009. No other individual director or executive officer beneficially owns 1% or more of our outstanding ordinary shares.

The following is a description of each of our option plans, including the amount of options currently outstanding and the weighted average exercise price.

In 1995, we adopted the NICE–Systems Ltd. 1995 Stock Option Plan, or 1995 Plan, to attract, motivate and retain talented employees by rewarding performance and encouraging behavior that will improve our profitability. Under the 1995 Plan, our employees and officers may be granted options to acquire our ordinary shares. The options to acquire ordinary shares are granted at an exercise price of not less than the fair market value of the ordinary shares on the date of the grant, subject to certain exceptions which may be determined by our board of directors. We have registered, through the filing of registration statements on Form S–8 with SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, 6,000,000 ADSs for issuance under the 1995 Plan.

Under the terms of the 1995 Plan, 25% of each stock option granted becomes exercisable on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant so long as the grantee is, subject to certain exceptions, employed by us at the date the stock option becomes exercisable. As of February 15, 2000, our board of directors adopted a resolution amending the exercise terms of the 1995 Plan whereby 25% of the stock options granted become exercisable on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 6.25% becomes exercisable once every quarter during the subsequent three years. Stock options expire six years after the date of grant. Stock options are non–transferable except upon the death of the grantee. When applicable, the options are held by, and registered in the name of, a trustee for a period of two years after the date of grant in accordance with Section 102 of the Israeli Income Tax Ordinance, or the Tax Ordinance.

On December 19, 2003 the board of directors resolved to elect the “Capital Gains Route” (as defined in Section 102(b)(2) of the Tax Ordinance) for the grant of options to Israeli grantees. Generally, subject to the fulfillment of the provisions of Section 102 of the Tax Ordinance, under the Capital Gains Route gains realized from the sale of shares issued upon exercise of options will generally be taxed at a rate of only 25% and not at the marginal income tax rate applicable to the grantee (up to 49%). In general, all options granted to Israeli grantees, shares issued upon exercise of such options and any bonus shares issued with respect to such shares, will be held in trust for the benefit of the grantee. for at least a period which is the shorter of 30 months from the date of grant, or two years from the end of the tax year in which the options are granted. Following an amendment to the Tax Ordinance which came into effect on January 1, 2006, the aforementioned trust period for options granted on or after January 1, 2006 is 24 months from the date of grant. The options may not be released from the trust prior to the payment of the grantee’s tax liabilities. In the event the requirements of Section 102 for the allocation of options according to the Capital Gains Route are not met, the applicable marginal income tax rates will apply.

The 1995 Plan is generally administered by our compensation committee, which determines the grantees under the 1995 Plan and the number of options to be granted. As of April 30, 2006, options to purchase 751,114 ordinary shares were outstanding under the 1995 Plan at a weighted average exercise price of \$36.95.

1997 Executive Share Option Plan

In 1996, we adopted the NICE–Systems Ltd. 1997 Executive Share Option Plan, or 1997 Plan, to provide an incentive to our officers and to our directors who are also officers by enabling them to share in the future growth of our business. We have registered, through the filing of registration statements on Form S–8 with SEC under the Securities Act, 2,000,000 ADSs for issuance under the 1997 Plan.

Under the terms of the 1997 Plan, stock options will be exercisable during a 60–day period ending four years after grant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if our year–end earnings per share shall reach certain defined targets, 40% of such stock options shall become exercisable; if earnings per share shall reach certain higher defined targets, an additional 30% of such stock options shall become exercisable; and if earnings per share shall reach certain higher defined targets, an additional 30% of such stock options shall become exercisable, provided that with respect to all of the above–referenced periods, our operating profit shall not be less than 10% of revenues and earnings per share shall exclude any non–recurring expenses related to mergers and acquisitions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of the stock options shall be exercisable before the expiration of two years from the date of issuance. When applicable, the options are held by, and registered in the name of, a trustee for a period of two years after the date of grant in accordance with Section 102 of the Israeli Income Tax Ordinance.

The 1997 Plan is generally administered by our compensation committee, which determines the grantees under the 1997 Plan and the number of options to be granted. As of April 30, 2006, there were no outstanding options to purchase ordinary shares under the 1997 Plan. All of the outstanding options under this plan have expired.

2001 Stock Option Plan

In 2001, we adopted the NICE–Systems Ltd. 2001 Stock Option Plan, or 2001 Plan, for the purpose of providing an incentive to certain employees, directors, officers and consultants in order to further the advancement our business. The options to acquire our ordinary shares are granted at an exercise price equal to the closing price of our ADSs as quoted on the Nasdaq National Market on the most recent date prior to the date of the resolution of our board of directors to grant the option for which the price was quoted. We have registered, through the filing of a registration statement on Form S–8 with SEC under the Securities Act, 4,000,000 ADSs for issuance under the 2001 Plan.

Under the terms of the 2001 Plan, one-third of the stock options granted became exercisable ten months after the date of grant and the remaining two-thirds will become exercisable on the first and second anniversaries of the first date of exercise so long as the grantee is, subject to certain exceptions, employed by us at the date the stock option becomes exercisable. The third portion of the options granted under this plan may be exercised at the end of the second anniversary of the first date of exercise if we meet a pre-tax profit target of 20%, as determined by our board of directors in its discretion. Unless otherwise determined by our board of directors as of the date of grant, stock options expire six years after the date of grant. Stock options are non-transferable except upon the death of the grantee. When applicable, the options are held by, and registered in the name of, a trustee for a period of two years after the date of grant in accordance with Section 102 of the Israeli Income Tax Ordinance.

The 2001 Plan is generally administered by our compensation committee which determines the grantees under the 2001 Plan and the number of options to be granted. As of April 30, 2006, options to purchase 243,114 ordinary shares were outstanding under the 2001 Plan at a weighted average exercise price of \$12.1.

2003 Stock Option Plan

In December 2003, we adopted the NICE-Systems Ltd. 2003 Employee Stock Option Plan, or 2003 Plan, to attract, motivate and retain talented employees by rewarding performance and encouraging behavior that will improve our profitability. Under the 2003 Plan, our employees, officers and directors may be granted options to acquire our ordinary shares. The options to acquire ordinary shares are granted at an exercise price of not less than the fair market value of the ordinary shares on the date of the grant, subject to certain exceptions which may be determined by our board of directors. We have registered, through the filing of registration statements on Form S-8 with SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, 2,000,000 ADSs for issuance under the 2003 Plan.

Under the terms of the 2003 Plan, 25% of the stock options granted become exercisable on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 6.25% becomes exercisable once every quarter during the subsequent three years. Stock options expire six years after the date of grant. Stock options are non-transferable except upon the death of the grantee.

Pursuant to the Tax Reform and in order to comply with the provisions of Section 102 of the Ordinance, on January 5, 2004 our board of directors adopted an addendum to our share option plan with respect to options granted as of December 2, 2003 to grantees who are residents of Israel (the "Addendum"). The Addendum does not add to nor modify our share option plan in respect of grantees that are not residents of Israel. On December 19, 2003 the board of directors resolved to elect the "Capital Gains Route" (as defined in Section 102(b)(2) of the Ordinance) for the grant of options to Israeli grantees, which is described above under "1995 Stock Option Plan."

On September 28, 2005, our shareholders approved the transfer of ordinary shares reserved for issuance under our ESPP (as defined below) to the 2003 Plan. Accordingly, 200,000 ordinary shares remain reserved under the ESPP, and the balance of approximately 600,000 ordinary shares were transferred to the 2003 Plan. The ESPP provides for an annual addition of 250,000 ordinary shares to the pool of ordinary shares. Those additional shares will be transferred to the 2003 Plan each year until calendar year 2009.

The 2003 Plan is generally administered by our compensation committee, which determines the grantees under the 2003 Plan and the number of options to be granted. As of April 30, 2006, options to purchase 2,734,843 ordinary shares were outstanding under the 2003 Plan at a weighted average exercise price of \$32.94.

1999 Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In 1999, we adopted the NICE-Systems Ltd. 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, or ESPP, in order to provide an incentive to our employees and the employees of our subsidiaries by providing them with an opportunity to purchase our ordinary shares through accumulated payroll deductions, and thereby enable such persons to share in the future growth of our business. We amended the ESPP in December 2003 and in December 2005. We have registered, through the filing of a registration statement on Form S-8 with SEC under the Securities Act, 2,250,000 ADSs for issuance under the ESPP.

Under the terms of the ESPP, eligible employees (generally, all our employees and the employees of our eligible subsidiaries who are not directors or controlling shareholders) may, on January 1 and July 1 of each year in which the ESPP is in effect, elect to become participants in the ESPP for that six-month period by filing an agreement with us arranging for payroll deductions of between 2% and 10% of such employee's compensation for the relevant period. An employee's election to purchase ordinary shares under the ESPP is subject to his or her right to withdraw from the ESPP prior to exercise, six months after the offering date. The option update price under the ESPP is 95% of the closing sales price of one ADR as quoted on the Nasdaq National Market on the semi-annual purchase date.

For information on the transfer of ordinary shares reserved for issuance under the ESPP to the 2003 Plan, please see the description under the caption "2003 Stock Option Plan" above.

Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions.
Major Shareholders

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our ordinary shares as of the dates stated below, with respect to each person known to us to be the beneficial owner of 5% or more of our outstanding ordinary shares. None of our major shareholders has any different voting rights than any other shareholder.

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Shares Beneficially Owned</u>			
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent⁽¹⁾</u>		
FMR Corp. 82 Devonshire Street Boston, MA 02109	and	Fidelity International Limited ⁽²⁾ P.O. Box HM 670 Hamilton HMCX, Bermuda	3,073,708	12.5%
Massachusetts Financial Services Company and affiliates ⁽³⁾ 500 Boylston St. Boston, MA 02116			2,143,057	8.7%

⁽¹⁾ Based upon 24,648,101 ordinary shares issued and outstanding on May 16, 2006.

⁽²⁾ Based upon information provided to us by FMR Corp. and Fidelity International Limited as of May 10, 2006.

⁽³⁾ Based upon information provided to us by MFS Investment Management as of February 20, 2006.

As of April 3, 2006, we had 78 ADS holders of record in the United States, holding approximately 76% of our outstanding ordinary shares, as reported by The Bank of New York, the depository for our ADSs.

As of December 31, 2005, Bank Hapoalim funds held 925,918, or 3.8%, of our ordinary shares. This information is based upon a Schedule 13G/A, filed by Bank Hapoalim with the SEC on February 14, 2006, with respect to the aggregate holdings of various of its affiliated mutual funds and provident funds. As of November 11, 2005, Bank Hapoalim informed us that it held 967,981.75, or approximately 5%, of our ordinary shares.

As of June 9, 2005, Bank Leumi held 875,174, or 4.6%, of our ordinary shares. This information is based upon a report provided to us by Bank Leumi pursuant to Israeli law with respect to the aggregate holdings of various of its affiliated mutual funds and provident funds. As of March 31, 2004, Bank Leumi reported that it held 1,271,000, or 7.3%, of our ordinary shares. The method used to compute holdings under Israeli law does not necessarily bear the same result as the method used to compute beneficial ownership under SEC rules and regulations.

Between April 28, 2004 and June 2, 2005, Thales S.A. sold 762,025 ordinary shares. Consequently, Thales SA now holds less than 5% of our ordinary shares. This information is based upon the information contained in an amendment to Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on June 3, 2005 by Thales SA.

To our knowledge, we are not directly or indirectly owned or controlled by another corporation or by any foreign government and there are no arrangements that might result in a change in control of our company.

Related Party Transactions

None.

Item 8. Financial Information. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information.

See Item 18, "Financial Statements."

Legal Proceedings

We are not involved in any legal proceedings that we believe, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operation, except as noted below.

CipherActive Lawsuit

On October 19, 2004, CipherActive filed an action against us in the District Court of Tel Aviv. In this lawsuit, CipherActive claims that under a development agreement with us, it is entitled to receive license fees in respect of certain software that it allegedly developed for us and which has been embedded in one of our products. CipherActive claims that it is entitled to license fees in an amount of \$600,000, in addition to the amount of \$100,000 already paid to CipherActive by us in respect of such license fees. In our statement of defense we claim that the software developed by CipherActive under the agreement has not been successful in the market, is no longer embedded in our product and, therefore, CipherActive is not entitled to any additional license fees. The lawsuit is in its initial stages.

On July 20, 2004, STS Software System Ltd., or STS, a wholly owned subsidiary of ours, brought a lawsuit against Witness Systems, Inc. asserting that Witness Systems is infringing three U.S. patents of STS relating to voice over internet protocol, or VoIP. STS claims that Witness Systems infringes the VoIP patents by marketing and selling products that incorporate methods of detecting, monitoring and recording information – all fully protected by the patents. STS is seeking an injunction to prevent Witness Systems from making, using, offering to sell or selling any product in the United States that infringes these patents. In response, Witness Systems is asserting that the patents are invalid and not infringed. The case, which is pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, is in discovery and claims construction stage and no trial date has been set.

On August 30, 2004, Witness Systems filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia against Nice Systems Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of ours. Witness Systems is alleging infringement of two U.S. patents entitled “Method and Apparatus for Simultaneously Monitoring Computer User Screen and Telephone Activity from a Remote Location” and is seeking unspecified damages and injunctive relief. On February 24, 2005, Witness Systems filed a similar action in the Northern District of Georgia against us alleging infringement of the same two patents. The two actions were consolidated in April 2005. We have denied infringing these patents and are vigorously defending against Witness Systems’ claims. The case is currently in discovery and no trial date has been set.

On January 19, 2006, Witness Systems filed a new patent infringement action in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia against NICE–Systems Ltd. and Nice Systems Inc., alleging infringement of a U.S. patent relating to technology to extract particular information from recorded telephone conversations. This technology is used as an option with a NICE product called NicePerform. Witness Systems is requesting unspecified damages and an injunction to prevent any sale of allegedly infringing products. We have denied all material allegations and are asserting a number of defenses. This lawsuit is in its early stages. We believe that the claims are without merit and intend to vigorously defend against them.

On May 10, 2006, NICE Systems, Ltd. and its wholly owned subsidiary, NICE Systems, Inc. filed a new lawsuit against Witness Systems, Inc. in the United States District Court for District of Delaware claiming that Witness Systems is infringing ten U.S. patents. These patents cover various aspects of recording customer interaction communications and traditional logging including event triggered call and screen recording, “cradle-to-grave” recording of customer calls, traditional TDM loggers, off-site storage of calls, and multi-stage telephone data logging. In this lawsuit, we claim that Witness Systems infringes our patents by marketing and selling products that use methods, products and systems which we believe are protected by our patents. The Witness products we have accused of infringing our patents include Impact 360®, ContactStore®, eQuality ContactStore®, ContactStore for Communication Manager®, eQuality ContactStore for Communication Manager® and Eyretel’s MediaStore®. We are seeking an injunction to prevent Witness Systems from making, using, or offering to sell or selling any product in the United States which infringes these patents. In addition, we are seeking damages for Witness Systems’ past willful infringement of these patents.

Origin Dispute

The Company is currently in dispute with Origin Data Realisation Limited relating to the terms of a license of software supplied by Origin and incorporated within our Wordnet Series 3 voice recorder and certain other matters. We and Origin agreed to submit the disputes to mediation and, accordingly, attended a mediation session on July 25, 2005. The mediation did not result in a resolution of the disputes, but the parties have continued to negotiate with the aim of reaching a settlement. To date, no formal legal proceedings have been instituted by either side.

Dictaphone Corp. v. Mercom Systems, Inc.

On July 28, 2004, Dictaphone Corp. filed an action against Mercom Systems, Inc. in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York asserting that Mercom Systems is infringing two U.S. patents, which we subsequently acquired from Dictaphone. Pursuant to the terms of our agreement with Dictaphone, we succeeded to the right to enforce these patents and to control this litigation. In response, Mercom Systems is asserting that the patents are invalid and not infringed, including alleging that our previous defense of an action by Dictaphone against us in which we challenged the validity of one of the patents at issue in this action, estopped us from making the claim of infringement. We and Mercom Systems have reached an agreement in principle to settle the action. It is expected that the documentation for this agreement will be shortly concluded.

Dictaphone Corp. v. VoicePrint.

On July 27, 2004, Dictaphone Corp. filed an action against VoicePrint in the United States District Court for the Central District of California asserting the infringement by VoicePrint of the same patents as those asserted in the Mercom Systems lawsuit, which we subsequently acquired from Dictaphone. Similar to the Mercom Systems lawsuit, this lawsuit has also been settled in principle. The documentation for this settlement is expected to be completed and signed shortly.

Calyon Dispute

In April 2006, the Company received a letter from Calyon Corporate and Investment Bank (Calyon), demanding that the Company pay an amount of \$648,144 to Calyon. This amount was deducted by the Company in January 2004 from an amount transferred by Calyon to the Company's account at the instruction of Thales, in connection with the acquisition of Thales Contact Solutions (TCS). Calyon now claims it was not done rightfully. The Company notified TCS in 2004 that it had setoff such amount with respect to an overdue payment by TCS. The Company had previously notified Calyon that it had sent TCS a setoff notice to that effect, and therefore, believes that Calyon's claim is not justified.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has brought to our attention and provided us an opportunity to comment on an alleged incident of a fire allegedly involving a NICE product used in a school building in the Evesham New Jersey School District. We have retained special counsel and engineering consultants who have investigated this matter and concluded that the fire was not the result of failure in design, manufacturing, installation, service or abuse on our part and that the fire was caused by a third party commercial off-the-shelf product. We have been advised, based on the results of the investigation, that a formal response to the Commission is not necessary. The Commission is not conducting a formal investigation of us and therefore, this is not a pending case.

Dividends

Since our initial public offering on Nasdaq in 1996, we have not declared or paid dividends on our ordinary shares. We intend to retain our earnings for future growth and therefore do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

Significant Changes

In April 2006, we signed a definitive agreement to acquire Performix Technologies Ltd., a pioneer of contact center performance management. Under the terms of the definitive agreement, we will acquire Performix for a total purchase price of \$13.2 million in cash. The purchase price may increase by up to an additional \$6.15 million (of which up to \$3 million may be payable at closing) based on certain performance criteria. The transaction is subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions and is anticipated to close towards the end of the second or the beginning of the third quarter of 2006.

For a description of additional significant changes that occurred in 2006, please see Item 10, "Additional Information—Material Contracts—IEX Corporation Acquisition and FAST Video Security AG Acquisition."

Item 9. The Offer and Listing.
Trading in the ADSs

Our American Depositary Shares, or ADSs, have been quoted on The Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "NICEV" from our initial public offering in January 1996 until April 7, 1999, and thereafter under the symbol "NICE." Prior to that time, there was no public market for our ordinary shares in the United States. Each ADS represents one ordinary share. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low last reported closing prices for our ADSs.

	ADSs	
	High	Low
<u>Annual</u>		
2001	\$ 27.75	\$ 8.88
2002	17.04	6.70
2003	25.35	8.34
2004	31.39	17.88
2005	49.86	29.66
<u>Quarterly 2004</u>		
First Quarter	\$ 29.88	\$ 22.56
Second Quarter	25.75	21.16
Third Quarter	23.38	17.88
Fourth Quarter	31.39	21.04
<u>Quarterly 2005</u>		
First Quarter	\$ 35.03	\$ 29.66
Second Quarter	39.85	30.57
Third Quarter	48.00	39.50
Fourth Quarter	49.86	40.67
<u>Quarterly 2006</u>		
First Quarter	\$ 54.48	\$ 47.19
<u>Monthly</u>		
November 2005	\$ 46.82	\$ 43.34
December 2005	49.86	44.36
January 2006	52.80	47.19
February 2006	53.90	48.71
March 2006	54.48	49.99
April 2006	54.80	46.80
May 2006 (through May 15)	57.25	54.50

On May 15, 2006, the last reported sale price of our ADSs was \$ 54.50 per ADS.

The Bank of New York is the depository for our ADSs. Its address is 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286.

Trading in the Ordinary Shares

Our ordinary shares have been listed on the Tel–Aviv Stock Exchange, or TASE, since 1991. Our ordinary shares are not listed on any other stock exchange and have not been publicly traded outside Israel (other than through ADSs as noted above). The table below sets forth the high and low last reported prices of our ordinary shares (in NIS and dollars) on the TASE. The translation into dollars is based on the daily representative rate of exchange published by the Bank of Israel.

	Ordinary Shares			
	High		Low	
	NIS	\$	NIS	\$
Annual				
2001	97.90	23.68	39.19	9.27
2002	75.50	16.81	32.02	6.63
2003	113.30	25.04	37.96	8.01
2004	137.70	31.10	79.51	17.52
2005	229.20	49.60	130.40	29.56
Quarterly 2004				
First Quarter	137.70	31.10	100.80	22.36
Second Quarter	117.90	25.99	97.56	21.43
Third Quarter	107.10	23.90	79.51	17.52
Fourth Quarter	131.90	30.40	92.79	20.74
Quarterly 2005				
First Quarter	151.30	34.90	130.40	29.56
Second Quarter	177.40	38.78	135.40	30.96
Third Quarter	213.70	47.73	181.00	39.50
Fourth Quarter	229.20	49.60	190.10	41.10
Quarterly 2006				
First Quarter	254.80	54.28	214.00	46.24
Monthly				
November 2005	218.40	46.61	203.80	43.92
December 2005	229.20	49.60	206.60	44.39
January 2006	243.50	52.28	214.00	46.24
February 2006	248.50	52.96	227.70	48.52
March 2006	254.80	54.28	235.40	50.29
April 2006	246.10	54.65	220.70	47.98
May 2006 (through May 15)	254.80	57.32	244.90	54.47

As of May 15, 2006, the last reported price of our ordinary shares on the TASE was NIS 247.50 (or \$ 55.51) per share.

Item 10. Additional Information.
Memorandum and Articles of Association

Organization and Register

We are a company limited by shares organized in the State of Israel under the Israeli Companies Law. We are registered with the Registrar of Companies of the State of Israel and have been assigned company number 52-0036872.

In our annual general meeting of shareholders held on September 28, 2005, we increased our authorized share capital to 75 million ordinary shares and adopted amended and restated articles of association.

Objects and Purposes

Our objects and purposes include a wide variety of business purposes, including all kinds of research, development, manufacture, distribution, service and maintenance of products in all fields of technology and engineering and to engage in any other kind of business or commercial activity. Our objects and purposes are set forth in detail in Section 2 of our memorandum of association.

Directors

Our articles of association provide that the number of directors serving on the board shall be not less than three but shall not exceed thirteen, including two outside directors. Our directors, other than outside directors, are elected at the annual shareholders meeting to serve until the next annual meeting or until their earlier death, resignation, bankruptcy, incapacity or removal by resolution of the general shareholders meeting. Directors may be re-elected at each annual shareholders meeting. The board may appoint additional directors (whether to fill a vacancy or create new directorship) to serve until the next annual shareholders meeting, provided, however, that the board shall have no obligation to fill any vacancy unless the number of directors is less than three. Our officers serve at the discretion of the board.

The board of directors may meet and adjourn its meetings according to the Company's needs but at least once every three months. A meeting of the board may be called at the request of any director. The quorum required for a meeting of the board consists of a majority of directors who are lawfully entitled to participate in the meeting and vote thereon. The adoption of a resolution by the board requires approval by a simple majority of the directors present at a meeting in which such resolution is proposed. In lieu of a board meeting, a resolution may be adopted if all of the directors lawfully entitled to vote thereon consent not to convene a meeting.

Subject to the Companies law, the board may appoint a committee of the board and delegate to such committee all or any of the powers of the board, as it deems appropriate. Under the Companies Law the board of directors must appoint an internal audit committee, comprised of at least three directors and including both of the outside directors. The function of the internal audit committee is to review irregularities in the management of the Company's business and recommend remedial measures. The committee is also required, under the Companies Law to approve certain related party transactions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board may, at any time, amend, restate or cancel the delegation of any of its powers to any of its committees. The board has appointed an internal audit committee which has three members, an audit committee which has four members and a compensation committee which has four members. For more information on the Company's committees, please see Item 6, "Directors, Senior Management and Employees–Board Practices" in this annual report.

Fiduciary Duties of Officers

The Companies Law codifies the fiduciary duties that "office holders," including directors and executive officers, owe to a company. An office holder's fiduciary duties consist of a duty of care and a duty of loyalty. The duty of loyalty includes avoiding any conflict of interest between the office holder's position in the company and his personal affairs, avoiding any competition with the company, avoiding exploiting any business opportunity of the company in order to receive personal advantage for himself or others, and revealing to the company any information or documents relating to the company's affairs which the office holder has received due to his position as an office holder.

Approval of Certain Transactions

Under the Companies Law, all arrangements as to compensation of office holders who are not directors, or controlling parties, require approval of the board of directors. Arrangements regarding the compensation of directors also require internal audit committee and shareholder approval.

The Companies Law requires that an office holder of the company promptly disclose any personal interest that he or she may have and all related material information known to him or her, in connection with any existing or proposed transaction by the company. In addition, if the transaction is an extraordinary transaction as defined under Israeli law, the office holder must also disclose any personal interest held by the office holder's spouse, siblings, parents, grandparents, descendants, spouse's descendants and the spouses of any of the foregoing. In addition, the office holder must also disclose any interest held by any corporation in which the office holder is a 5% or greater shareholder, director or general manager or in which he or she has the right to appoint at least one director or the general manager. An extraordinary transaction is defined as a transaction other than in the ordinary course of business, otherwise than on market terms, or that is likely to have a material impact on the company's profitability, assets or liabilities.

In the case of a transaction which is not an extraordinary transaction, after the office holder complies with the above disclosure requirement, only board approval is required unless the articles of association of the company provide otherwise. The transaction must not be adverse to the company's interest. Furthermore, if the transaction is an extraordinary transaction, then, in addition to any approval stipulated by the articles of association, it also must be approved by the company's audit committee and then by the board of directors, and, under certain circumstances, by a meeting of the shareholders of the company. An office holder who has a personal interest in a transaction that is considered at a meeting of the board of directors or the audit committee generally may not be present at the deliberations or vote on this matter. If a majority of the directors has a personal interest in an extraordinary transaction with the Company, shareholder approval of the transaction is required.

The Companies Law applies the same disclosure requirements to a controlling shareholder of a public company, which includes a shareholder that holds 25% or more of the voting rights if no other shareholder owns more than 50% of the voting rights in the company. Extraordinary transactions with a controlling shareholder or in which a controlling shareholder has a personal interest, and the terms of compensation of a controlling shareholder who is an office holder, require the approval of the audit committee, the board of directors and the shareholders of the company by simple majority, provided that either such majority vote must include at least one-third of the shareholders who have no personal interest in the transaction and are present at the meeting (without taking into account the votes of the abstaining shareholders), or that the total shareholdings of those who have no personal interest in the transaction who vote against the transaction represent no more than one percent of the voting rights in the company.

In addition, under the Companies Law, a private placement of securities requires approval by the board of directors and the shareholders of the company if it will cause a person to become a controlling shareholder or if:

- the securities issued amount to twenty percent or more of the company's outstanding voting rights before the issuance;
- some or all of the consideration is other than cash or listed securities or the transaction is not on market terms; and
- the transaction will increase the relative holdings of a shareholder that holds five percent or more of the company's outstanding share capital or voting rights or that will cause any person to become, as a result of the issuance, a holder of more than five percent of the company's outstanding share capital or voting rights.

According to the Company's Articles of Association certain resolutions, such as resolutions regarding mergers, and windings up, require approval of the holders of 75% of the shares represented at the meeting and voting thereon.

Duties of Shareholders

Under the Companies Law, a shareholder has a duty to act in good faith towards the Company and other shareholders and to refrain from abusing his or her power in the company including, among other things, voting in a general meeting of shareholders on the following matters:

- any amendment to the articles of association;
- an increase of the company's authorized share capital;
- a merger; or
- approval of interested party transactions which require shareholder approval.

In addition, any controlling shareholder, any shareholder who knows that it possesses power to determine the outcome of a shareholder vote and any shareholder who, pursuant to the provisions of a company's articles of association, has the power to appoint or prevent the appointment of an office holder in the company, is under a duty to act with fairness towards the company. The Companies Law does not describe the substance of this duty but provides that a breach of his duty is tantamount to a breach of fiduciary duty of an officer of the Company.

Exemption, Insurance and Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Exemption of Office Holders

Under the Companies Law, an Israeli company may not exempt an office holder from liability for breach of his duty of loyalty, but may exempt in advance an office holder from liability to the company, in whole or in part, for a breach of his duty of care (except in connection with distributions), provided the articles of association of the company allow it to do so. Our articles of association do not allow us to do so.

Office Holder Insurance

Our articles of association provide that, subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, we may enter into a contract for the insurance of the liability of any of our office holders with respect to:

- a breach of his duty of care to us or to another person,
- a breach of his duty of loyalty to us, provided that the office holder acted in good faith and had reasonable grounds to assume that his act would not prejudice our interests, or
- a financial liability imposed upon him in favor of another person concerning an act performed by him in his capacity as an office holder.

Our articles of association provide that we may indemnify an office holder against:

- a financial liability imposed on or incurred by an office holder in favor of another person by any judgment, including a settlement or an arbitrator's award approved by a court concerning an act performed in his capacity as an office holder. Such indemnification may be approved (i) after the liability has been incurred or (ii) in advance, provided that the undertaking is limited to types of events which our board of directors deems to be foreseeable in light of our actual operations at the time of the undertaking and limited to an amount or criterion determined by our board of directors to be reasonable under the circumstances, and further provided that such events and amounts or criterion are set forth in the undertaking to indemnify, and provided that the total amount of indemnification for all persons we have agreed to indemnify in such circumstances does not exceed, in the aggregate twenty-five percent (25%) of our shareholders' equity at the time of the actual indemnification;
- reasonable litigation expenses, including attorney's fees, expended by the office holder as a result of an investigation or proceeding instituted against him by a competent authority, provided that such investigation or proceeding concluded without the filing of an indictment against him and either (A) concluded without the imposition of any financial liability in lieu of criminal proceedings or (B) concluded with the imposition of a financial liability in lieu of criminal proceedings but relates to a criminal offense that does not require proof of criminal intent; and
- reasonable litigation expenses, including attorneys' fees, expended by the office holder or charged to him by a court, in proceedings instituted against him by or on our behalf or by another person, or in a criminal charge from which he was acquitted, or a criminal charge in which he was convicted for a criminal offense that does not require proof of intent, in each case relating to an act performed in his capacity as an office holder.

We have undertaken to indemnify our directors and officers pursuant to applicable law. We have obtained directors and officers liability insurance for the benefit of our directors and officers.

Limitations on Exemption, Insurance and Indemnification

The Companies Law provides that a company may not exempt or indemnify an office holder, or enter into an insurance contract, which would provide coverage for any monetary liability incurred as a result of any of the following:

- a breach by the office holder of his duty of loyalty unless, with respect to insurance coverage or indemnification, the office holder acted in good faith and had a reasonable basis to believe that the act would not prejudice the company;
- a breach by the office holder of his duty of care if the breach was done intentionally or recklessly;
- any act or omission done with the intent to derive an illegal personal benefit; or
- any fine levied against the office holder.

Required Approvals

In addition, under the Companies Law, any exemption of, indemnification of, or procurement of insurance coverage for, our office holders must be approved by our audit committee and our board of directors and, if the beneficiary is a director, by our shareholders. We have obtained such approvals for the procurement of liability insurance covering our officers and directors and for the grant of indemnification letters to our officers and directors.

Rights of Ordinary Shares

Our Ordinary Shares confer upon our shareholders the right to receive notices of, and to attend, shareholder meetings, the right to one vote per Ordinary Share at all shareholders' meetings for all purposes, and to share equally, on a per share basis, in such dividends as may be declared by our Board of Directors; and upon liquidation or dissolution, the right to participate in the distribution of any surplus assets of the Company legally available for distribution to shareholders after payment of all debts and other liabilities of the Company. All Ordinary Shares rank *pari passu* in all respects with each other. Our Board of Directors may, from time to time, make such calls as it may think fit upon a shareholder in respect of any sum unpaid in respect of shares held by such shareholder which is not payable at a fixed time, and each shareholder shall pay the amount of every call so made upon him (and of each installment thereof if the same is payable in installments).

Meetings of Shareholders

An annual general meeting of our shareholders shall be held once in every calendar year at such time and at such place either within or without the State of Israel as may be determined by our Board of Directors.

Our Board of Directors may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting at such time and place, within or without the State of Israel, as may be determined by the Board of Directors. Special general meetings may also be convened upon requisition in accordance with the Companies Law.

The quorum required for a meeting of shareholders consists of at least two shareholders present in person or by proxy who hold or represent between them at least 25% of the outstanding voting shares, unless otherwise required by applicable rules. Although Nasdaq generally requires a quorum of 33-1/3%, we have an exception under the Nasdaq rules and follow the generally accepted business practice for companies in Israel, which have a quorum requirement of 25%. A meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum generally is adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and place or any time and place as the chairman may designate with the consent of a majority of the voting power represented at the meeting and voting on the matter adjourned. At such reconvened meeting the required quorum consists of any two members present in person or by proxy.

A merger of the Company shall require the approval of the holders of a majority of seventy five percent (75%) of the voting power represented at the annual or special general meeting in person or by proxy or by written ballot, as shall be permitted, and voting thereon in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Law. Upon the request of a creditor of either party of the proposed merger, the court may delay or prevent the merger if it concludes that there exists a reasonable concern that as a result of the merger, the surviving company will be unable to satisfy the obligations of any of the parties to the merger. In addition, a merger may not be completed unless at least (i) 50 days have passed from the time that the requisite proposal for the merger has been filed by each party with the Israeli Registrar of Companies and (ii) 30 days have passed since the merger was approved by the shareholders of each party.

The Companies Law also provides that an acquisition of shares of a public company must be made by means of a tender offer if as a result of the acquisition the purchaser would become a 25% or greater shareholder of the company and there is no existing 25% or greater shareholder in the company. An acquisition of shares of a public company must be made by means of a tender offer if as a result of the acquisition the purchaser would become a 45% or greater shareholder of the company and there is no existing 45% or greater shareholder in the company. These requirements do not apply if the acquisition (i) occurs in the context of a private placement by the company that received shareholder approval, (ii) was from a 25% shareholder of the company and resulted in the acquirer becoming a 25% shareholder of the company or (iii) was from a 45% shareholder of the company and resulted in the acquirer becoming a 45% shareholder of the company. The tender offer must be extended to all shareholders, but the offerer is not required to purchase more than 5% of the company's outstanding shares, regardless of how many shares are tendered by shareholders. The tender offer may be consummated only if (i) at least 5% of the company's outstanding shares will be acquired by the offerer and (ii) the number of shares tendered in the offer exceeds the number of shares whose holders objected to the offer.

If as a result of an acquisition of shares the acquirer will hold more than 90% of a company's outstanding shares, the acquisition must be made by means of a tender offer for all of the outstanding shares. If as a result of a full tender offer the acquirer would own more than 95% of the outstanding shares, then all the shares that the acquirer offered to purchase will be transferred to it. The law provides for appraisal rights if any shareholder files a request in court within three months following the consummation of a full tender offer. If as a result of a full tender offer the acquirer would own 95% or less of the outstanding shares, then the acquirer may not acquire shares that will cause his shareholding to exceed 90% of the outstanding shares.

Material Contracts

IEX Corporation Acquisition

In April 2006, we signed a definitive agreement to acquire IEX Corporation, a worldwide provider of contact center workforce management solutions. Under the terms of the definitive agreement, we will acquire the shares of IEX, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tekelec, for approximately \$200 million in cash. The transaction is subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions and is anticipated to close towards the end of the second or the beginning of the third quarter of 2006.

FAST Video Security AG Acquisition

On January 4, 2006, pursuant to a share purchase agreement, we acquired all the outstanding shares of FAST Video Security AG, a Switzerland-based developer of innovative video systems for security and surveillance purposes, for approximately \$21 million in cash, with potential earn-outs based on performance milestones amounting to a maximum of \$12 million payable over the next three years.

Settlement Agreement with Dictaphone

In June 2000, Dictaphone Corporation, one of our competitors, filed a patent infringement claim relating to certain technology embedded in some of our products. The claim was for damages for past infringement and enjoinder of any continued infringement of Dictaphone patents. On December 11, 2003, we agreed with Dictaphone to dismiss all claims and counterclaims in connection with Dictaphone's patent infringement claim against us. Under the terms of the settlement we were required to pay Dictaphone \$10 million, of which approximately \$4.8 million was paid by our insurance carrier in December 2003 and the balance was paid by us. Each of the companies was to grant the other a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual license to certain of their respective patents including the disputed patents. The two companies further agreed to enter into enforcement proceedings with respect to both companies' patent portfolios and to share any proceeds from these actions.

Dictaphone Acquisition

On June 1, 2005, we consummated an agreement to acquire the assets and assume certain liabilities of Dictaphone's Communications Recording Systems (CRS™) business for approximately \$38.5 million. Dictaphone's CRS business is a leading provider of liability and quality management systems for first responders, critical facilities, contact centers and financial trading floors.

Among the assets we acquired in the transaction are all of Dictaphone's rights to receive any damage award or other economic benefit with respect to a violation of any of the rights related to the intellectual property of Dictaphone's CRS business arising prior to the closing of the transaction.

The parties signed an amendment to the aforementioned asset purchase agreement with Dictaphone, according to which a final adjustment will be made to the audited closing balance sheet, which will reduce the purchase price under the asset purchase agreement by \$2.0 million. In addition, the parties agreed, that we are entitled to all previously undistributed interest and other investment income earned with respect to such escrow funds. ”

TCS Acquisition

In November 2002, we consummated an agreement to acquire certain assets and liabilities of Thales Contact Solutions (or TCS), a developer of customer-facing technology for public safety, financial trading and customer contact centers, based in the United Kingdom. TCS was a unit of Thales Group, one of Europe's premier electronics companies. In connection with the acquisition, we paid an initial \$29.9 million in cash and issued 2,187,500 ordinary shares to Thales Group at a fair market value of \$18.1 million calculated at the date of closing.

In the fourth quarter of 2002, we recorded a current liability of \$2.8 million and a long-term liability of \$13.5 million reflecting obligations under a long-term contract we assumed in the TCS acquisition. In the second quarter of 2003 we completed negotiations to terminate this contract as of November 2004 and to amend the terms in the interim. Under the terms of the amended contract, the cost to the Company was \$5.2 million less than the amount provided at the acquisition date and consequently, TCS acquisition goodwill was reduced by this amount.

Under the terms of the agreement, the cash portion of the purchase price was subject to downward adjustment based on the value of net assets at closing and the full year 2002 sales of TCS. Based on our calculation of the actual value of net assets acquired and 2002 sales of TCS, we reduced the cash portion of the purchase price as of December 31, 2002 by \$12.8 million. This amount was presented on our balance sheet as a Related Party Receivable as of December 31, 2002. Thus, the adjusted purchase price paid, including \$4.5 million of capitalized acquisition costs, was recorded as \$39.7 million. Of the \$12.8 million adjustment referred to above, Thales paid us \$6.6 million in March 2003.

Thales disputed our calculation of the net asset value at closing and the matter was submitted in September 2003 to binding arbitration by an Independent Accountant, in accordance with the terms of the acquisition agreement. The Independent Accountant determined a higher net asset value at closing than our calculation of the actual value of net assets acquired in the amount of \$2.2 million. Also, under the terms of the agreement, the cash portion of the purchase price was subject to adjustment mechanisms and indemnities related to the assets sold to us. On September 8, 2004, we notified Thales of claims in respect of such price adjustment mechanisms. NICE and Thales signed a settlement agreement in respect of such claims on February 24, 2005, according to which Thales paid us a total indemnity amount of \$2.6 million.

Sale of Comint/DF Business to Elta

On March 31, 2004, we sold the net assets of our COMINT/DF military-related business to ELTA Systems Ltd (“ELTA”) for \$4 million in cash. The net assets sold include the intellectual property, fixed assets, inventory, and contracts related to the COMINT/DF product line which includes high performance spectral surveillance and direction finding systems that detect, identify, locate, monitor and record transmission sources. The COMINT/DF business is therefore treated as a discontinued operation in our financial statements.

In 2002, 2003 and 2004, the COMINT/DF business generated revenues of approximately \$7.2 million, \$6.5 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, and net income of approximately \$1.4 million, \$1.5 million and \$3.2 million (including gain on disposition), respectively.

Exchange Controls

Holders of ADSs are able to convert dividends and liquidation distributions into freely repatriable non-Israeli currencies at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of repatriation, pursuant to regulations issued under the Currency Control Law, 5738-1978, provided that Israeli income tax has been withheld by us with respect to amounts that are being repatriated to the extent applicable or an exemption has been obtained.

Our ADSs may be freely held and traded pursuant to the General Permit and the Currency Control Law. The ownership or voting of ADSs by non-residents of Israel, except with respect to citizens of countries that are in a state of war with Israel, are not restricted in any way by the our memorandum of association or articles of association or by the laws of the State of Israel.

Taxation

The following is a discussion of Israeli and United States tax consequences material to our shareholders. The discussion is not intended, and should not be construed, as legal or professional tax advice and does not exhaust all possible tax considerations.

Holders of our ADSs should consult their own tax advisors as to the United States, Israeli or other tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our ADSs, including, in particular, the effect of any foreign, state or local taxes.

Israeli Tax Considerations

The following is a summary of the principal tax laws applicable to companies in Israel, with special reference to their effect on us. The following contains a discussion of the material Israeli tax consequences to purchasers of our ordinary shares or ADSs. To the extent that the discussion is based on new tax legislation which has not been subject to judicial or administrative interpretation, we cannot assure you that the views expressed in the discussion will be accepted by the appropriate tax authorities or the courts. The discussion is not intended, and should not be construed, as legal or professional tax advice and is not exhaustive of all possible tax considerations. For a discussion of certain Israeli government programs benefiting various Israeli businesses, including us, please see Item 5, "Operating and Financial Review and Prospects."

General Corporate Tax Structure

Generally, Israeli companies are subject to Corporate Tax on taxable income at the rate of 34% for the 2005 tax year. Following an amendment to the Israeli Income Tax Ordinance [New Version], 1961 (the "Tax Ordinance"), which came into effect on January 1, 2006, the corporate tax rate is scheduled to decrease as follows: 31% for the 2006 tax year, 29% for the 2007 tax year, 27% for the 2008 tax year, 26% for the 2009 tax year and 25% for the 2010 tax year and thereafter. Israeli companies are generally subject to capital gains tax at a rate of 25% for capital gains (other than gains deriving from the sale of listed securities) derived after January 1, 2003. However, the effective tax rate payable by a company that derives income from an Approved Enterprise may be considerably less.

Tax Benefits Under the Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 1959

We derive and expect to continue to derive significant tax benefits in Israel relating to our "Approved Enterprise" programs, pursuant to the Law for Encouragement of Capital Investments, 1959, or the Investments Law. To be eligible for these tax benefits, we must continue to meet certain conditions, including making certain specified investments in fixed assets. In the event of a failure to comply with these conditions, the benefits may be canceled and we may be required to refund the amount of the benefits, in whole or in part, including interest. As of December 31, 2005, we believe that we are in compliance with all the conditions required by the law.

Income from two of our "Approved Enterprises" is exempt from income tax for two years. Following this two-year period, income from the "Approved Enterprise" will be subject to corporate tax at a reduced rate of 10–25% (based on the percentage of foreign ownership in each taxable year) for the following eight years. Income from our other two "Approved Enterprises" is tax exempt for four years. Following this four-year period, income from these "Approved Enterprises" will be subject to corporate tax at a reduced rate of 10–25% (based on the percentage of foreign ownership in each taxable year) for the following six years.

If we distribute dividends from the income which was exempted from taxes pursuant to our “Approved Enterprise” benefits, we will be taxed as if the exempt income was subject to the regular reduced corporation taxes arising under our “Approved Enterprise” programs. We intend to reinvest the total amount of our tax-exempt income and not to distribute this income to shareholders. The tax-exempt income attributable to an “Approved Enterprise” can be distributed to shareholders without subjecting us to taxes only upon our complete liquidation.

Income from sources other than the “Approved Enterprise” during the period of benefits will be taxable at regular corporate tax rates.

On April 1, 2005, an amendment to the Investments Law came into force. Pursuant to the amendment, a company’s facility will be granted the status of “Approved Enterprise” only if it is proven to be an industrial facility (as defined in such law) that contributes to the economic independence of the Israeli economy and is a competitive facility that contributes to the Israeli gross domestic product. The amendment incorporates certain changes to both the criteria and procedure for obtaining “Approved Enterprise” status for an investment program, and changes to the tax benefits afforded in certain circumstances to “Approved Enterprises” under such law (which in some cases is referred to as a Benefiting Enterprise following such amendment). The amendment will apply to Approved Enterprise programs in which the year of commencement of benefits under the law is 2004 or later, unless such programs received approval from the applicable government authority prior to December 31, 2004 in which case the provisions of the amendment will not apply.

As a result of the amendment, where we benefit from tax-exempt income pursuant to the new Benefiting Enterprise regime, we will be subject to taxes upon the distribution of such tax-exempt income or upon our liquidation. Accordingly, we may be required to record a deferred tax liability with respect to such tax-exempt income. We are currently evaluating the impact of the amendment on us. Based on our preliminary analysis, it may materially increase our provision for income taxes in future years.

Stamp Duty

The Israeli Stamp Duty on Documents Law, 1961 (the “Stamp Duty Law”), provides that any document (or part thereof) that is signed in Israel or that is signed outside of Israel and refers to an asset or other thing in Israel or to an action that is executed or will be executed in Israel, is subject to a stamp duty, generally at a rate of between 0.4% and 1% of the value of the subject matter of such document. De facto, it has been common practice in Israel not to pay such stamp duty unless a document is filed with a governmental authority. An amendment to the Stamp Duty Law that came into effect on June 1, 2003, determines, among other things, that stamp duty on most agreements shall be paid by the parties that signed such agreement, jointly or severally, or by the party that undertook under such agreement to pay the stamp duty. As a result of the aforementioned amendment to the Stamp Duty Law, the Israeli tax authorities have approached many companies in Israel and requested disclosure of all agreements signed by such companies after June 1, 2003, with the aim of collecting stamp duty on such agreements.

Based on advice from our Israeli counsel, we believe that we may only be required to pay stamp duty on documents signed on or after August 2004. However, we cannot give any assurance that the tax authorities or the courts will accept such view. At this stage it is not yet possible to evaluate the effect, if any, on us of the 2003 amendment to the Stamp Duty Law.

Under an order published in December 2005, the said requirement to pay stamp duty was cancelled with respect to documents signed on or after January 1, 2006

Tax Benefits and Grants for Research and Development

Israeli tax law allows, under specified conditions, a tax deduction for expenditures, including capital expenditures, for the year in which they are incurred. These expenses must relate to scientific research and development projects and must be approved by the relevant Israeli government ministry, determined by the field of research, and the research and development must be for the promotion of the company and carried out by or on behalf of the company seeking such deduction. However, the amount of such deductible expenses shall be reduced by the sum of any funds received through government grants for the finance of such scientific research and development projects. Expenditures not so approved are deductible over a three-year period.

Tax Benefits Under the Law for the Encouragement of Industry (Taxes), 1969

Under the Law for the Encouragement of Industry (Taxes), 1969 (the "Industry Encouragement Law"), Industrial Companies (as defined below) are entitled to the following tax benefits, among others:

- deductions over an eight-year period for purchases of know-how and patents;
- deductions over a three-year period of expenses involved with the issuance and listing of shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange or, on or after January 1, 2003, on a recognized stock market outside of Israel;
- the right to elect, under specified conditions, to file a consolidated tax return with other related Israeli Industrial Companies; and
- accelerated depreciation rates on equipment and buildings.

Eligibility for benefits under the Industry Encouragement Law is not subject to receipt of prior approval from any governmental authority. Under the Industry Encouragement Law, an "Industrial Company" is defined as a company resident in Israel, at least 90% of the income of which, in any tax year, determined in Israeli currency, exclusive of income from government loans, capital gains, interest and dividends, is derived from an "Industrial Enterprise" owned by it. An "Industrial Enterprise" is defined as an enterprise whose major activity in a given tax year is industrial production activity. We believe that we currently qualify as an Industrial Company within the definition of the Industry Encouragement Law. No assurance can be given that we will continue to qualify as an Industrial Company or that the benefits described above will be available in the future.

The Income Tax Law (Inflationary Adjustments), 1985, or the Inflationary Adjustments Law, represents an attempt to overcome the problems presented to a traditional tax system by an economy undergoing rapid inflation. The Inflationary Adjustments Law is highly complex. Until December 31, 2001 we measured our Israeli taxable income in accordance with this law, but from January 1, 2002 we have elected to measure our Israeli taxable income in relation to changes in the U.S. dollar/NIS exchange rate rather than the Israeli inflation index. We were permitted to make such a change pursuant to regulations published by the Israeli Minister of Finance, which provide the conditions for so doing. A company that elects to measure its results for tax purposes based on the U.S. dollar/NIS exchange rate cannot change that election for a period of three years following the election. We believe that we meet the necessary conditions and as such, continue to measure our results for tax purposes based on the U.S. dollar/NIS exchange rate.

Capital Gains Tax on Sales of Our Ordinary Shares

Israeli law generally imposes a capital gains tax on the sale of any capital assets by residents of Israel, as defined for Israeli tax purposes, and on the sale of assets located in Israel, including shares in Israeli companies, by both residents and non-residents of Israel, unless a specific exemption is available or unless a tax treaty between Israel and the shareholder's country of residence provides otherwise. The law distinguishes between real gain and inflationary surplus. The inflationary surplus is a portion of the total capital gain, which is equivalent to the increase of the relevant asset's purchase price, which is attributable to the increase in the Israeli consumer price index between the date of purchase and the date of sale. The real gain is the excess of the total capital gain over the inflationary surplus.

The following discussion refers to the sale of our ordinary shares. However, the same tax treatment would apply to the sale of our ADSs.

Taxation of Israeli Residents

Generally, up until the 2006 tax year, capital gains tax was imposed on Israeli resident individuals at a rate of 15% on real gains derived on or after January 1, 2003, from the sale of shares in, among others, (i) Israeli companies publicly traded on Nasdaq or on a recognized stock market in a country that has a treaty for the preventions of double taxation with Israel, or (ii) companies dually traded on both the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and Nasdaq or a recognized stock market outside of Israel (such as NICE). This tax rate was contingent upon the shareholders not claiming a deduction for financing expenses in connection with such shares (in which case the gain was generally taxed at a rate of 25%), and did not apply to: (i) the sale of shares by dealers in securities; (ii) the sale of shares by shareholders that report in accordance with the Income Tax Law (Inflationary Adjustments), 1985, referred to as the Inflationary Adjustments Law (that were generally taxed at Corporate Tax rates for corporations and at marginal tax rates for individuals); or (iii) the sale of shares by shareholders who acquired their shares prior to an initial public offering (that may be subject to a different tax arrangement).

As of January 1, 2006, the tax rate applicable to capital gains derived from the sale of shares, whether listed on a stock market or not, is 20% for Israeli individuals, unless such shareholder claims a deduction for financing expenses in connection with such shares, in which case the gain will generally be taxed at a rate of 25%. Additionally, if such shareholder is considered a "significant shareholder" at any time during the 12-month period preceding such sale (*i.e.*, such shareholder holds directly or indirectly, including jointly with others, at least 10% of any means of control in the company) the tax rate will be 25%. Israeli companies are subject to the corporate tax rate on capital gains derived from the sale of shares, unless such companies were not subject to the Adjustments Law (or certain regulations) at the time of publication of the aforementioned amendment to the Tax Ordinance, in which case the applicable tax rate is 25%. However, different tax rates may apply to dealers in securities and shareholders who acquired their shares prior to an initial public offering.

The tax basis of shares acquired prior to January 1, 2003, will be determined in accordance with the average closing share price in the three trading days preceding January 1, 2003. However, a request may be made to the tax authorities to consider the actual adjusted cost of the shares as the tax basis if it is higher than such average price.

Taxation of Non-Israeli Residents

Non-Israeli residents are generally exempt from Israeli capital gains tax on any gains derived from the sale of shares publicly traded on the TASE provided such gains did not derive from a permanent establishment of such shareholders in Israel. Non-Israeli residents are also exempt from Israeli capital gains tax on any gains derived from the sale of shares of Israeli companies publicly traded on a recognized stock market outside of Israel, provided such shareholders did not acquire their shares prior to the issuer's initial public offering and that the gains did not derive from a permanent establishment of such shareholders in Israel and that such shareholders are not subject to the Inflationary Adjustments Law. However, non-Israeli corporations will not be entitled to such exemption if an Israeli resident (i) has a controlling interest of 25% or more in such non-Israeli corporation, or (ii) is the beneficiary or is entitled to 25% or more of the revenues or profits of such non-Israeli corporation, whether directly or indirectly.

In addition, the sale, exchange or disposition of our ordinary shares by a shareholder who is a U.S. resident (for purposes of the U.S.–Israel Tax Treaty) holding ordinary shares as a capital asset is also exempt from Israeli capital gains tax under the U.S.–Israel Tax Treaty unless either (i) the shareholder holds, directly or indirectly, shares representing 10% or more of our voting power during any part of the 12-month period preceding such sale or (ii) the capital gains arising from such sale are attributable to a permanent establishment of the shareholder located in Israel. If the above conditions are not met, the U.S. resident would be subject to Israeli tax, to the extent applicable; however, under the U.S.–Israel Tax Treaty, the gain would be treated as foreign source income for United States foreign tax credit purposes and such U.S. resident would be permitted to claim a credit for such taxes against the United States income tax imposed on such sale, exchange or disposition, subject to the limitations under the United States federal income tax laws applicable to foreign tax credits.

Taxation of Dividends Paid on our Ordinary Shares

The following discussion refers to dividends paid on our ordinary shares. However, the same tax treatment would apply to dividends paid on our ADSs.

Taxation of Israeli Residents

Israeli resident individuals are generally subject to Israeli income tax on the receipt of dividends paid on our ordinary shares, other than bonus shares (share dividends) or stock dividends, which is withheld at the source at the following rates: (i) for dividends distributed prior to January 1, 2006 – 25%; (ii) for dividends distributed on or after January 1, 2006 – 20%, or 25% for a shareholder that is considered a Material Shareholder at any time during the 12-month period preceding such distribution. Dividends paid from income derived from our Approved Enterprise are subject to withholding at the rate of 15%, although we cannot assure you that we will designate the profits that are being distributed in a way that will reduce shareholders' tax liability.

Taxation of Non-Israeli Residents

Non-residents of Israel are generally subject to Israeli income tax on the receipt of dividends paid on our ordinary shares, at the rates applicable to Israeli residents, which tax will be withheld at source, unless a different rate is provided in a treaty between Israel and the shareholder's country of residence.

Under the U.S.–Israel Treaty, the maximum Israeli withholding tax on dividends paid by us is 25%. Dividends of an Israeli company distributed from income of an Approved Enterprise (or Benefiting Enterprise) are subject to a 15% withholding tax under Israeli law. The U.S.–Israel Tax Treaty further provides for a 12.5% Israeli dividend withholding tax on dividends paid by an Israeli company to a United States corporation owning at least 10% or more of such Israeli company's issued voting power for, in general, the part of the tax year which precedes the date of payment of the dividend and the entire preceding tax year, provided such United States corporation meets certain limitations concerning the amount of its dividend and interest income. The lower 12.5% rate applies only to dividends from income not derived from an Approved Enterprise (or Benefiting Enterprise) in the applicable period and does not apply if the company has more than 25% of its gross income derived from certain types of passive income. Residents of the United States generally will have withholding tax in Israel deducted at source. They may be entitled to a credit or deduction for United States federal income tax purposes in the amount of the taxes withheld, subject to detailed rules contained in United States tax legislation.

A non-resident of Israel who has dividend income derived from or accrued in Israel, from which tax was withheld at source, is generally exempt from the duty to file tax returns in Israel in respect of such income, provided such income was not derived from a business conducted in Israel by the taxpayer.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following is a summary of certain material U.S. Federal income tax consequences that apply to U.S. holders who hold ADSs as capital assets for tax purposes. This summary is based on U.S. Federal income tax laws, regulations, rulings and decisions in effect as of the date of this annual report, all of which are subject to change at any time, possibly with retroactive effect. This summary does not address all tax considerations that may be relevant with respect to an investment in ADSs.

This summary does not address tax considerations applicable to a holder of an ADS that may be subject to special tax rules including, without limitation, the following:

- dealers or traders in securities, currencies or notional principal contracts;
- financial institutions;
- insurance companies;
- real estate investment trusts;
- banks;
- investors liable for alternative minimum tax;
- tax-exempt organizations;
- regulated investment companies;
- investors that actually or constructively own 10 percent or more of our voting shares;
- investors that will hold the ADSs as part of a hedging or conversion transaction or as a position in a straddle or a part of a synthetic security or other integrated transaction for U.S. Federal income tax purposes;
- investors that are treated as partnerships or other pass through entities for U.S. Federal income tax purposes and persons who hold the ADSs through partnerships or other pass through entities; and
- investors whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar.

This summary does not address the effect of any U.S. Federal taxation other than U.S. Federal income taxation. In addition, this summary does not include any discussion of state, local or foreign taxation or the indirect effects on the holders of equity interests in a holder of an ADS.

You are urged to consult your tax advisors regarding the foreign and U.S. Federal, state and local tax consequences of an investment in ADSs.

For purposes of this summary, a “U.S. holder” is a beneficial owner of ADSs that is, for U.S. Federal income tax purposes:

- an individual who is a citizen or, for U.S. Federal income tax purposes, a resident of the United States;
- a corporation or other entity taxable as a corporation created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof;
- an estate whose income is subject to U.S. Federal income tax regardless of its source; or
- a trust if:
 - (a) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over administration of the trust; and
 - (b) one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

In general, if you hold ADSs, you will be treated as the holder of the underlying shares represented by those ADSs for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, no gain or loss will be recognized if you exchange ADSs for the underlying shares represented by those ADSs.

The U.S. Treasury has expressed concerns that parties to whom ADSs are released may be taking actions that are inconsistent with the claiming of foreign tax credits for U.S. holders of ADSs. Such actions would also be inconsistent with the claiming of the reduced rate of tax, described below, applicable to dividends received by certain non–corporate holders. Accordingly, the analysis of the creditability of Israeli taxes and the availability of the reduced tax rate for dividends received by certain non–corporate holders, each described below, could be affected by actions taken by parties to whom the ADSs are released.

Distributions

Subject to the discussion under “Passive Foreign Investment Companies” below, the gross amount of any distribution, including the amount of any Israeli taxes withheld from these distributions, actually or constructively received by a U.S. holder with respect to ADSs will be taxable to the U.S. holder as a dividend to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits as determined under U.S. Federal income tax principles. The U.S. holder will not be eligible for any dividends received deduction in respect of the dividend otherwise allowable to corporations. Distributions in excess of earnings and profits will be non-taxable to the U.S. holder to the extent of, and will be applied against and reduce, the U.S. holder’s adjusted tax basis in the ADSs. Distributions in excess of earnings and profits and such adjusted tax basis will generally be taxable to the U.S. holder as capital gain from the sale or exchange of property. We do not maintain calculations of our earnings and profits under U.S. Federal income tax principles. If we do not report to a U.S. holder the portion of a distribution that exceeds earnings and profits, the distribution will generally be taxable as a dividend even if that distribution would otherwise be treated as a non-taxable return of capital or as capital gain under the rules described above. The amount of any distribution of property other than cash will be the fair market value of that property on the date of distribution.

Under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (the “2003 Act”) enacted on May 28, 2003, certain dividends received by non-corporate U.S. holders after December 31, 2002, will be subject to a maximum income tax rate of 15%. This reduced income tax rate is only applicable to dividends paid by a “qualified corporation” that is not a “passive foreign investment company” and only with respect to shares held by a qualified U.S. holder (i.e., a non-corporate holder) for a minimum holding period (generally 61 days during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date). We should be considered a qualified corporation (see “Passive Foreign Investment Companies” below). Accordingly, dividends paid by us to individual U.S. holders on shares held for the minimum holding period should be eligible for the reduced income tax rate. The reduced tax rate for qualified dividends is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2008, unless further extended by Congress.

The amount of any distribution paid in a currency other than U.S. dollars (a “foreign currency”) including the amount of any withholding tax thereon, will be included in the gross income of a U.S. holder in an amount equal to the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currencies calculated by reference to the exchange rate in effect on the date of receipt, regardless of whether the foreign currencies are converted into U.S. dollars. If the foreign currencies are converted into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt, a U.S. holder generally should not be required to recognize foreign currency gain or loss in respect of the dividend. If the foreign currencies received in the distribution are not converted into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt, a U.S. holder will have a basis in the foreign currencies equal to its U.S. dollar value on the date of receipt. Any gain or loss on a subsequent conversion or other disposition of the foreign currencies will be treated as ordinary income or loss.

Dividends received by a U.S. holder with respect to ADSs will be treated as foreign source income for the purposes of calculating that holder’s foreign tax credit limitation. Subject to certain conditions and limitations, any Israeli taxes withheld on dividends may be deducted from taxable income or credited against a U.S. holder’s U.S. Federal income tax liability. The limitation on foreign taxes eligible for the U.S. foreign tax credit is calculated separately with respect to specific classes of income. The rules relating to foreign tax credits and the timing thereof are complex. U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the availability of a foreign tax credit under their particular situation. Under the 2003 Act, the amount of the qualified dividend income paid by us to a U.S. holder that is subject to the reduced dividend income tax rate and that is taken into account for purposes of calculating the U.S. holder’s U.S. foreign tax credit limitation must be reduced by the “rate differential portion” of such dividend. Each qualified U.S. holder is urged to consult its own tax advisor regarding the possible applicability of the reduced rate under the 2003 Act and the related restrictions and special rules.

Sale or Other Disposition of ADSs

If a U.S. holder sells or otherwise disposes of its ADSs, gain or loss will be recognized for U.S. Federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale or other disposition and such holder's adjusted tax basis in the ADSs. Subject to the discussion below under the heading "Passive Foreign Investment Companies," such gain or loss generally will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the holder had held the ADSs for more than one year at the time of the sale or other disposition. Long-term capital gains realized by individual U.S. holders generally are subject to a lower marginal U.S. Federal income tax rate than ordinary income. Under most circumstances, any gain that a holder recognizes on the sale or other disposition of ADSs will be U.S. source for purposes of the foreign tax credit limitation; and losses recognized will be allocated against U.S. source income.

If a U.S. holder receives foreign currency upon a sale or exchange of ADSs, gain or loss, if any, recognized on the subsequent sale, conversion or disposition of such foreign currency will be ordinary income or loss, and will generally be income or loss from sources within the United States for foreign tax credit limitation purposes. However, if such foreign currency is converted into U.S. dollars on the date received by the U.S. holder, the U.S. holder generally should not be required to recognize any gain or loss on such conversion.

Passive Foreign Investment Companies

For U.S. Federal income tax purposes, we will be considered a passive foreign investment company ("PFIC") for any taxable year in which either 75% or more of our gross income is passive income, or at least 50% of the average value of all of our assets for the taxable year produce or are held for the production of passive income. For this purpose, passive income includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents, annuities and the excess of gain over losses from the disposition of assets which produce passive income. If we were determined to be a PFIC for U.S. Federal income tax purposes, highly complex rules would apply to U.S. holders owning ADSs. Accordingly, U.S. holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of such rules.

If we are treated as a PFIC for any taxable year,

- a U.S. holder would be required to allocate income recognized upon receiving certain dividends or gain recognized upon the disposition of ADSs ratably over its holding period for such ADSs,

- the amount allocated to each year during which we are considered a PFIC other than the year of the dividend payment or disposition would be subject to tax at the highest individual or corporate tax rate, as the case may be, and an interest charge would be imposed with respect to the resulting tax liability allocated to each such year,
- gain recognized upon the disposition of ADSs would be taxable as ordinary income, and
- a U.S. holder would be required to make an annual return on IRS Form 8621 regarding distributions received and gain realized with respect to ADSs.

One method to avoid the aforementioned treatment is for a U.S. holder to make an election to treat us as a qualified electing fund. A U.S. holder may make a qualified electing fund election only if we furnish the U.S. holder with certain tax information and we do not presently intend to prepare or provide this information. Alternatively, another method to avoid the aforementioned treatment is for a U.S. holder to make a timely mark-to-market election in respect of its ADSs. If a U.S. holder elects to mark-to-market its ADSs, any excess of the fair market value of the ADSs at the close of each tax year over the adjusted basis in such ADSs will generally be included in income. If the fair market value of the ADSs had depreciated below the adjusted basis at the close of the tax year, the U.S. holder may generally deduct the excess of the adjusted basis of the ADSs over its fair market value at that time. However, such deductions generally would be limited to the net mark-to-market gains, if any, that were included in income by such holder with respect to ADSs in prior years. Income recognized and deductions allowed under the mark-to-market provisions, as well as any gain or loss on the disposition of ADSs with respect to which the mark-to-market election is made, is treated as ordinary income or loss.

Based on our estimated gross income, the average value of our gross assets and the nature of our business, we do not believe that we will be classified as a PFIC in the current taxable year. Our status in any taxable year will depend on our assets and activities in each year and because this is a factual determination made annually at the end of each taxable year, there can be no assurance that we will not be considered a PFIC for any future taxable year. If we were treated as a PFIC in any year during which a U.S. holder owns ADSs, certain adverse tax consequences could apply, as described above. Given our current business plans, however, we do not expect that we will be classified as a PFIC in future years.

You are urged to consult your tax advisor regarding the possibility of us being classified as a PFIC and the potential tax consequences arising from the ownership and disposition (directly or indirectly) of an interest in a PFIC.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

Payments of dividends with respect to ADSs and the proceeds from the sale, retirement, or other disposition of ADSs made by a U.S. paying agent or other U.S. intermediary will be reported to the IRS and to the U.S. holder as may be required under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations. We, or an agent, a broker, or any paying agent, as the case may be, may be required to withhold tax, currently at the rate of 28% (the backup withholding tax), if a non-corporate U.S. holder that is not otherwise exempt fails to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number and comply with other IRS requirements concerning information reporting. Certain U.S. holders (including, among others, corporations and tax-exempt organizations) are not subject to backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amount of backup withholding withheld may be used as a credit against your U.S. Federal income tax liability provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors as to their qualification for exemption from backup withholding and the procedure for obtaining an exemption.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders

Sale, Exchange or Retirement of Securities

If you sell, exchange or redeem ADSs, you will generally not be subject to U.S. Federal income tax on any gain, unless one of the following applies:

- the gain is connected with a trade or business that you conduct in the United States through an office or other fixed place of business, or
- you are an individual, you are present in the United States for at least 183 days during the year in which you dispose of the ADSs, and certain other conditions are satisfied.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

United States rules concerning information reporting and backup withholding are described above. These rules apply to non-U.S. holders as follows:

Information reporting and backup withholding may apply if you use the U.S. office of a broker or agent, and information reporting (but not backup withholding) may apply if you use the foreign office of a broker or agent that has certain connections to the United States. You may be required to comply with applicable certification procedures to establish that you are not a U.S. holder in order to avoid the application of such information reporting and backup withholding requirements. You should consult your tax advisor concerning the application of the information reporting and backup withholding rules.

Non-U.S. holders are urged to consult legal and tax advisors in the countries of their citizenship, residence and domicile to determine the possible tax consequences of holding and selling ADSs under the laws of their respective jurisdictions in light of their own particular circumstances.

Documents on Display

We are subject to certain of the information reporting requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We, as a “foreign private issuer” are exempt from the rules and regulations under the Securities Exchange Act prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our officers, directors and principal shareholders are exempt from the reporting and “short-swing” profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act, with respect to their purchase and sale of our shares. In addition, we are not required to file reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as U.S. companies whose securities are registered under the Securities Exchange Act. Nasdaq rules generally require that companies send an annual report to shareholders prior to the annual general meeting. We have an exception under the Nasdaq rules and follow the generally accepted business practice for companies in Israel. Specifically, we file annual reports on Form 20-F, which contain financial statements audited by an independent accounting firm, electronically with the SEC and post a copy on our website. We will also furnish to the SEC quarterly reports on Form 6-K containing unaudited financial information after the end of each of the first three quarters.

You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at its public reference facilities at, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549 and at the SEC’s regional offices at 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60661-2511. You may also obtain copies of the documents at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The SEC also maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC. The address of this web site is <http://www.sec.gov>. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference facilities. In addition, our ADSs are quoted on the Nasdaq Stock Market, so our reports and other information can be inspected at the offices of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. at 1735 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.
General

Market risks relating to our operations result primarily from weak economic conditions in the markets in which we sell our products and changes in interest rates and exchange rates. To manage the volatility related to the latter exposure, we may enter into various derivative transactions. Our objective is to reduce, where it is deemed appropriate to do so, fluctuations in earnings and cash flows associated with changes in currency exchange rates. It is our policy and practice to use derivative financial instruments only to manage exposures. We do not use financial instruments for trading purposes and are not a party to any leveraged derivative.

Foreign Currency Risk. We conduct our business primarily in U.S. dollars but also in the currencies of the United Kingdom, Canada, the European Union and Israel as well as other currencies. Thus, we are exposed to foreign exchange movements, primarily in UK, European and Israel currencies. We monitor foreign currency exposure and, from time to time, may enter into various contracts to preserve the value of sales transactions and commitments.

Interest Rate Risk. We invest in investment-grade U.S. corporate bonds and dollar deposits with FDIC-insured US banks. At least 80% of our securities investments are in corporate and US government agency bonds. Since these investments carry fixed interest rates and since our policy and practice is to hold these investments to maturity, interest income over the holding period is not sensitive to changes in interest rates. Up to 20% of our investment portfolio may be made in investment grade Callable Range Accrual Notes whose principal is guaranteed. As of December 31, 2005, 3.4% of our investment portfolio was in such Notes. The Notes are subject to interest rate, liquidity and price risks. Since our policy is to hold these investments to maturity or until called, the interest income from these notes will not be effected by changes in their market value or to liquidity risk. However, a significant increase in prevailing interest rates may effect whether or not interest income is received for a particular period. As of December 31 2005, we did not invest in auction rate securities.

Other risks and uncertainties that could affect actual results and outcomes are described in Item 3, "Key Information-Risk Factors."

Item 12. Description of Securities Other than Equity Securities.
Not Applicable.

PART II

Item 13. Defaults, Dividend Arrearages and Delinquencies.
None.

Item 14. Material Modifications to the Rights of Security Holders and Use of Proceeds.

None.

Item 15. Controls and Procedures.

An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation NICE's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the NICE's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures were effective. There has been no change in NICE's internal control over financial reporting during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the NICE's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 16A. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

Our board of directors has determined that Dan Falk meets the definition of an audit committee financial expert, as defined in Item 401 of Regulation S-K, and is independent under the applicable regulations.

Item 16B. Code of Ethics.

We have adopted a Code of Ethics for executive and financial officers, that also applies to all of our employees. The Code of Ethics is publicly available on our website at www.nice.com. Written copies are available upon request. If we make any substantive amendments to the Code of Ethics or grant any waivers from a provision of this code to our chief executive officer, principal financial officer or corporate controller, we will disclose the nature of such amendment or waiver on our website.

Item 16C. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.
Fees Paid to Independent Auditors

Ernst & Young, has served as our independent auditor for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005. Fees billed or expected to be billed by Ernst & Young for professional services for each of the last two fiscal years were as follows:

<u>Services Rendered</u>	<u>2004 Fees</u>	<u>2005 Fees</u>
Audit (1)	\$ 495,000	\$ 620,000
Audit-related (2)	54,000	224,000
Tax (3)	207,000	112,000
Total	\$ 756,000	\$ 956,000

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- (1) Audit fees consist of services that would normally be provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements, including services that generally only the independent accountant can reasonably provide.
 - (2) Audit-related fees relate to assurance and associated services that traditionally are performed by the independent auditor, including: accounting consultation and consultation concerning financial accounting, reporting standards and government approvals.
 - (3) Tax fees relate to tax compliance, planning, advice and preparation of transfer pricing documentation.

Policies and Procedures

Our Audit Committee has adopted a policy and procedures for the pre-approval of audit and non-audit services rendered by our independent registered public accounting firm, Ernst & Young. The policy generally requires the Audit Committee's approval of the scope of the engagement of our independent auditor or on an individual basis. The policy prohibits retention of the independent auditors to perform the prohibited non-audit functions defined in Section 201 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or the rules of the SEC, and also considers whether proposed services are compatible with the independence of the public auditors.

Item 16D. Exemptions from the Listing Standards for Audit Committees.

Not applicable.

Item 16E. Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers.

In 2005, neither we nor our affiliates purchased any of our own shares.

Item 17. Financial Statements.

Not Applicable.

Item 18. Financial Statements.

See pages F-1 through F-39, incorporated herein by reference.

Item 19. Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.1	Amended and Restated Memorandum of Association of NICE-Systems Ltd. (English translation) (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to NICE-Systems Ltd.'s Registration Statement on Form F-3/A (Registration No. 333-127883) filed with the Commission on October 14, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference).
1.2	Amended and Restated Articles of Association of NICE-Systems Ltd. approved by the Annual General Meeting of the Company's shareholders held on September 28, 2005 (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to NICE-Systems Ltd.'s Registration Statement on Form F-3/A (Registration No. 333-127883) filed with the Commission on October 14, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference).
2.1	Form of Share Certificate (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 1 to NICE-Systems Ltd.'s Registration Statement on Form F-1 (Registration No. 333-99640) filed with the Commission on December 29, 1995, and incorporated herein by reference).
2.2	Form of Deposit Agreement including Form of ADR Certificate (filed as Exhibit A to NICE-Systems Ltd.'s Registration Statement on Form F-6 (Registration No. 333-13518) filed with the Commission on May 17, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference).
4.3	Sales and Purchase Agreement dated July 30, 2002 by and among NICE-Systems Ltd., NICE CTI Systems UK Ltd., NICE Systems SARL, NICE Systems GmbH, Nice Systems Inc. and Thales SA. (filed as Exhibit 4.3 to NICE-Systems Ltd.'s Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Commission on June 26, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference).
4.4	Registration Rights Agreement between NICE-Systems Ltd. and Thales SA. (filed as Exhibit 4.4 to NICE-Systems Ltd.'s Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Commission on June 26, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference).
4.5	Manufacturing Outsourcing Agreement dated January 21, 2002 by and among NICE-Systems Ltd. and Flextronics Israel Ltd. (filed as Exhibit 4.5 to NICE-Systems Ltd.'s Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Commission on June 26, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference).

- 4.6 Settlement Agreement, dated February 24, 2005, among Thales SA, NICE–Systems Ltd., NICE CTI Systems UK Ltd., NICE Systems SARL, NICE Systems GmbH and Nice Systems Inc. (filed as Exhibit 4.7 to NICE–Systems Ltd.’s Annual Report on Form 20–F filed with the Commission on June 29, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.7 Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of April 11, 2005, between Dictaphone Corporation and NICE Systems Inc. (filed as Exhibit 4.8 to NICE–Systems Ltd.’s Annual Report on Form 20–F filed with the Commission on June 29, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.8 Amendment No. 1, dated as of May 31, 2005, to the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of April 11, 2005, between Dictaphone Corporation and NICE Systems Inc. (filed as Exhibit 4.9 to NICE–Systems Ltd.’s Annual Report on Form 20–F filed with the Commission on June 29, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.9 Share Purchase Agreement, dated as of November 17, 2005, between certain shareholders of FAST Video Security AG and NICE–Systems Ltd.
- 4.10 Share Purchase Agreement, dated as of April 27, 2006, between IEX Corporation and NICE–Systems Ltd.
- 4.11 Amendment No. 2, dated as of March 27, 2006, to the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of April 11, 2005, between Dictaphone Corporation and NICE–Systems Inc.
- 8.1 List of significant subsidiaries
- 10.1 Consent of Kost, Forer, Gabbay & Kasierer, a member of Ernst & Young Global.
- 12.1 Certification by Haim Shani, the Chief Executive Officer of NICE–Systems Ltd., pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act 2002.
- 12.2 Certification by Ran Oz, the Chief Financial Officer of NICE–Systems Ltd., pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002.
- 13.1 Certification by Haim Shani, the Chief Executive Officer of NICE–Systems Ltd., pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002.
- 13.2 Certification by Ran Oz, the Chief Financial Officer of NICE–Systems Ltd., pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002.

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AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005
IN U.S. DOLLARS
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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders of

NICE SYSTEMS LTD.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of NICE Systems Ltd. ("the Company") and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2004 and 2005, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2004 and 2005, and the consolidated results of their operations and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Tel-Aviv, Israel
February 8, 2006

KOST FORER GABBAY & KASIERER
A Member of Ernst & Young Global

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NICE SYSTEMS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

U.S. dollars in thousands

	December 31,	
	2004	2005
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,579	\$ 254,956
Short-term bank deposits	175	102
Marketable securities	24,348	36,159
Trade receivables (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$ 2,661 and \$ 2,214 at December 31, 2004 and 2005, respectively)	46,407	66,153
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	8,581	9,544
Inventories	12,615	23,172
Deferred tax assets	-	3,360
Total current assets	118,705	393,446
LONG-TERM ASSETS:		
Marketable securities	114,805	120,342
Investment in affiliates	1,200	1,200
Severance pay fund	7,356	7,907
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	854	648
Deferred tax assets	-	4,976
Property and equipment, net	16,981	14,888
Other intangible assets, net	12,665	23,990
Goodwill	25,745	49,853
Total long-term assets	179,606	223,804

Total assets	\$ 298,311	\$ 617,250
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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NICE SYSTEMS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

U.S. dollars in thousands (except share data)

	December 31,	
	2004	2005
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Trade payables	\$ 11,975	\$ 18,194
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	55,302	100,544
Total current liabilities	67,277	118,738
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Accrued severance pay	8,163	8,901
Deferred tax liabilities	–	2,493
Other long-term liabilities	–	77
Total long-term liabilities	8,163	11,471
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Share capital–		
Ordinary shares of NIS 1 par value:		
Authorized: 50,000,000 and 75,000,000 shares at December 31, 2004 and 2005, respectively; Issued and outstanding: 18,180,260 and 24,137,643 shares at December 31, 2004 and 2005, respectively;	5,464	6,772
Additional paid-in capital	244,400	473,203
Accumulated other comprehensive income	5,506	2,996
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(32,499)	4,070
Total shareholders' equity	222,871	487,041
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 298,311	\$ 617,250

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

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NICE SYSTEMS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

U.S. dollars in thousands (except per share data)

Year ended December 31,

	2003	2004	2005
Revenues:			
Products	\$ 168,055	\$ 182,616	\$ 206,355
Services	56,203	70,027	104,755
Total revenues	224,258	252,643	311,110
Cost of revenues:			
Products	64,231	64,432	67,543
Services	42,084	49,876	68,683
Total cost of revenues	106,315	114,308	136,226
Gross profit	117,943	138,335	174,884
Operating expenses:			
Research and development, net	22,833	24,866	30,896
Selling and marketing	53,351	61,855	72,829
General and administrative	29,840	31,269	37,742
Amortization of acquired intangibles	350	317	1,331
Restructuring expenses and settlement of litigation	7,082	-	-
Total operating expenses	113,456	118,307	142,798
Operating income	4,487	20,028	32,086
Financial income, net	2,034	3,556	5,398
Other income (expenses), net	292	54	(13)
Income before taxes on income	6,813	23,638	37,471
Taxes on income	1,205	2,319	902
Net income from continuing operations	5,608	21,319	36,569
Net income from discontinued operation	1,483	3,236	-
Net income	\$ 7,091	\$ 24,555	\$ 36,569
Net earnings per share:			
Basic:			
Continuing operations	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.91
Discontinued operation	0.09	0.18	-
Net earnings	\$ 0.44	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.91
Diluted:			
Continuing operations	\$ 0.33	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.77
Discontinued operation	0.09	0.17	-
Net earnings	\$ 0.42	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.77

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

U.S. dollars in thousands

	Share capital	Additional paid-in capital	Deferred stock compensation	Accumulated other comprehensive income	Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	Total comprehensive income	Total shareholders' equity
Balance as of January 1, 2003	\$ 4,908	\$ 213,003	\$ (12)	\$ 782	\$ (64,145)		\$ 154,536
Issuance of shares of ESPP	49	1,470	–	–	–		1,519
Amortization of deferred stock compensation	–	–	12	–	–		12
Exercise of share options	185	10,382	–	–	–		10,567
Comprehensive income:							
Foreign currency translation adjustments	–	–	–	3,031	–	\$ 3,031	3,031
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments, net	–	–	–	75	–	75	75
Net income	–	–	–	–	7,091	7,091	7,091
Total comprehensive income						\$ 10,197	
Balance as of December 31, 2003	5,142	224,855	–	3,888	(57,054)		176,831
Issuance of shares of ESPP	31	2,234	–	–	–		2,265
Exercise of share options	291	17,311	–	–	–		17,602
Comprehensive income:							
Foreign currency translation adjustments	–	–	–	1,617	–	\$ 1,617	1,617
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments, net	–	–	–	1	–	1	1
Net income	–	–	–	–	24,555	24,555	24,555
Total comprehensive income						\$ 26,173	
Balance as of December 31, 2004	5,464	244,400	–	5,506	(32,499)		222,871
Issuance of shares upon public offering, net	1,003	201,377	–	–	–		202,380
Issuance of shares of ESPP	37	4,285	–	–	–		4,322
Exercise of share options	268	21,640	–	–	–		21,908
Tax Benefit in respect of exercised options	–	1,501	–	–	–		1,501
Comprehensive income:							
Foreign currency translation adjustments	–	–	–	(2,493)	–	\$ (2,493)	(2,493)
Unrealized losses on derivative instruments, net	–	–	–	(17)	–	(17)	(17)
Net income	–	–	–	–	36,569	36,569	36,569
Total comprehensive income						\$ 34,059	
Balance as of December 31, 2005	\$ 6,772	\$ 473,203	\$ –	\$ 2,996	\$ 4,070		\$ 487,041
Accumulated unrealized gains on derivative instruments				\$ 48			
Accumulated foreign currency translation adjustments				2,948			
Accumulated other comprehensive income as of December 31, 2005				\$ 2,996			

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

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NICE SYSTEMS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

U.S. dollars in thousands

	Year ended December 31,		
	2003	2004	2005

Cash flows from operating activities:

Net income	\$ 7,091	\$ 24,555	\$ 36,569
Less: net income from discontinued operation	(1,483)	(3,236)	–
Net income from continuing operations	5,608	21,319	36,569
Adjustments required to reconcile net income from continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations:			
Depreciation and amortization	17,617	13,793	13,152
Amortization of deferred stock compensation	12	–	–
Accrued severance pay, net	124	37	187
Amortization of premium (accretion of discount) and accrued interest on held-to-maturity marketable securities	1,459	1,205	812
Tax benefit in respect of exercised options	–	–	1,501
Deferred taxes, net	–	–	(4,841)
Decrease (increase) in trade receivables	3,901	(585)	(11,488)
Decrease (increase) in other receivables and prepaid expenses	1,247	(654)	566
Decrease (increase) in inventories	1,515	(122)	(3,930)
Increase (decrease) in trade payables	(104)	(3,761)	5,782
Increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities	4,819	13,043	27,339
Increase in long-term liabilities related to legal settlement	667	–	–
Other	(5)	(7)	54
Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations	36,860	44,268	65,703
Net cash provided by operating activities from discontinued operation	1,316	750	–
Net cash provided by operating activities	38,176	45,018	65,703

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

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NICE SYSTEMS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

U.S. dollars in thousands

	Year ended December 31,		
	2003	2004	2005
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of property and equipment	(5,492)	(6,701)	(6,128)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	747	89	66
Investment in marketable securities	(72,077)	(122,192)	(218,472)
Proceeds from maturity of marketable securities	33,997	17,710	190,682
Proceeds from sale and call of held-to-maturity marketable securities	8,500	41,345	9,630
Investment in short-term bank deposits	(132)	(129)	(39)
Proceeds from short-term bank deposits	165	149	108
Payment for the acquisition of certain assets and liabilities of Dictaphone CRS division (a)	–	–	(39,724)
Payment for the acquisition of certain assets and liabilities of Hannamax Hi-Tech Pty. Ltd. (b)	–	–	(1,889)
Decrease in accrued acquisition costs	(3,008)	(75)	–
Payments and proceeds in respect of TCS acquisition	(199)	(1,236)	2,531
Capitalization of software development costs	(2,291)	(1,305)	(806)
Deferred acquisition costs	–	–	(256)
Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations	(39,790)	(72,345)	(64,297)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities from discontinued operation	(52)	4,136	–
Net cash used in investing activities	(39,842)	(68,209)	(64,297)

Cash flows from financing activities:

Proceeds from issuance of shares upon public offering, net	–	–	201,724
Proceeds from issuance of shares upon exercise of options and ESPP, net	12,086	19,867	25,259
Short-term bank credit, net	(24)	–	–
	<u>12,062</u>	<u>19,867</u>	<u>226,983</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities			
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	182	44	(12)
	<u>10,578</u>	<u>(3,280)</u>	<u>228,377</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	19,281	29,859	26,579
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			
	<u>\$ 29,859</u>	<u>\$ 26,579</u>	<u>\$ 254,956</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year			

Supplemental disclosure of cash flows activities:

Cash paid during the year for:			
Income taxes	\$ 564	\$ 598	\$ 389
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

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NICE SYSTEMS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

U.S. dollars in thousands

	Year ended December 31,		
	2003	2004	2005
(a) <u>Payment for the acquisition of certain assets and liabilities of Dictaphone CRS Division</u>			
Estimated fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date:			
Working capital deficit (excluding cash and cash equivalents)			\$ (913)
Property and equipment			202
Other Intangible assets			15,400
Goodwill			25,311
Less – accrued acquisition costs			(276)
			<u>\$ 39,724</u>
(b) <u>Payment for the acquisition of certain assets and liabilities of Hannamax Hi-Tech Pty. Ltd.</u>			
Estimated fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date:			
Working capital deficit (excluding cash and cash equivalents)			\$ (50)
Property and equipment			10
Other intangible assets			930
Goodwill			1,159
Other long-term liabilities			(38)
Less – accrued acquisition costs			(122)
			<u>\$ 1,889</u>

Non-cash activities:

(i) Adjustments of goodwill in respect of TCS acquisition:

Related party receivables	\$ 2,156
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(319)
Other long-term liability	(5,162)
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	<u>\$ (3,325)</u>
(ii) Adjustment of goodwill in respect of discontinued operation sale	\$ (250)
(iii) Deferred tax benefit on offering expenses	<u>\$ 1,002</u>
(iv) Accrued offering expenses	<u>\$ 346</u>
(v) Receivables on account of shares in respect of exercise of options	<u>\$ 971</u>

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

NICE SYSTEMS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

U.S. dollars in thousands

NOTE 1: – GENERAL

a. General:

NICE Systems Ltd. (“NICE”) and subsidiaries (collectively – “the Company”) develop, market and support integrated, scalable multimedia digital recording platforms, enhanced software applications and related professional services. These solutions capture and analyze unstructured (non-transaction) data and convert it for business and security performance management applications. The Company’s solutions capture multiple forms of interaction, including voice, fax, email, web chat, radio, and video transmissions over wire line, wireless, packet telephony, terrestrial trunk radio and data networks.

The Company’s products are based on two types of recording platforms – audio and video. The Company’s solutions are offered to various vertical markets in two major sectors: (1) the Enterprise Interaction Solutions Sector – contact centers and trading floors and (2) the Public Safety and Security Sector – safety organizations, transportation, corporate security, gaming and correctional facilities and government and intelligence agencies.

The Company’s products are sold primarily through a global network of distributors, system integrators and strategic partners; a portion of product sales and most services are sold directly to end-users.

The Company’s markets are located primarily in North America, EMEA and the Far East.

The Company depends on a limited number of contract manufacturers for producing its products. If any of these manufacturers become unable or unwilling to continue to manufacture or fail to meet the quality or delivery requirements needed to satisfy the Company’s customers, it could result in the loss of sales, which could adversely affect the Company’s results of operations and financial position.

The Company relies upon a number of independent distributors to market, sell and service its products in certain markets. If the Company is unable to effectively manage and maintain relationships with its distributors, or to enter into similar relationships with others, its ability to market and sell its products in these markets will be affected. In addition, a loss of a major distributor, or any event negatively affecting such distributors’ financial condition, could cause a material adverse effect on the Company’s results of operations and financial position.

As for major customer data, see Note 15c.

b. Acquisitions:

1. Acquisition of Dictaphone’s Communications Recording Systems (“CRS”):

On June 1, 2005, the Company consummated an agreement to acquire the assets and assume certain liabilities of Dictaphone’s Communications Recording Systems (“CRS”) business for \$ 40,000 (including acquisition costs). Dictaphone’s CRS business is a leading provider of liability and quality management systems for first responders, critical facilities, contact centers and financial trading floors.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

U.S. dollars in thousands

NOTE 1: – GENERAL (Cont.)

The acquisition was accounted for by the purchase method and accordingly, the purchase price has been allocated according to the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed of CRS. The results of the CRS's operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements since June 1, 2005 ("the closing date").

With the acquisition of CRS, the Company expanded its customer base, presence in the U.S and Europe, and its network of distributors and partners. Additionally, the Company broadened its product offerings and global professional services team.

The following table summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed:

Trade receivables	\$ 8,931
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	216
Inventories	7,730
Property and equipment	202
Trademarks	400
Core technology	4,900
Distribution network	10,100
Goodwill	25,311
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Total assets acquired	57,790
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Trade payables	(571)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(17,219)
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Total liabilities assumed	(17,790)
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Net assets acquired	\$ 40,000
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Trademarks, core technology and distribution network in the amount of \$ 15,400 are amortized using the straight-line method at an annual weighted average rate of 19.5%.

2. Acquisition of Hannamax Hi-Tech Pty. Ltd. ("Hannamax"):

On September 1, 2005, the Company consummated an agreement to acquire the assets and assume certain liabilities of Hannamax Hi-Tech Pty. Ltd. ("Hannamax") business for \$ 2,011 (including acquisition costs). Hannamax is NICE's distributor in Australia and New Zealand.

The acquisition was accounted for by the purchase method and accordingly, the purchase price has been allocated according to the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed of Hannamax. The results of the Hannamax's operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements since September 1, 2005 ("the closing date").

With the acquisition of Hannamax, the Company expects to expand its customer base and presence in Australia and New Zealand and to expand and strengthen the Company's support organization in the region.

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NOTE 1: – GENERAL (Cont.)

Under the terms of the acquisition agreement ("the agreement"), contingent cash payments of up to \$ 500 in 2006 and \$ 500 in 2007 would be due if certain financial performance criteria are met as part of a two-year earn-out provision covering 2005 through 2006. Should any contingent payment be made under the agreement in the future, the additional consideration, when determinable, will

increase the purchase price and accordingly additional goodwill will be recorded. For subsequent event see Note 17.

The following table summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed:

Trade receivables	\$	332
Other receivables and prepaid expenses		16
Inventories		318
Property and equipment		10
Distribution network		930
Goodwill		1,159
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Total assets acquired		2,765
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Trade payables		(91)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		(625)
Other long-term liability		(38)
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Total liabilities assumed		(754)
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Net assets acquired	\$	2,011
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Distribution network in the amount of \$ 930 is amortized using the straight-line method at an annual rate of 10%.

3. Acquisition of Thales Contact Solutions ("TCS"):

In November 2002, the Company consummated an agreement to acquire certain assets and liabilities of TCS, a developer of customer-facing technology for public safety, financial trading and customer contact centers, based in the United Kingdom. TCS was a unit of Thales Group, one of Europe's premier electronics companies. In connection with the acquisition, the Company paid an initial \$ 29,900 in cash and issued 2,187,500 ordinary shares to Thales Group at a fair market value of \$ 18,100 calculated at the date of closing.

In 2002, the Company recorded a current liability of \$ 2,800 and a long-term liability of \$ 13,500 reflecting obligations under a long-term contract the Company assumed in the TCS acquisition. In 2003, the Company completed negotiations to terminate this contract as of November 2004 and to amend the terms in the interim. Under the terms of the amended contract, the cost to the Company was approximately \$ 5,200 less than the amount provided at the acquisition date and consequently, TCS acquisition goodwill was reduced by this amount.

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NOTE 1: - GENERAL (Cont.)

Under the terms of the agreement, the cash portion of the purchase price was subject to downward adjustment based on the value of net assets at closing and the full year 2002 sales of TCS. Based on our calculation of the actual value of net assets acquired and 2002 sales of TCS, the Company reduced the cash portion of the purchase price as of December 31, 2002 by \$12,800. Of the \$12,800 adjustment referred to above, Thales paid the Company approximately \$ 6,600 in 2003.

Thales disputed the Company's calculation of the net asset value at closing and the matter was submitted in September 2003 to binding arbitration by an Independent Accountant, in accordance with the terms of the acquisition agreement. The Independent Accountant determined a higher net asset value at closing than our calculation of the actual value of net assets acquired in the amount of approximately \$ 2,200. This additional amount was recorded as additional goodwill in 2003. The remaining related party receivable of approximately \$ 4,000 was paid in 2004.

Under the terms of the agreement, the cash portion of the purchase price was subject to adjustment mechanisms and indemnities related to the assets sold to the Company. In September 2004, the Company notified Thales of claims in respect of such price adjustment mechanisms, mainly relating to uncollected receivables and inventory. NICE and Thales signed a settlement agreement in respect of such claims on February 24, 2005, according to which Thales paid the Company a total indemnity amount of approximately \$ 2,600.

4. Unaudited Pro-forma condensed results of operations:

The following represents the unaudited pro-forma condensed results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005, assuming that the acquisitions of CRS and Hannamax occurred on January 1, 2004 and 2005. The pro-forma information is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations, which actually would have occurred if the acquisition had been consummated on that dates, nor does it purport to represent the results of operations for future periods.

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NOTE 1: – GENERAL (Cont.)

	Year ended December 31,	
	2004	2005
	Unaudited	
Revenues	\$ 318,479	\$ 336,145
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (1,701)	\$ 33,150
Net income (loss)	\$ (4,937)	\$ 33,150
Basic net earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$ (0.28)	\$ 1.73
Basic net earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.10)	\$ 1.73
Diluted net earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$ (0.28)	\$ 1.61
Diluted net earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.11)	\$ 1.61

c. Disposal by sale of the COMINT/DF operation:

In the fourth quarter of 2003, the Company reached a definitive agreement to sell the assets and liabilities of its COMINT/DF military-related business to ELTA Systems Ltd. for \$ 4,000 in cash. On March 31, 2004, the Company completed the sale of the COMINT/DF operation. The COMINT/DF business was treated as a discontinued operation in the financial statements.

The Company's balance sheets at December 31, 2004 and 2005 reflect the assets of the COMINT/DF operation, as assets of the discontinued operation within current assets. The balance of \$ 644 and \$ 646 at December 31, 2004 and 2005, respectively consist of trade receivables, net of a provision for warranty of \$ 8 and \$ 6, respectively.

Summarized selected financial information of the discontinued operation is as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2003	2004	2005
Revenues	\$ 6,510	\$ 816	\$ –
Net income	\$ 1,483	\$ *) 3,236	\$ –

*) Includes gain from the sale in the amount of \$ 3,286.

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The consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("U.S. GAAP").

a. Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

b. Financial statements in United States dollars:

The currency of the primary economic environment in which the operations of NICE and certain subsidiaries are conducted is the U.S. dollar ("dollar"); thus, the dollar is the functional currency of NICE and certain subsidiaries.

NICE and certain subsidiaries' transactions and balances denominated in dollars are presented at their original amounts. Non-dollar transactions and balances have been remeasured to dollars in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 52, "Foreign Currency Translation". All transaction gains and losses from remeasurement of monetary balance sheet items denominated in non-dollar currencies are reflected in the statements of operations as financial income or expenses, as appropriate.

For those subsidiaries whose functional currency has been determined to be their local currency, assets and liabilities are translated at year-end exchange rates and statement of operations items are translated at average exchange rates prevailing during the year. Such translation adjustments are recorded as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income in shareholders' equity.

c. Principles of consolidation:

Intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated upon consolidation.

d. Cash equivalents:

The Company considers short-term unrestricted highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into cash, purchased with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

e. Short-term bank deposits:

Bank deposits with maturities of more than three months but less than one year are included in short-term bank deposits. Such short-term bank deposits are stated at cost.

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f. Marketable securities:

The Company accounts for investments in debt securities in accordance with SFAS No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities". Management determines the appropriate classification of its investments in debt securities at the time of purchase and reevaluates such determinations at each balance sheet date.

Debt securities are classified as held-to-maturity when the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold the securities to maturity and are stated at amortized cost. The cost of held-to-maturity securities is adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts to maturity. Such amortization, accretion, decline in value judged to be other than temporary, and interest are included in financial income or expenses, as appropriate.

Interest income resulting from investments in structured notes that are classified as held to maturity is accounted for under the provision of EITF No. 96-12, "Recognition of Interest Income and Balance Sheet Classification of Structured Notes". Under Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") No. 96-12, the retrospective interest method is used for recognizing interest income.

Auction rate securities are classified as available-for-sale and accordingly, these securities are stated at fair value. Realized gains and losses on sales of securities, as determined on a specific identification basis, are included in the consolidated statement of income.

g. Inventories:

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market value. The cost of raw materials and work-in-progress is determined by the "average cost" method, and the cost of finished goods on the basis of costs charged by third party manufacturer.

Inventory provisions are provided to cover risks arising from slow-moving items, technological obsolescence, excess inventories, discontinued products and for market prices lower than cost. Inventory provisions for 2003, 2004 and 2005 were \$ 2,368, \$ 2,822 and \$ 4,646, respectively, and have been included in cost of revenues.

h. Investment in affiliates:

The investments in affiliated companies are stated at cost, since the Company does not have the ability to exercise significant influence over operating and financial policies of those investees.

The Company's investment in affiliates is reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the investment may not be recoverable.

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NOTE 2: – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

i. Property and equipment, net:

Property and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, at the following annual rates:

	%
Computers and peripheral equipment	33
Office furniture and equipment	6-15
Motor vehicles	15

Leasehold improvements are amortized by the straight-line method over the term of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvements, whichever is shorter.

j. Other intangible assets, net:

Intangible assets are amortized over their useful lives using a method of amortization that reflects the pattern in which the economic benefits of the intangible assets are consumed or otherwise used, in accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets".

Amortization is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives at the following annual rates:

	Weighted average %
Capitalized software development costs (see n)	33
Core technology	32
Trademarks	34
Distribution network	11
Maintenance contracts	33

k. Impairment of long-lived assets:

The Company's long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles are reviewed for impairment in accordance with SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets" whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of the assets to the future undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by the assets. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell. In 2005, no impairment indicators have been identified.

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l. Goodwill:

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost over the fair value of the net assets of businesses acquired. Under SFAS No. 142, goodwill is not amortized.

SFAS No. 142 requires goodwill to be tested for impairment at least annually or between annual tests in certain circumstances, and written down when impaired, rather than amortized as previous accounting standards required. Goodwill is tested for impairment by comparing the fair value of the reporting unit with its carrying value. Fair value is determined using discounted cash flows and market capitalization. Significant estimates used in the fair value methodologies include estimates of future cash flows, future growth rates and the weighted average cost of capital of the reporting unit. The Company performed annual impairment tests during the fourth quarter of 2003, 2004 and 2005 and did not identify any impairment losses.

m. Revenue recognition:

The Company generates revenues from sales of products, which include hardware and software, software licensing, professional services and maintenance. The Company sells its products indirectly through a global network of distributors, system integrators and strategic partners, all of whom are considered end-users, and through its direct sales force.

Revenues from sales of product and software license agreements are recognized when all criteria outlined in Statement Of Position (“SOP”) 97-2, “Software Revenue Recognition” (as amended by SOP 98-9) are met. Revenue from products and license fees is recognized when persuasive evidence of an agreement exists, delivery of the product has occurred, the fee is fixed or determinable, no further obligations exist and collectibility is probable. Sales agreements with specific acceptance terms are not recognized until the customer has confirmed that the product or service has been accepted.

Where software license arrangements involve multiple elements, revenue is allocated to each element based on Vendor Specific Objective Evidence (“VSOE”) of the relative fair values of each element in the arrangement, in accordance with the residual method. The Company’s VSOE used to allocate the sales price to maintenance is based on the renewal percentage. Under the residual method, revenue is recognized for the delivered elements when (1) there is VSOE of the fair values of all the undelivered elements, and (2) all revenue recognition criteria of SOP 97-2, as amended, are satisfied. Under the residual method any discount in the arrangement is allocated to the delivered element.

The Company maintains a provision for product returns in accordance with SFAS No. 48, “Revenue Recognition When Right of Return Exists”. The provision is estimated based on the Company’s past experience and is deducted from revenues. Trade receivables as of December 31, 2004 and 2005, are presented net of provision for product returns in the amounts of \$ 1,617 and \$ 1,155 respectively.

Revenues from maintenance and professional services are recognized ratably over the contractual period or as services are performed.

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NOTE 2: – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

Deferred revenue includes advances and payments received from customers, for which revenue has not yet been recognized.

n. Research and development costs:

Research and development costs (net of grants and participations) incurred in the process of software production before establishment of technological feasibility, are charged to expenses as incurred. Costs of the production of a product master incurred subsequent to the establishment of technological feasibility are capitalized according to the principles set forth in SFAS No. 86, “Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software to be Sold, Leased or Otherwise Marketed”. Based on the Company’s product development process, technological feasibility is established upon completion of a detailed program design.

Costs incurred by the Company between completion of the detailed program design or working model and the point at which the product is ready for general release have been capitalized.

Capitalized software development costs are amortized commencing with general product release by the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the software product.

o. Income taxes:

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes". This statement prescribes the use of the liability method whereby deferred tax asset and liability account balances are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. The Company provides a valuation allowance, if necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets to their estimated realizable value.

p. Government grants:

Non-royalty bearing grants from the Government of Israel for funding research and development projects are recognized at the time the Company is entitled to such grants on the basis of the related costs incurred and recorded as a deduction from research and development costs.

q. Concentrations of credit risk:

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, short-term bank deposits, trade receivables and marketable securities.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents and short-term bank deposits are invested in deposits mainly in dollars with major international banks. Such deposits in the United States may be in excess of insured limits and are not insured in other jurisdictions. Management believes that the financial institutions that hold the Company's investments are financially sound and, accordingly, low credit risk exists with respect to these investments.

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The Company's trade receivables are derived from sales to customers located primarily in North America, EMEA and the Far East. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and obtains letter of credit and bank guarantees for certain receivables. Additionally, the Company insures certain of its receivables with a credit insurance company. An allowance for doubtful accounts is provided with respect to specific debts that the Company has determined to be doubtful of collection and a general provision on the remaining balance, based on the length of time the receivables are past due.

The Company's marketable securities include investment in U.S. corporate debentures, U.S government debentures and structured notes. Management believes that the portfolio is well diversified, and accordingly, minimal credit risk exists with respect to those marketable securities.

The Company entered into forward contracts and option strategies (together: "derivative instruments") intended to protect against the increase in value of forecasted non-dollar currency cash flows and the increase/decrease in fair value of non-dollar liabilities/assets. The derivative instruments effectively hedge the Company's non-dollar currency exposure (see Note 10).

r. Severance pay:

The Company's liability for severance pay for its Israeli employees is calculated pursuant to Israeli severance pay law based on the most recent monthly salary of the employees multiplied by the number of years of employment as of the balance sheet date. Employees are entitled to one month's salary for each year of employment, or a portion thereof. The Company's liability is fully provided by monthly deposits with insurance policies and severance pay funds and by an accrual.

The deposited funds include profits accumulated up to the balance sheet date. The deposited funds may be withdrawn only upon the fulfillment of the obligation pursuant to Israeli severance pay law or labor agreements. The value of the deposited funds is based on the cash surrendered value of these policies and includes immaterial profits.

Severance pay expense for 2003, 2004 and 2005 was \$ 2,745, \$ 2,956 and \$ 3,622 respectively.

s. Basic and diluted net earnings per share:

Basic net earnings per share are computed based on the weighted average number of Ordinary shares outstanding during each year. Diluted net earnings per share are computed based on the weighted average number of Ordinary shares outstanding during each year plus dilutive potential equivalent Ordinary shares considered outstanding during the year, in accordance with SFAS No. 128, "Earnings Per Share".

The weighted average number of shares related to outstanding antidilutive options excluded from the calculations of diluted net earnings per share was 1,935,692, 1,094,775 and 968,611 for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005, respectively.

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t. Stock-based compensation:

The Company has elected to follow APB No. 25, “Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees” and FIN No. 44, “Accounting for Certain Transactions Involving Stock Compensation” in accounting for its employee stock option plan. Under APB No. 25, when the exercise price of the Company’s options is less than the market value of the underlying shares on the date of grant, compensation expense is recognized and amortized ratably over the vesting period of the options.

The Company adopted the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 148, “Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation – Transition and Disclosure”, which amended certain provisions of SFAS No. 123. The Company continues to apply the provisions of APB No. 25, in accounting for stock-based compensation.

Pro forma information regarding net income (loss) and net earnings (loss) per share is required by SFAS No. 123, “Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation”, and has been determined as if the Company had accounted for its employee options under the fair value method prescribed by that statement. The fair value for these options was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2003	2004	2005
Risk free interest rate	1.8%	2.7%	4.1%
Dividend yield	0%	0%	0%
Volatility factor	0.545	0.457	0.431
Expected life of the options	3	3	3.83

Black-Scholes pricing-model also was used to estimate the fair value of the ESPP compensation; assumptions are not provided due to the immateriality of the ESPP portion.

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Pro forma information under SFAS No. 123:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2003	2004	2005
Net income as reported	\$ 7,091	\$ 24,555	\$ 36,569
Add: Stock-based compensation expense included in the determination of net income as reported	12	–	–
Deduct: Stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value method for all awards	(10,350)	(7,182)	(9,382)
Pro forma net income (loss)	\$ (3,247)	\$ 17,373	\$ 27,187
Basic net earnings per share as reported	\$ 0.44	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.91
Diluted net earnings per share as reported	\$ 0.42	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.77
Pro forma basic net earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.20)	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.42

Pro forma diluted net earnings (loss) per share	\$	(0.20)	\$	0.93	\$	1.32
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u. Fair value of financial instruments:

The following methods and assumptions were used by the Company in estimating its fair value disclosures for financial instruments:

The carrying amount reported in the balance sheet for cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables and trade payables approximates their fair value due to the short-term maturities of such instruments.

The fair value for marketable securities is based on quoted market prices and does not differ significantly from the carrying amount (see Note 3).

v. Advertising expenses:

Advertising expenses are charged to expense as incurred. Advertising expenses for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 were \$ 2,077, \$ 2,621 and \$ 3,222, respectively.

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NOTE 2: – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)

w. Derivatives and hedging activities:

SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" requires the Company to recognize all of its derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities on the balance sheet at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value (i.e., gains or losses) of a derivative instrument depends on whether it has been designated and qualifies as part of a hedging relationship and further, on the type of hedging relationship. For those derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as hedging instruments, a company must designate the hedging instrument, based upon the exposure being hedged, as a fair value hedge, cash flow hedge or a hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation.

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a fair value hedge (i.e., hedging the exposure to changes in the fair value of an asset or a liability or an identified portion thereof that is attributable to a particular risk), the gain or loss on the derivative instrument as well as the offsetting loss or gain on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk are recognized in the line item associated with the hedged item in earnings during the period of the change in fair values. For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge (i.e., hedging the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows that is attributable to a particular risk), the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative instrument is reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income and reclassified into earnings in the line item associated with the hedged transaction in the period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. The remaining gain or loss on the derivative instrument in excess of the cumulative change in the present value of future cash flows of the hedged item, if any, is recognized in financial income/expense in the period of change.

x. Impact of recently issued accounting standards:

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment". SFAS No. 123(R) will provide investors and other users of financial statements with more complete and neutral financial information by requiring that the compensation cost relating to share-based payment transactions be recognized in financial statements. That cost will be measured based on the fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued. SFAS No. 123(R) covers a wide range of share-based compensation arrangements including share options, restricted share plans, performance-based awards, share appreciation rights and employee share purchase plans. SFAS No. 123(R) replaces SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", and supersedes APB No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees". SFAS No. 123, as originally issued in 1995, established as preferable a fair-value-based method of accounting for share-based payment transactions with employees. However, that Statement permitted entities the option of continuing to apply the guidance in APB No. 25, as long as the footnotes to financial statements disclosed what net income would have been had the preferable fair-value-based method been used. The Company will be required to apply SFAS No. 123(R) as of the first annual reporting period that begins after June 15, 2005. As permitted by SFAS No. 123, the Company currently accounts for share-based payments to employees using APB No. 25's intrinsic value method.

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Accordingly, the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R)'s fair value method will have a significant impact on the Company's result of operations, although it will have no impact on its overall financial position. The Company plans to adopt SFAS No. 123(R) using the "modified prospective" method. The "modified prospective" method requires compensation cost to be recognized beginning with the effective date (a) based on the requirements of SFAS No. 123(R) for all share-based payments granted after the effective date and (b) based on the requirements of SFAS No. 123 for all awards granted to employees prior to the effective date of SFAS No. 123(R) that remain unvested on the effective date. The impact of adoption of Statement 123(R) on future periods cannot be predicted at this time because it will depend on levels of share-based payments granted in the future. However, had the Company adopted SFAS No. 123(R) in prior periods, the impact of that standard would have approximated the impact of SFAS No. 123 as described in the disclosure of pro forma net income and earnings per share in Note 2(t) to the financial statements.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 153, "Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets, an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29". The guidance in APB Opinion No. 29, Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions ("APB No. 29"), is based on the principle that exchanges of nonmonetary assets should be measured based on the fair value of the assets exchanged. APB No. 29 included certain exceptions to that principle. SFAS No. 153 amends APB No. 29 to eliminate the exception for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replaces it with a general exception for exchanges of nonmonetary assets that do not have commercial substance. A nonmonetary exchange has commercial substance if the future cash flows of the entity are expected to change significantly as a result of the exchange. SFAS No. 153 is effective for nonmonetary assets exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2005. The Company does not expect that the adoption of SFAS No. 153 will have any material effect on its financial position or results of operations.

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections", a replacement of APB No. 20, "Accounting Changes" and SFAS No. 3, "Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements". SFAS No. 154 provides guidance on the accounting for and reporting of accounting changes and error corrections. APB No. 20 previously required that most voluntary changes in accounting principles be recognized by including in net income for the period of the change, the cumulative effect of changing to the new accounting principle. SFAS No. 154 requires retroactive application to prior periods' financial statements of a voluntary change in accounting principles unless it is impracticable. SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. As of December 31, 2005, adoption of SFAS No. 154 will not have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operation.

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In November 2005, the FASB issued FSP FAS 115-1. The FSP addresses the determination as to when an investment is considered impaired, whether that impairment is other than temporary, and the measurement of an impairment loss. The FSP also includes accounting considerations subsequent to the recognition of other than-temporary impairment and requires certain disclosures about unrealized losses that have not been recognized as other-than-temporary impairments. The guidance in this FSP amends SFAS No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity. The FSP replaces the impairment evaluation guidance of EITF Issue No. 03-1, "The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments," with references to the existing other-than-temporary impairment guidance. The FSP clarifies that an investor should recognize an impairment loss no later than when the impairment is deemed other-than-temporary, even if a decision to sell an impaired security has not been made. The guidance in this FSP is to be applied to reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2005. As of December 31, 2005, adoption of FSP FAS 115-1 will not have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

y. Reclassification:

Certain amounts from prior years have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. The reclassification had no effect on previously reported net income, shareholders' equity or cash flows.

NOTE 3: – MARKETABLE SECURITIES

- a. The following table summarizes amortized costs, gross unrealized gains and losses and estimated fair values of held-to-maturity marketable securities as of December 31, 2004 and 2005:

	Amortized cost		Gross unrealized gains		Gross unrealized losses		Estimated fair value	
	December 31,		December 31,		December 31,		December 31,	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
U.S. corporate debentures	\$ 37,968	\$ 71,043	\$ 1	\$ –	\$ (368)	\$ (1,172)	\$ 37,601	\$ 69,871
U.S. government debentures	74,805	73,278	11	4	(560)	(1,424)	74,256	71,858
Structured notes	12,680	12,180	–	–	–	–	12,680	12,180
	<u>\$ 125,453</u>	<u>\$ 156,501</u>	<u>\$ 12</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ (928)</u>	<u>\$ (2,596)</u>	<u>\$ 124,537</u>	<u>\$ 153,909</u>

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NOTE 3: – MARKETABLE SECURITIES (Cont.)

The following table shows the gross unrealized losses and fair value of Company's investments with unrealized losses that are not deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at December 31, 2005:

	December 31, 2005					
	Less than 12 months		12 months or greater		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses
U.S. corporate debentures	\$ 40,066	\$ (571)	\$ 29,805	\$ (601)	\$ 69,871	\$ (1,172)
U.S. government debentures	9,816	(154)	60,034	(1,270)	69,850	(1,424)
	<u>\$ 49,882</u>	<u>\$ (725)</u>	<u>\$ 89,839</u>	<u>\$ (1,871)</u>	<u>\$ 139,721</u>	<u>\$ (2,596)</u>

The unrealized losses in the Company's investments in held-to-maturity marketable securities were caused by interest rate increases. The contractual cash flows of these investments are either guaranteed by the U.S. government or an agency of the U.S. government or were issued by highly rated corporations. Accordingly, it is expected that the securities would not be settled at a price less than the amortized cost of the Company's investment. Based on the immaterial severity of the impairments and the ability and intent of the Company to hold these investments to maturity, the bonds were not considered to be other than temporarily impaired at December 31, 2005.

As of December 31, 2004 and 2005, all the Company's U.S. corporate debentures, U.S. government debentures and structured notes were classified as held-to-maturity.

In 2004 the Company sold debt securities, which were classified as held-to-maturity, due to a rating decrease, in consideration of \$ 911. As a result of the sale, the Company recorded a loss of \$ 14. In 2005, the Company did not sell any securities prior to their maturity and accordingly, did not realize any gains or losses on held-to-maturity securities in that year.

During 2004 and 2005, held-to-maturity marketable securities in the amount of \$ 40,434 and \$ 9,630 respectively, were called by the issuers prior to maturity.

The scheduled maturities of held-to-maturity marketable securities at December 31, 2005 are as follows:

	Amortized cost	Estimated fair value
Held-to-maturity:		
Due within one year	36,159	35,764
Due after one year through five years	112,842	110,645
Due after five years through ten years	7,500	7,500
	<u>156,501</u>	<u>153,909</u>

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NOTE 3: – MARKETABLE SECURITIES (Cont.)

- b. Auction rate securities in the amount of \$ 13,700 as of December 31, 2004, were classified as available-for-sale marketable securities and were presented as short-term marketable securities. As of December 31, 2005, no auction rate securities were held by the Company.

NOTE 4: – SHORT-TERM OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAID EXPENSES

	December 31,	
	2004	2005
Government authorities	\$ 1,848	\$ 1,959
Interest receivable	994	1,202
Prepaid expenses	4,250	4,062
Assets of discontinued operation	644	646
Other	845	1,675
	<u>\$ 8,581</u>	<u>\$ 9,544</u>

NOTE 5: – INVENTORIES

Raw materials	\$ 1,286	\$ 1,022
Work-in-progress	71	29
Finished goods	11,258	22,121
	<u>\$ 12,615</u>	<u>\$ 23,172</u>

NOTE 6: – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Cost:		
Computers and peripheral equipment	\$ 50,474	\$ 55,260
Office furniture and equipment	13,701	13,839
Leasehold improvements	3,823	3,986
Motor Vehicles	–	23
	<u>\$ 67,998</u>	<u>\$ 73,108</u>
Accumulated depreciation:		
Computers and peripheral equipment	42,454	47,439
Office furniture and equipment	6,501	8,038
Leasehold improvements	2,062	2,739
Motor Vehicles	–	4
	<u>51,017</u>	<u>58,220</u>
Depreciated cost	<u>\$ 16,981</u>	<u>\$ 14,888</u>

Depreciation expense totaled \$ 10,547, \$ 8,603 and \$ 7,941 for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005, respectively.

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NOTE 7: – OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET

- a. Other intangible assets:

	December 31,	
	2004	2005
Original amounts:		
Capitalized software development costs	\$ 19,355	\$ 20,161
Core technology	4,419	9,319
Trademarks	1,040	1,440
Distribution Network	7,092	17,517
Maintenance contracts	576	534
	<u>32,482</u>	<u>48,971</u>
Accumulated amortization:		
Capitalized software development costs	14,980	17,364
Core technology	3,695	5,037
Trademarks	726	982
Distribution Network	–	1,064
Maintenance contracts	416	534
	<u>19,817</u>	<u>24,981</u>
Other intangible assets, net	<u>\$ 12,665</u>	<u>\$ 23,990</u>

- b. Amortization expense amounted to \$ 7,070, \$ 5,190 and \$ 5,211 for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005, respectively.
- c. Estimated amortization expense for the years ended (excluding amortization of capitalized software development costs):

	December 31,
2006	3,951
2007	3,309
2008	2,819
2009	2,210
2010	1,887
Thereafter	7,017
	<u>\$ 21,193</u>

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NOTE 8: – GOODWILL

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005 are as follows:

Balance as of January 1, 2004	\$ 25,311
Applied against sale of discontinued operation	(250)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	684
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Balance as of December 31, 2004	25,745
Adjustment to goodwill in respect of settlement	(1,191)
Additions in respect of the acquisitions of CRS and Hannamax	26,470
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(1,171)
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Balance as of December 31, 2005	\$ 49,853

NOTE 9: – ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER LIABILITIES

	December 31,	
	2004	2005
Employees and payroll accruals	\$ 13,228	\$ 20,692
Accrued expenses	19,949	26,868
Restructuring accrual	256	106
Deferred revenues	18,677	44,769
Other	3,192	8,109
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	\$ 55,302	\$ 100,544

NOTE 10: – DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

To protect against changes in the value of forecasted foreign currency transactions and balances, the Company has instituted a foreign-currency hedging program. The Company hedges portions of its forecasted cash flows and balances denominated in foreign currencies with forward contracts and option strategies (together: "derivative instruments").

The Company entered into derivative instrument arrangements to hedge a portion of anticipated New Israeli Shekel ("NIS") payroll payments. These derivative instruments are designated as cash flows hedges, as defined by SFAS No. 133, as amended, and are all highly effective as hedges of these expenses when the salary is recorded. The effective portion of the derivative instruments is included in payroll expenses in the statements of income.

In addition, the Company entered into derivative instruments to hedge certain trade receivables, trade payable payments, expected payments under fixed price contracts denominated in foreign currency, liabilities to employees and other long-term liability. The purpose of the Company's foreign currency hedging activities is to protect the Company from changes in the foreign currency exchange rate to the dollar.

At December 31, 2005, the Company expects to reclassify \$ 48 of net gains on derivative instruments from accumulated other comprehensive income to earnings during the next twelve months.

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NOTE 11: – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

a. Lease commitments:

The Company leases office space, office equipment and various motor vehicles under operating leases.

1. The Company's office space and office equipment are rented under several operating leases.

Future minimum lease commitments under non-cancelable operating leases for the years ended December 31, are as follows:

2006	\$	5,475
2007		3,196
2008		1,524
2009		640
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	\$	<u>10,835</u>

Rent expenses for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005 were approximately \$ 6,554, \$ 6,107 and \$ 6,317, respectively.

2. The Company leases its motor vehicles under cancelable operating lease agreements.

The minimum payment under these operating leases, upon cancellation of these lease agreements was \$ 749 as of December 31, 2005.

Lease expenses of vehicles for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005 were \$ 2,124, \$ 2,396 and \$ 2,552, respectively.

b. Other commitments:

The Company is obligated under certain agreements with its suppliers to purchase goods and under an agreement with its manufacturing subcontractor to purchase excess inventory. Non cancelable obligations as of December 31, 2005, were approximately as follows:

2006	\$	2,225
2007		572
2008		537
2009		537
2010		237
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	\$	<u>4,108</u>

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NOTE 11: – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Cont.)

c. Legal proceedings:

1. On October 19, 2004, CipherActive filed an action against the Company in the District Court of Tel Aviv, State of Israel. In this lawsuit, CipherActive claimed that under a development agreement with the Company, it is entitled to receive license fees in respect of certain software that it allegedly developed for the Company and which has been embedded in one of the Company's products. CipherActive claims that it is entitled to license fees in the amount of \$ 600,000 in addition to the amount of \$ 100,000 already paid to CipherActive by the Company in respect of such license fees. In the Company's statement of defense it claims that the software developed by CipherActive under the agreement has not been successful in the market, is no longer embedded in the Company's product and, therefore, CipherActive is not entitled to any additional license fees. The lawsuit is in its initial stages.
2. On July 20, 2004, STS Software System Ltd. ("STS"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, brought a lawsuit against Witness Systems, Inc. asserting that Witness Systems is infringing three U.S. patents of STS relating to Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP"). STS claims that Witness Systems infringes the VoIP patents by marketing and selling products that incorporate methods of detecting, monitoring and recording information – all fully protected by the patents. STS is seeking an injunction to prevent Witness Systems from making, using, offering to sell or selling any product in the United States that infringes these patents. In response, Witness Systems is asserting that the patents are invalid and not infringed. The case, which is pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, is in discovery and claims construction stage and no trial date has been set.

On August 30, 2004, Witness Systems filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia against Nice Systems Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Witness Systems is alleging infringement of two U.S. patents entitled "Method and Apparatus for Simultaneously Monitoring Computer User Screen and Telephone Activity from a Remote Location" and is seeking unspecified damages and injunctive relief. On February 24, 2005, Witness systems filed a similar action in the Northern District of Georgia against the Company alleging infringement of the same two patents. The two actions were consolidated in April 2005. The Company has denied infringing these patents and is vigorously defending against Witness's claims. The case is currently in discovery and no trial date has been set.

On January 19, 2006, Witness Systems filed a new patent infringement action in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia against Nice-Systems Ltd. and Nice Systems Inc., alleging infringement of a U.S. patent relating to technology to extract particular information from recorded telephone conversations. This technology is used as an option with a NICE product called NicePerform. Witness Systems, Inc. is requesting unspecified damages and an injunction to prevent any sale of allegedly infringing products. The Company has denied all material allegations and is asserting a number of defenses. This lawsuit is in its early stages. The Company believes that the claims are without merit and intends to vigorously defend against them.

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NOTE 11: – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Cont.)

On May 10, 2006, NICE Systems, Ltd. and its wholly owned subsidiary, NICE Systems, Inc. filed a lawsuit against Witness Systems, Inc. in the United States District Court for District of Delaware claiming that Witness Systems is infringing ten U.S. patents. These patents cover various aspects of recording customer interaction communications and traditional logging including event triggered call and screen recording, “cradle-to-grave” recording of customer calls, traditional TDM loggers, off-site storage of calls, and multi-stage telephone data logging. In this lawsuit, the Company claims that Witness Systems infringes Company’s patents by marketing and selling products that use methods, products and systems which the Company believes are protected by Company’s patents. The Company is seeking an injunction to prevent Witness Systems from making, using, or offering to sell or selling any product in the United States which infringes these patents. In addition, the Company is seeking damages for Witness Systems’ past willful infringement of these patents.

3. The Company is currently in dispute with Origin Data Realisation Limited (Origin) relating to the terms of a license of software supplied by Origin and incorporated within the Company’s Wordnet Series 3 voice recorder and certain other matters. Origin and the Company agreed to submit the disputes to mediation and, accordingly, attended a mediation session on July 25, 2005. The mediation did not result in a resolution of the disputes but the parties have continued to negotiate with the aim of reaching a settlement. To date, no formal legal proceedings have been instituted by either side.
4. On July 28, 2004, Dictaphone Corp. filed an action against Mercom Systems, Inc. in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York asserting that Mercom Systems is infringing two U.S. patents, which the Company subsequently acquired from Dictaphone. Pursuant to the terms of the Company’s agreement with Dictaphone, the Company succeeded to the right to enforce these patents and to control this litigation. In response, Mercom Systems is asserting that the patents are invalid and not infringed, including alleging that the Company’s previous defense of an action by Dictaphone against the Company in which the Company challenged the validity of one of the patents at issue in this action, estopped the Company from making the claim of infringement. The Company and Mercom Systems have reached an agreement in principle to settle the action. It is expected that the documentation for this agreement will be shortly concluded.
5. On July 27, 2004, Dictaphone Corp. filed an action against VoicePrint in the United States District Court for the Central District of California asserting the infringement by VoicePrint of the same patents as those asserted in the Mercom Systems lawsuit, which the Company subsequently acquired from Dictaphone. Similar to the Mercom Systems lawsuit, this lawsuit has also been settled in principle. The documentation for this settlement is expected to be completed and signed shortly.

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NOTE 11: – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Cont.)

6. In April 2006, the Company received a letter from Calyon Corporate and Investment Bank (“Calyon”), demanding that the Company pay an amount of \$ 648 to Calyon. This amount was deducted by the Company in January 2004 from an amount transferred by Calyon to the Company’s account at the instruction of Thales, in connection with the acquisition of Thales Contact Solutions (“TCS”). Calyon now claims it was not done rightfully. The Company notified TCS in 2004 that it had setoff such amount with respect to an overdue payment by TCS. The Company had previously notified Calyon that it had sent TCS a setoff notice to that effect, and therefore, believes that Calyon’s claim is not justified.

NOTE 12: – CREDIT LINES

As of December 31, 2005, the Company had authorized credit lines from banks in the amount of approximately \$ 353,000. When utilized, the credit lines will be denominated in dollars and will bear interest at the rate of up to LIBOR + 0.7 %. An amount of approximately \$ 328,000 out of the total credit lines is secured by the Company’s cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities. As of December 31, 2005, \$ 6,296 of the \$ 353,000 referred to above was used for bank guarantees.

One of the Company’s credit lines contains a negative pledge covenant and one contains covenants requiring the Company to maintain a minimum amount of cash and shareholders’ equity. As of December 31, 2005, the Company is in compliance with the covenants.

NOTE 13: – TAXES ON INCOME

- a. Measurement of taxable income:

Results for tax purposes are measured in real terms, in accordance with the changes in the Israeli Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) or changes in the exchange rate of the NIS against the dollar for a “foreign investors” company. NICE has elected to measure its results for tax purposes on the basis of the changes in the exchange rate of NIS against the dollar.

- b. Tax benefits under the Israel Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 1959 (“the Law”):

Certain production facilities of NICE have been granted the status of an “Approved Enterprise” under the Law, in four separate investment programs.

According to the provisions of the Law, NICE elected the “alternative benefits” and waived government grants in return for a tax exemption.

Income derived from the first and second program was tax-exempt for a period of four years, commencing 1999 and 1997, respectively, and is taxed at the reduced corporate tax rate of 10%–25% (based on the percentage of foreign ownership in each taxable year) for an additional period of six years.

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NOTE 13: – TAXES ON INCOME (Cont.)

Income derived from the third and fourth programs are tax-exempt for a period of two years, commencing 2005, and will be taxed at the reduced corporate tax rate of 10%–25% (based on the percentage of foreign ownership in each taxable year) for an additional period of eight years.

The period of tax benefits detailed above is subject to a limit of the earlier of 12 years from the commencement of production or 14 years from receiving the approval.

The entitlement to the above benefits is conditional upon NICE fulfilling the conditions stipulated by the above Law, regulations published thereunder and the certificates of approval for the specific investments in an “Approved Enterprise”. In the event of failure to comply with these conditions, the benefits may be canceled and NICE may be required to refund the amount of the benefits, in whole or in part, including interest. As of December 31, 2005, management believes that NICE is in compliance with all the conditions required by the Law.

The tax-exempt income attributable to an “Approved Enterprise” can be distributed to shareholders without subjecting NICE to taxes only upon the complete liquidation of NICE.

As of December 31, 2005, approximately \$ 26,272 was derived from tax-exempt profits earned by NICE’s “Approved Enterprises”. NICE has decided not to declare dividends out of such tax-exempt income. Accordingly, no deferred tax liabilities have been provided on income attributable to NICE’s “Approved Enterprises”. If this net retained tax exempt income is distributed in a manner other than in the complete liquidation of NICE, it would be taxed at the corporate tax rate applicable to such profits as if NICE had not elected the alternative tax benefits (currently 20% of the gross dividend) and an income tax liability would be incurred of approximately \$ 6,568 as of December 31, 2005.

Income of NICE from sources other than the “Approved Enterprise” during the period of benefits will be taxable at regular corporate tax rates.

A recent amendment to the Law, effective April 1, 2005 (the “Amendment”) changed certain provisions of the Law. The Amendment allowed tax benefits to be awarded pursuant to the Law so that companies no longer require Investment Center pre-approval in order to qualify for tax benefits. The Company’s existing Approved Enterprises will generally not be covered by the Amendment. As a result of the Amendment, where NICE benefits from tax-exempt income pursuant to the new regime, any such tax-exempt income generated will be subject to taxes on its distribution or upon liquidation of the Company.

c. Tax benefits under the Israeli Law for the Encouragement of Industry (Taxation), 1969:

NICE is an “Industrial Company” as defined and, as such, is entitled to certain tax benefits including accelerated depreciation, deduction of public offering expenses in three equal annual installments and amortization of other intangible property rights for tax purposes.

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NOTE 13: – TAXES ON INCOME (Cont.)

d. Corporate tax rates in Israel:

Taxable income of Israeli companies is subject to tax at the rate of 34% in 2005, 31% in 2006, 29% in 2007, 27% in 2008, 26% in 2009 and 25% in 2010 and thereafter.

e. Net operating loss carryforward:

As of December 31, 2005, the Company had carry forward tax losses totaling approximately \$ 19,878, most of which can be carried forward and offset against taxable income with expiration dates from 2006 to 2025. Utilization of U.S. net operating losses may be subject to substantial annual limitation due to the "change in ownership" provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and similar State provisions. The annual limitation may result in the expiration of net operating losses increasing taxes before utilization.

f. Deferred tax assets and liabilities:

Deferred taxes reflect the net tax effect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts recorded for tax purposes. Significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2004	2005
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating losses carry forward	\$ 8,712	\$ 12,763
Other	3,658	5,833
	<u>12,370</u>	<u>18,596</u>
Deferred tax assets before valuation allowance	12,370	18,596
Valuation allowance	(10,286)	(10,260)
	<u>2,084</u>	<u>8,336</u>
Deferred tax assets	2,084	8,336
Deferred tax liabilities	(2,084)	(2,493)
Deferred tax assets, net	\$ –	\$ 5,843

The Company has provided valuation allowances in respect of certain deferred tax assets resulting from tax loss carry forwards and other reserves and allowances due to uncertainty concerning realization of these deferred tax assets.

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NOTE 13: – TAXES ON INCOME (Cont.)

g. A reconciliation of the Company's effective tax rate to the statutory tax rate in Israel is as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2003	2004	2005
Income before taxes on income, as reported in the consolidated statements of income	\$ 6,813	\$ 23,638	\$ 37,471
Statutory tax rate in Israel	36%	35%	34%
Approved enterprise benefits	–	–	(1.9)%
Changes in valuation allowance	(27.0)%	(27.2)%	(30.8)%
Other	8.6%	2.0%	1.1%
Effective tax rate	17.6%	9.8%	2.4%
Net earnings per ordinary share – amounts of the benefit resulting from the "Approved Enterprise" status			
Basic	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 0.04
Diluted	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 0.03

h. Income before taxes on income is comprised as follows:

Domestic	\$ 4,345	\$ 15,367	\$ 30,681
Foreign	2,468	8,271	6,790
	\$ 6,813	\$ 23,638	\$ 37,471

i. Taxes on income are comprised as follows:

Current	\$ 1,205	\$ 2,319	\$ 5,743
Deferred	–	–	(4,841)
	\$ 1,205	\$ 2,319	\$ 902
Domestic	\$ 949	\$ 1,836	\$ 1,553
Foreign	256	483	(651)
	\$ 1,205	\$ 2,319	\$ 902

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NOTE 14: – SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

- a. The Ordinary shares of the Company are traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and its ADS's are traded on NASDAQ.

In December 2005 the Company effected a secondary public offering of its ADS's on NASDAQ. The Company issued 4,600,000 shares at a price of \$ 46.25 per share before underwriting and issuance expenses. Total net proceeds from the issuance amounted to approximately \$ 201,724.

- b. Share option plans:

In 1995, the Company adopted an employee share option plan ("the 1995 Option Plan"). Under the 1995 option plan, employees and officers of the Company may be granted options to acquire Ordinary shares. The options to acquire Ordinary shares, which may only be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, are granted at an exercise price, subject to certain exceptions, of not less than the fair market value of the Ordinary shares on the grant date. 8,345,566 options of the 1995 Option Plan were granted.

The options generally vest gradually over a four-year period from the date of grant. As of February 15, 2000, the Board of Directors of the Company adopted a resolution amending the exercise terms for any option granted subsequent to February 15, 2000 under the 1995 Option Plan whereby 25% of the stock options granted become exercisable on the first anniversary of the date of grant and 6.25% become exercisable once every quarter during the subsequent three years. The options expire no later than 6 years from the date of grant.

In 1996, the Company adopted the 1997 Executive Share Option Plan ("the 1997 Option Plan"). Under the terms of the 1997 Option Plan, stock options will be exercisable during a 60-day period ending four years after grant. The plan met the definition of Time Accelerated Restricted Stock Award Options Plan ("TARSAP"). The TARSAP includes an acceleration feature based on the following: if the year-end earnings per share of the Company shall reach certain defined targets, 40% of such stock options shall become exercisable; if earnings per share shall reach certain higher defined targets, an additional 30% of such stock options shall become exercisable; and if earnings per share shall reach certain higher defined targets, an additional 30% of such stock options shall become exercisable, provided that with respect to all of the above-referenced periods, the operating profit of the Company shall not be less than 10% of revenues and earnings per share shall exclude any non-recurring expenses related to mergers and acquisitions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of the stock options shall be exercisable before the expiration of two years from the date of issuance. 950,000 options of the 1997 Option Plan were granted. As of December 31, 2005, none of the targets specified under the TARSAP were met and accordingly there was no acceleration of options.

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NOTE 14: – SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Cont.)

In 2001, the Company adopted the 2001 Stock Option Plan ("the 2001 Option Plan"). The options to acquire Ordinary shares, which may only be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, are granted at an exercise price, of not less than the fair market value of the Ordinary shares on the grant date. 2,959,750 options of the 2001 Option Plan were granted. Under the terms of the 2001 Option Plan, a one third of the stock options granted became exercisable ten months after the grant date and the remaining two thirds will become exercisable on the first and second anniversaries of the first date of exercise so long as the grantee is, subject to certain exceptions, employed by the Company at the date the stock option becomes exercisable. The third portion of the options may be exercised at the end of the second year following the first date of exercise, if the Company meets a pre-tax profit target of 20% of revenues. Unless otherwise determined by the Company's Board of Directors as of the date of grant, the stock options expire six years after the date of grant.

In 2003, the Company adopted the 2003 Stock Option Plan ("the 2003 Option Plan"). Under the 2003 option plan, employees and officers of the Company may be granted options to acquire Ordinary shares. The options to acquire Ordinary shares, which may only be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, are granted at an exercise price, subject to certain exceptions, of not less than the fair market value of the Ordinary shares on the grant date. 2,707,000 options of the 2003 Option Plan were granted. Unless otherwise determined by the Company's Board of Directors as of the date of grant, the stock options expire six years after the date of grant.

A summary of the Company's stock options activity and related information for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005, is as follows:

	2003		2004		2005	
	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	5,965,980	\$ 25.74	4,910,389	\$ 26.80	4,270,317	\$ 28.40
Granted	390,000	\$ 22.55	997,500	\$ 21.33	1,338,500	\$ 35.38
Exercised	(823,363)	\$ 12.83	(1,291,394)	\$ 13.63	(1,190,338)	\$ 18.42
Forfeited	(622,228)	\$ 32.52	(346,178)	\$ 40.46	(350,102)	\$ 51.80
Outstanding at the end of the year	4,910,389	\$ 26.80	4,270,317	\$ 28.40	4,068,377	\$ 31.60
Exercisable at the end of the year	2,790,417	\$ 33.55	2,556,779	\$ 34.59	1,782,431	\$ 34.96

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NOTE 14: – SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Cont.)

The options outstanding as of December 31, 2005, have been separated into exercise price categories as follows:

Ranges of exercise price	Options outstanding as of December 31, 2005	Weighted average remaining contractual life	Weighted average exercise price	Options exercisable as of December 31, 2005	Weighted average exercise price of options exercisable
\$		(Years)	\$		\$
7.83–11.14	181,925	2.77	9.98	89,205	10.19
12.00–16.81	657,225	1.78	13.01	595,754	13.02
19.33–28.07	1,219,277	4.47	21.87	412,172	22.02
30.33–45.5	1,324,650	5.55	35.43	–	–
48.13–64.88	341,100	0.78	55.46	341,100	55.46
70.88–76.25	344,200	0.28	74.56	344,200	74.56
	4,068,377	3.65	31.60	1,782,431	34.96

Weighted average fair values and weighted average exercise prices of options whose exercise price is equal to the market price of the shares at date of grant are as follows:

Weighted average fair value of options granted at an exercise price			Weighted average exercise price of options granted at an exercise price		
Year ended December 31,					
2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
\$ 8.36	\$ 7.14	\$ 13.27	\$ 22.55	\$ 21.33	\$ 35.38

c. Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"):

In February 1999, the Company's Board of Directors adopted the Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("the Purchase Plan"). Eligible employees can have up to 10% of their earnings withheld, up to certain maximums, to be used to purchase Ordinary shares. The price of Ordinary shares purchased under the Purchase Plan will be equal to 85% of the lower of the fair market value of the Ordinary shares on the commencement date of each offering period or on the semi-annual purchase date.

During 2003, 2004 and 2005, employees purchased 221,184, 139,913 and 167,045 shares at average prices of \$ 6.86, \$ 16.20 and \$ 25.87 per share, respectively.

d. Dividends:

Dividends, if any, will be paid in NIS. Dividends paid to shareholders outside Israel may be converted to dollars on the basis of the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the conversion. The Company does not intend to pay cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

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U.S. dollars in thousands (except share data)

NOTE 14: – SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Cont.)

- e. Increase in authorized share capital:

On September 28, 2005 the shareholders of the Company approved an Amendment to the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association in order to increase the authorized share capital from 50,000,000 to 75,000,000 Ordinary Shares.

NOTE 15: – MAJOR CUSTOMER AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- a. Summary information about geographic areas:

The Company manages its business on a basis of one reportable segment. See Note 1a for a brief description of the Company's business. The following data is presented in accordance with SFAS No. 131, "Disclosure About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information". Total revenues are attributed to geographic areas based on the location of end customers.

The following table presents total revenues and long-lived assets for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005 and as of December 31, 2003, 2004 and 2005 respectively:

	2003		2004		2005	
	Total revenues	Long-lived assets	Total revenues	Long-lived assets	Total revenues	Long-lived assets
Americas	\$ 118,594	\$ 9,926	\$ 121,578	\$ 10,130	\$ 163,286	\$ 41,479
EMEA *)	70,926	19,586	89,768	19,372	95,888	23,107
Far East	31,832	72	37,779	140	48,476	2,261
Israel	2,906	30,547	3,518	25,749	3,460	21,884
	<u>\$ 224,258</u>	<u>\$ 60,131</u>	<u>\$ 252,643</u>	<u>\$ 55,391</u>	<u>\$ 311,110</u>	<u>\$ 88,731</u>

*) Includes Europe, the Middle East (excluding Israel) and Africa.

- b. Market sectors:

Total revenues from external customers divided on the basis of the Company's market sectors are as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2003	2004	2005
Enterprise Interaction Solutions	\$ 171,381	\$ 194,111	\$ 237,353
Public Safety and Security sector	52,877	58,532	73,757
	<u>\$ 224,258</u>	<u>\$ 252,643</u>	<u>\$ 311,110</u>

- c. Major customers' data as a percentage of total revenues:

Customer A	20.0%	18.8%	21.2%
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U.S. dollars in thousands

NOTE 16: – SELECTED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS DATA

a. Research and development, net:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2003	2004	2005
Total costs	\$ 26,384	\$ 27,512	\$ 33,404
Less – grants and participations	(1,260)	(1,341)	(1,702)
Less – capitalization of software development costs	(2,291)	(1,305)	(806)
	<u>\$ 22,833</u>	<u>\$ 24,866</u>	<u>\$ 30,896</u>

b. Financial income, net:

Financial income:			
Interest and amortization/accretion of premium/discount of marketable securities	\$ 1,821	\$ 2,349	\$ 4,073
Interest	422	1,427	1,979
Foreign currency translation	405	1,078	258
	<u>2,648</u>	<u>4,854</u>	<u>6,310</u>
Financial expenses:			
Interest	(79)	(2)	–
Foreign currency translation	(204)	(894)	(542)
Other	(331)	(402)	(370)
	<u>(614)</u>	<u>(1,298)</u>	<u>(912)</u>
	<u>\$ 2,034</u>	<u>\$ 3,556</u>	<u>\$ 5,398</u>

c. Restructuring expenses and settlement of litigation:

Restructuring expenses (income)	\$ 1,888	\$ –	\$ –
Settlement of litigation (*)	5,194	–	–
	<u>\$ 7,082</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>

(*) In the fourth quarter of 2003, the Company reached a settlement agreement with one of its competitors to settle a patent infringement claim filed by the competitor in June 2000. Under the settlement agreement, the Company paid the competitor \$ 10,000 (of which approximately \$ 4,800 was covered by insurance).

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

U.S. dollars in thousands (except share and per share data)

NOTE 16: – SELECTED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS DATA (Cont.)

d. Net earnings per share:

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net earnings per share:

1. Numerator:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2003	2004	2005
Numerator for basic and diluted net earnings per share –			
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 5,608	\$ 21,319	\$ 36,569
Net income from discontinued operation	1,483	3,236	–
Net income available to Ordinary shareholders	\$ 7,091	\$ 24,555	\$ 36,569
2. Denominator (in thousands):			
Denominator for basic net earnings per share –			
Weighted average number of shares	16,038	17,497	19,121
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Add – Employee stock options	731	1,198	1,521
Add – ESPP	12	8	4
Denominator for diluted net earnings per share – adjusted weighted average shares	16,781	18,703	20,646

NOTE 17: – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

- On November 17, 2005, the Company signed a definitive agreement to acquire all of the outstanding shares of FAST Video Security AG, a Switzerland-based developer of innovative video systems for security and surveillance purposes. Under the agreement, the Company acquired FASTVideo Security AG for \$ 21,000 in cash, with potential earn out based on performance milestones amounting to a maximum of \$ 12,000 payable over the next threeyears. The closing was on January 4, 2006.
- In the second quarter of 2006, it became reasonably assured that the Company shall pay additional consideration in the amount of \$ 500 in respect of Hannamax acquisition, due to meeting the performance criteria specified in the acquisition agreement relating to year 2005.
- On March 27, 2006, the Company and Dictaphone have agreed to amend the CRS's purchase agreement, according to which, Dictaphone shall pay to the Company \$ 2,000 as a final adjustment to the purchase price under the purchase agreement.

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U.S. dollars in thousands (except share and per share data)

NOTE 17: – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (Cont.)

- d. In April 2006, the Company signed a definitive agreement to acquire IEX Corporation, a worldwide provider of contact center workforce management solutions. Under the terms of the definitive agreement, the Company will acquire the shares of IEX, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tekelec, for approximately \$ 200,000 in cash. The transaction is subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions and is anticipated to close towards the end of the second or the beginning of the third quarter of 2006.
- e. In April 2006, the Company signed a definitive agreement to acquire Performix Technologies Ltd., a pioneer of contact center performance management. Under the terms of the definitive agreement, the Company will acquire Performix for a total purchase price of \$13,200 in cash. The purchase price may increase by up to an additional \$ 6,150 (of which up to \$ 3,000 may be payable at closing) based on certain performance criteria. The transaction is subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions and is anticipated to close towards the end of the second or the beginning of the third quarter of 2006.

SIGNATURES

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

NICE-SYSTEMS LTD.

BY: /S/ Haim Shani

Haim Shani
Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 17, 2006

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SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

dated as of

November 17, 2005

by and among

NICE SYSTEMS LTD.,

and

THE SELLING SHAREHOLDERS LISTED ON EXHIBIT A

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SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this "AGREEMENT") is made and entered into as of November 17, 2005 by and among Nice Systems Ltd., an Israeli corporation (the "PURCHASER"), and the Selling Shareholders listed on EXHIBIT A (the "SELLING SHAREHOLDERS").

RECITALS

A. FAST Video Security AG (the "Company") is a corporation (AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT) duly established and validly existing under the laws of Switzerland with its corporate seat in Boesch 45, 6331 Huenenberg, Switzerland and registered with the commercial register of the Canton of Zug under CH-170.3.019.722-2. The stated capital of the Company amounts to eight hundred thousand Swiss Francs (CHF 800,000) divided into eight hundred (800) bearer shares fully paid up in cash with a par value of CHF 1,000 each, of which seven hundred sixty (760) shares are held by the Selling Shareholders and forty (40) shares are held by the Company.

B. The Selling Shareholders are the legal and beneficial owners of seven hundred sixty (760) shares of the Company, and desire to sell all seven hundred sixty (760) of such shares of the Company to the Purchaser, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein.

C. CornerstoneCapital Beteiligungen GmbH and IDP Investments GmbH (each a "Lender" and collectively the "Lenders") are the lenders of shareholders' loans in the total amount of CHF 600,000 to the Company under a loan agreement dated July 29, 2003 (the "Shareholders' Loans").

D. The Purchaser desires to acquire all of the issued and outstanding share capital of the Company from the Selling Shareholders, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein (the "ACQUISITION"), such that upon consummation of the Acquisition the Purchaser will own all of the issued and outstanding share capital of the Company not being held by the Company itself.

E. As an inducement for the Purchaser to consummate the Acquisition, the Selling Shareholders have agreed to make certain representations, warranties, covenants and other agreements in connection with the Acquisition, all as set forth herein.

AGREEMENT

In consideration of the mutual promises, agreements, warranties and provisions contained herein, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1

PURCHASE AND SALE OF SHARES

1.1 PURCHASE AND SALE OF SHARES.

(a) TRANSFER OF SHARES; RECEIVING CONSIDERATION. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Transaction Documents, the Purchaser hereby agrees to purchase at the Closing (as defined below) and each of the Selling Shareholders agrees to sell, convey, transfer, assign and deliver to the Purchaser at the Closing, all right, title and interest in and to that number of shares of the Company set forth next to such Selling Shareholder's name in EXHIBIT A, comprising in total seven hundred sixty (760) shares of the Company with a par value of CHF 1,000 each, representing all of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company and/or any rights to acquire shares of the Company, together with all rights attached or accruing to them (the "SHARES") except for the forty (40) shares held by the Company itself. The Shares are represented by the share certificates listed in EXHIBIT A (THE "SHARE CERTIFICATES").

(b) Upon consummation of the Closing the Purchaser shall be the sole owner of all the Shares.

(c) The Purchaser shall not be obliged to complete the purchase of any of the Shares unless the purchase of all of the Shares is completed simultaneously.

(d) The Selling Shareholders hereby irrevocably waive all rights of pre-emption, first refusal, and other rights over the Shares conferred on them either by the Charter Documents or in any other way.

1.2 CONSIDERATION.

(a) PURCHASE PRICE. The aggregate purchase price for the Shares (the "Purchase Price") shall be the sum of the Base Payment (as defined below), the Earn Out 1 (as defined below), and the Earn Out 2 (as defined below), in each case payable in U.S. Dollars, as calculated and adjusted in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(b) BASE PAYMENT. At the Closing, the amount of twenty-one million U.S. dollars (\$21,000,000) shall be paid by the Purchaser as follows (the "Base Payment"):

(i) Three million U.S. dollars (\$3,000,000) (the "ESCROW FUNDS") shall be paid by the Purchaser to UBS AG or such other agent as shall be mutually agreed among the parties hereto (the "ESCROW AGENT"), for deposit in escrow (the "ESCROW"), for the purpose of satisfying or contributing towards the satisfaction of Damages (as defined in Section 7 below) in accordance with the terms of the Escrow Agreement to be entered into by and among the Purchaser, the Selling Shareholders and the Escrow Agent in the form attached hereto as EXHIBIT B subject only to amendments required by the Escrow Agent and agreed by the Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative (the "ESCROW AGREEMENT"); and

(ii) an additional amount determined in accordance with this Section 1.2(b)(ii) (the "PURCHASE RESERVE") shall be paid by the Purchaser to the Escrow Agent, pending resolution of the adjustment procedure of the Purchase Price set forth in Section 1.3 below. If the Estimated Closing Shareholders Equity (as defined below) is zero or positive, then the Purchase Reserve shall be eight hundred thousand U.S. dollars (\$800,000); if the Estimated Closing Equity (as defined below) is a deficit of more than zero, then the Purchase Reserve shall be an amount equal to such deficit plus eight hundred thousand U.S. dollars (\$800,000); and

(iii) an amount equal to 120% of the Estimate (as defined in Section 5.10(b)) shall be transferred to the Escrow Agent (the "Audit Fee Reserve");

(iv) any amount by which the Purchase Price is to be reduced pursuant to Section 6.3(j) of this Agreement shall be retained by the Purchaser and deducted from the Base Payment; and

(v) the balance ("the "CLOSING CONSIDERATION"), shall be paid by wire transfer to a bank account in the name of the Selling Shareholders at UBS AG, Zug (the "Selling Shareholders Bank Account") simultaneously with the delivery of the Shares to the Purchaser. Selling Shareholders will deliver written instructions to the Purchaser designating such bank account no less than five (5) days prior to the Closing. Such payment shall fully release the Purchaser from the Purchaser's payment obligation with respect to the Closing Consideration.

(c) ADVANCE. At Closing, subject to satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Section 1.2(c), the Purchaser will pay three million U.S. dollars (\$3,000,000) as an advance on account of Earn Out 1 (the "Earn Out 1 Advance"), paid by wire transfer to the Selling Shareholders Bank Account. Such payment shall fully release the Purchaser from the Purchaser's payment obligation with respect to the Earn Out 1 Advance. The conditions for payment of the Earn Out 1 Advance are: (i) Delivery by the Company to the Purchaser of evidence satisfactory to the Purchaser that Honeywell International Inc. (including its subsidiaries and branch offices) ("Honeywell") has placed written purchase orders during 2005 for delivery of products by the Company with a value based upon the dollar amount of such written purchase orders equal to or greater than five million U.S. dollars (\$5,000,000); and (ii) Delivery by the Company to the Purchaser of a written confirmation from Honeywell satisfactory to the Purchaser in which Honeywell confirms its firm commitment to place orders in 2006 for delivery of products by the Company with a value based upon the dollar amount of such written purchase orders of five million U.S. dollars (\$5,000,000) to eight million U.S. dollars (\$8,000,000).

(d) EARN OUT 1. Not later than thirty (30) calendar days after publication of the Nice Systems, Limited audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, the Purchaser shall pay to the Selling Shareholders an aggregate amount calculated as follows: In the event that revenue shall be recognized by the Purchaser pursuant to U.S. GAAP in fiscal year 2006 (as shown in the Purchaser's audited financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP standards of revenue recognition applied consistent with the Purchaser's past practices) from sales to Honeywell and all its subsidiaries and branch offices of the Company's products, with a value based upon the dollar amount of the written purchase orders with respect to such sales (the "Honeywell 2006 Sales") of between four million U.S. dollars (\$4,000,000) and eight million U.S. dollars (\$8,000,000, then the Purchaser shall pay the amount (the "Earn Out 1") of between three million U.S. dollars (\$3,000,000) and seven million U.S. dollars (\$7,000,000), calculated as three million dollars (\$3,000,000) plus an amount equal to that portion of Honeywell 2006 Sales which is greater than four million dollars (\$4,000,000) but not more than eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) (i.e., a payment of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) if Honeywell 2006 Sales are four million dollars (\$4,000,000), or a payment of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) if Honeywell 2006 Sales are eight million dollars (\$8,000,000)), less the amount paid (if paid) as Earn Out 1 Advance, paid by wire transfer to the Selling Shareholders Bank Account. Such payment shall fully release the Purchaser from the Purchaser's payment obligation with respect to Earn Out 1. For avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that (i) in no event shall the Earn Out 1 exceed seven million U.S. dollars (\$7,000,000), and (ii) should the Honeywell 2006 Sales be less than four million U.S. dollars (\$4,000,000) then there shall be no payment made with respect to Earn Out 1, provided that any payment made as Earn Out 1 Advance will be retained by the Selling Shareholders and not subject to refund to the Purchaser.

(e) EARN OUT 2. Not later than thirty (30) calendar days after publication of the Purchaser's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Purchaser shall pay to the Selling Shareholders an aggregate amount calculated as follows: In the event that the Purchaser's Revenues from gaming (whether from Purchaser or ex-Company products) in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, are equal to or greater than thirty million U.S. dollars (\$30,000,000), then the Purchaser shall pay the amount of two million U.S. dollars (\$2,000,000), plus an amount (the "Earn Out 2") equal to twenty percent (20%) of that portion of the Purchaser's Revenues derived from gaming (whether from Purchaser or ex-Company products) in Fiscal Year 2008 which is between thirty million U.S. dollars (\$30,000,000) and forty-five million U.S. dollars (\$45,000,000), paid by wire transfer to the Selling Shareholders Bank Account. Such payment shall fully release the Purchaser from the Purchaser's payment obligation with respect to Earn Out 2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, (i) in no event shall the Earn Out 2 exceed five million U.S. dollars (\$5,000,000), and (ii) should Purchaser's Revenues derived from gaming (whether from Purchaser or ex-Company products) in fiscal year 2008 be lower than thirty million U.S. dollars (\$30,000,000) then no payment will be made on account of Earn Out 2. For the purpose of this calculation the Purchaser's Revenues will be computed as recognized in the Purchaser's audited financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP standards of revenue recognition applied consistent with the Purchaser's past practices.

(f) PROCEDURE. With respect to Earn Out 1 and Earn Out 2, the Purchaser shall, in each case within ten (10) calendar days following publication of the Purchaser's audited financial statements for the relevant year, deliver to the Shareholder Representative a copy of such audited financial statements and a written statement of the amount of Earn Out 1 or Earn Out 2, as the case may be.

(i) Following such delivery, during a period of ten (10) calendar days, the Shareholder Representative shall be entitled (upon reasonable prior notice and during normal business hours) to meet with the Chief Financial Officer of the Purchaser (or his designee) and representatives of the Purchaser's auditors, and (subject to execution of a customary nondisclosure agreement) to review any documents reasonably necessary in order for the Shareholder Representative to verify the calculation of Earn Out 1 or Earn Out 2, as the case may be. After such ten (10) calendar day period, within five (5) calendar days the Shareholder Representative may notify Purchaser in writing (in this Section 1.2(f), the "DISPUTE NOTICE") of any good faith reasonable objections to the calculation of the Closing Shareholders Equity or the Post-Closing Financial Certificate as it affects such calculation, setting forth a reasonably specific and detailed description of such objections. If the Shareholder Representative shall not have delivered a Dispute Notice within such five (5) calendar day period, the Selling Shareholders shall be deemed to have agreed with the calculations of the Earn Out 1 or Earn Out 2, as the case may be. If the Shareholder Representative delivers a Dispute Notice, Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative shall attempt to resolve any such objections within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt by Purchaser of the Dispute Notice. If a final resolution of such dispute is reached, the agreed upon amount of the Earn Out 1 or Earn Out 2, as the case may be, shall be deemed final and binding on Purchaser and the Selling Shareholders.

(ii) If, after such ten (10) day period, the Shareholder Representative and Purchaser cannot resolve such dispute, then Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative shall mutually agree upon a Swiss recognized accounting firm affiliated with the "Big Four" international accounting firms to resolve such dispute, or if they cannot agree on such a firm within five (5) calendar days, within three (3) business days they shall each designate a nationally recognized accounting firm, and the two firms shall agree upon a Swiss recognized accounting firm affiliated with the "Big Four" international accounting firms, which does not represent either party, which firm shall have the sole authority to resolve such dispute. If the two designated accounting firms are unable to reach agreement, then the Chairman of the Swiss Chamber of Audit Firms (Treuhand Kammer or its successor) will make such designation. The firm so agreed upon (the "FIRM") shall as promptly as practicable make a final determination of the Earn Out 1 or the Earn Out 2, as the case may be, based upon the Purchaser's audited financial statements for the relevant year, which shall be binding on the parties. Each of Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative shall provide the Firm with all information and documentation that the Firm requests. The Purchaser on the one part and the Shareholder Representative on the other part shall each pay half of the total fees and expenses of the Firm.

1.3 POST-CLOSING PURCHASE PRICE ADJUSTMENTS.

(i) Within thirty (30) calendar days following the delivery to the Purchaser of the Closing Balance Sheet (as defined below), the Purchaser shall deliver to the Shareholder Representative (as defined below) a copy of the Closing Balance Sheet and a calculation of the Company's shareholders equity as of Closing, excluding the effects of capitalized software development costs and related amortization, prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP (the "Closing Shareholders Equity"), certified by the Purchaser's Chief Financial Officer (the "Post-Closing Financial Certificate"), which shall form the basis of an adjustment of the Purchase Price in accordance with this Section 1.3.

(ii) Following delivery by Purchaser to the Shareholder Representative of the Post-Closing Financial Certificate, the Shareholder Representative shall have ten (10) calendar days during which to notify Purchaser in writing (in this Section 1.3, the "DISPUTE NOTICE") of any good faith reasonable objections to the calculation of the Closing Shareholders Equity or the Post-Closing Financial Certificate as it affects such calculation, setting forth a reasonably specific and detailed description of such objections. If the Shareholder Representative shall not have delivered a Dispute Notice within such ten (10) calendar day period, the Selling Shareholders shall be deemed to have agreed with the calculations of the Closing Shareholders Equity set forth in the Post-Closing Financial Certificate. If the Shareholder Representative delivers a Dispute Notice, Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative shall attempt to resolve any such objections within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt by Purchaser of the Dispute Notice. If a final resolution of such dispute is reached, the agreed upon amount of the Closing Shareholders Equity shall be deemed final and binding on Purchaser and the Selling Shareholders.

(iii) If, after such ten (10) day period, the Shareholder Representative and Purchaser cannot resolve such dispute, then Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative shall mutually agree upon a Swiss recognized accounting firm affiliated with the "Big Four" international accounting firms to resolve such dispute, or if they cannot agree on such a firm within five (5) calendar days, they shall each designate a nationally recognized accounting firm, and the two firms shall agree upon a Swiss recognized accounting firm affiliated with the "Big Four" international accounting firms, which does not represent either party, which firm shall have the sole authority to resolve such dispute. The firm so agreed upon (the "FIRM") shall as promptly as practicable (and in any event within thirty (30) calendar days) make a final determination of the Closing Shareholders Equity based upon the Closing Balance Sheet, which shall be binding on the parties. Each of Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative shall provide the Firm with all information and documentation that the Firm requests. The Purchaser on the one part and the Shareholder Representative on the other part shall each pay half of the total fees and expenses of the Firm.

(iv) The Purchase Price shall be adjusted following the Closing (the "POST-CLOSING ADJUSTMENT") as follows: (a) In the event that the Closing Shareholders Equity (as such Closing Shareholders Equity shall be finally determined pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Section 1.3) is a deficit, the amount of such deficit in Closing Shareholders Equity shall be deducted from the Purchase Price. Any net subtraction from the Purchase Price pursuant to this clause (iv) is referred to herein as the "POST-CLOSING ADJUSTMENT". For the avoidance of doubt, it is explicitly stated that in the event that the Closing Shareholders Equity is positive or is zero, the Selling Shareholders are not entitled to any positive adjustment of the Purchase Price.

(v) In the event that the Purchase Price is to be reduced by the Post-Closing Adjustment in accordance with Section 1.3(iv) above, the Selling Shareholders shall pay to the Purchaser, within ten (10) calendar days from the date of final determination of the Post-Closing Adjustment pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Section 1.3, the Post-Closing Adjustment by wire transfer in accordance with written instructions provided by the Purchaser, PROVIDED HOWEVER that such payment shall first be made from the Purchase Reserve, and PROVIDED FURTHER that if the Post-Closing Adjustment exceeds the Purchase Reserve, the Selling Shareholders, jointly and severally, shall pay the Purchaser such amount in excess, in addition to the transfer of the Purchase Reserve to the Purchaser. If the Post-Closing Adjustment is lower than the Purchase Reserve, then, upon payment of the Post-Closing Adjustment to the Purchaser from the funds of the Purchase Reserve, the remainder of the Purchase Reserve shall be paid by the Escrow Agent by wire transfer to the Selling Shareholders Bank Account. Such payment shall be in full settlement of, and fully release the Purchaser and the Escrow Agent from, the Purchaser's and/or the Escrow Agent's respective payment obligation with respect to the Purchase Reserve.

(vi) Any order to the Escrow Agent with respect to the Purchase Reserve in accordance with this Section 1.3 shall be signed either by the Purchaser and the Shareholders Representative or by the Firm and shall be final and binding upon the parties, and the Escrow Agent shall be instructed to comply with such order.

SECTION 2

CLOSING

2.1 CLOSING DATE. Unless mutually agreed to otherwise in writing, the closing of the Acquisition (the "CLOSING") shall be held at the offices of CMS von Erlach Henrici, Dreikonigstrasse 7, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland, at 10:00 a.m. CET time on January 3, 2006 (the "CLOSING DATE"). As used in the Transaction Documents, "BUSINESS DAY" means any day except a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in Switzerland or in Israel are obligated or permitted by law, regulation or governmental order to close.

2.2 ACTIONS AT THE CLOSING. At the Closing, the Company, the Selling Shareholders and the Purchaser shall take such actions and execute and deliver such agreements and other instruments and documents as necessary or appropriate to effect the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in accordance with its terms.

2.3 NO FURTHER OWNERSHIP RIGHTS IN SHARES. The Shares shall represent all outstanding shares, options, warrants or other rights to acquire shares of the Company. The payment of the Purchase Price (as adjusted) in accordance with Section 1.2 above shall be deemed to be full satisfaction of each Selling Shareholder's rights pertaining to such Shares.

2.4 TAKING OF NECESSARY ACTION; FURTHER ACTION. If, at any time after the date hereof, any further action is necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this Agreement and to ensure that the Company retains full right, title and possession to all of its assets, property, rights, privileges, and powers, the Purchaser, the Selling Shareholders and the officers and directors of the Company are fully authorized in the name of their respective corporations or otherwise to take, and will take, all such lawful and necessary action.

SECTION 3

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

In this Agreement, any reference to any event, change, condition or effect being "MATERIAL" with respect to any entity or group of entities means any material event, change, condition or effect related to the condition (financial or otherwise), properties, assets (including intangible assets), liabilities, business, operations, results of operations or prospects of such entity or group of entities which, where quantifiable, is individually greater than or equal to forty thousand U.S. dollars (\$40,000) or is individually in lesser amounts which are in the aggregate greater than or equal to two hundred thousand U.S. dollars (\$200,000). In this Agreement, any reference to a "MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT" with respect to any entity or group of entities means any event, change or effect that, when taken individually or together with all other adverse changes and effects, is or is reasonably likely to be materially adverse to the condition (legal, financial, business or otherwise), properties, assets (including intangible assets), liabilities, business, operations, results of or prospects of such entity and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or to prevent or materially delay consummation of the transactions contemplated under this Agreement and on any other agreement, exhibit or document attached to this Agreement (this Agreement and such other agreements, exhibits and documents are collectively referred to herein as the "TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS") or otherwise to prevent such entity and its subsidiaries from performing their obligations under the Transaction Documents; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the parties agree that any event, change or affect that has an adverse impact on the Company and its Subsidiaries which, where quantifiable, is individually greater than or equal to forty thousand U.S. dollars (\$40,000) or is individually in lesser amounts which are in the aggregate greater than or equal to two hundred thousand U.S. dollars (\$200,000) shall be deemed a Material Adverse Effect for purposes of the Transaction Documents.

In this Agreement, any reference to a party's "KNOWLEDGE" means what such party knew or ought reasonably to have known had it made due and diligent inquiry of its and the Group Companies' officers, directors, employees, and legal counsel and auditors of such party and of the Group Company reasonably believed to have knowledge of such matters.

The Selling Shareholders hereby, jointly and severally, represent and warrant to the Purchaser that the statements contained in this Section 3 (including any of its subsections) are true and correct on the date hereof and will be true and correct on the date of the Closing, except as expressly, fully, fairly and specifically set forth in the disclosure schedule delivered by the Selling Shareholders to the Purchaser on or before the date of this Agreement and attached hereto as Exhibit C (the "COMPANY DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE"). In all other respects, Article 200 of the Swiss Code of Obligations is not applicable to this Agreement. The Company Disclosure Schedule shall be arranged in paragraphs corresponding to the numbered and lettered paragraphs contained in this Section 3. For purposes of this Section 3, the "COMPANY" shall be deemed to include each of the Company's Subsidiaries.

3.1 ORGANIZATION, STANDING AND POWER; SUBSIDIARIES. Each of the Company and each subsidiary of the Company (each a "SUBSIDIARY") is a company with limited liability duly organized and validly existing and, if applicable, in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization. Each of the Company and each Subsidiary has the requisite corporate power and authority and has all necessary Swiss and German government, municipal and other approvals to own, lease and operate its properties and to carry on its business as now being conducted. Each of the Company and each Subsidiary (each a "Group Company" and together the "Group Companies") is duly qualified or licensed as a foreign corporation to do business, and is in good standing, in each jurisdiction where the character of the properties owned, leased or operated by it or the nature of its business makes such qualification or licensing necessary, except where the lack to be so qualified or licensed would not have a Material Adverse Effect. SECTION 3.1 of the Company Disclosure Schedule contains a true and complete list of all the Subsidiaries. SECTION 3.1 of the Company Disclosure Schedule also contains a true and complete listing of the locations of all sales offices of any Group Company, manufacturing facilities, and any other office or facilities of the Group Companies, a true and complete list of all jurisdictions in which the Group Companies maintain any directors, officers or employees, and a true and complete list of the jurisdiction of incorporation of each Group Company and all jurisdictions in which any Group Company is licensed to transact business as a foreign corporation. The Company is the owner of all outstanding shares of capital stock of each Subsidiary and all such shares are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock of each Subsidiary are owned by the Company free and clear of all encumbrances or rights of others. There are no outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, puts, calls, rights, exchangeable or convertible securities or other commitments or agreements of any character relating to the issued or unissued capital stock or other securities of any Group Company, or otherwise obligating any Group Company to issue, transfer, sell, purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any such securities. No Group Company directly or indirectly owns, nor has any Group Company committed or agreed to acquire, any equity or similar interest in, or any interest convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, any equity or similar interest in, any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or other business association or entity.

3.2 COMMERCIAL REGISTER; ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND BYLAWS. Attached as Section 3.2 of the Company Disclosure Schedule are an excerpt from the Commercial Register and a true and correct copy of the Articles of Association, Memorandum of Association and Bylaws or other charter documents (collectively, the "CHARTER DOCUMENTS"), as applicable, of each Group Company, each as amended to date, and no amendments have been made thereto or have been authorized since the date thereof. No Group Company is in violation of any of the provisions of its Charter Documents or equivalent organizational documents. No further or other signature rights than reflected in the excerpts from the Commercial Register exist, except for the amendments as per Section 6.3(c)(iii)(A) and 6.3(m) below as requested by the Purchaser.

3.3 CAPITAL STRUCTURE.

(a) The stated capital of the Company amounts to eight hundred thousand Swiss Francs (CHF 800,000) divided into eight hundred (800) bearer shares fully paid up in cash with a par value of CHF 1,000 each, of which seven hundred sixty (760) shares are held by the Selling Shareholders and forty (40) shares are held by the Company. There are no other outstanding shares or voting securities of the Company and no outstanding commitments to issue any shares or voting securities of the Company other than as set forth above.

All outstanding shares of the Group Companies were issued in compliance with all applicable securities and corporate laws of the jurisdiction in which such Companies are incorporated and are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The issued and outstanding share capital of the Company is held legally and beneficially and of record by the Selling Shareholders as set forth on Exhibit A, free and clear of all Encumbrances (as defined below).

(b) Except for the rights created pursuant to the Transaction Documents, there are no options, warrants, rights (including conversion or preemptive rights and rights of first refusal or similar rights) or agreements, orally or in writing, for the purchase or acquisition from any Group Company of any shares of its share capital, commitments, agreements or arrangements of any character to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party to issue, deliver, sell, repurchase or redeem, or cause to be issued, delivered, sold, repurchased or redeemed, any shares of any Group Company or obligating any Group Company to grant, extend, accelerate the vesting of, change the price of, or otherwise amend or enter into any such option, warrant, call, right, commitment or agreement (collectively, "Company Rights"). Except as set forth in the Company Disclosure Schedule, there are no contracts, commitments or agreements relating to the voting, purchase or sale of any Group Company's share capital between such Group Company and any shareholder or among any such shareholders. There is no action, proceeding, claim or, to the Selling Shareholders' knowledge, investigation against any Selling Shareholder or the Selling Shareholders' assets or properties, pending or, to such Selling Shareholders' knowledge, threatened, at law or in equity, by or before any court, arbitrator or other tribunal, or before any administrative law judge, hearing officer or administrative agency relating to or in any other manner impacting upon the Shares held by such Selling Shareholder.

(c) There is no Company stock option plan.

(d) The Shares are the only shares of the Company.

(e) The delivery by the Selling Shareholders of the respective bearer share certificates to the Purchaser and the Purchaser's payment for and acceptance thereof, will transfer to the Purchaser good, valid and marketable title to all of the outstanding share capital of the Company free and clear of any Encumbrances. Immediately following the Closing, the Purchaser will own 100% of the outstanding share capital of the Company, and all options, warrants and other rights to acquire shares of the Company, free and clear of all pledges, liens, encumbrances, charges, mortgages, security interests or other third party rights (whether IN REM or IN PERSONAM), irrespective of whether such third party rights arise under any agreement or other instrument, by the mere operation of statutory or other laws or by means of a judgment, order or decree of any court, judicial or administrative authority, including the requirement to obtain any approval or consent from a third party or authority to the exercise or full vesting of a right or title ("Encumbrances", and "Encumber" shall be construed accordingly).

3.4 AUTHORIZATION. Each Selling Shareholder has all requisite corporate power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of each Selling Shareholder, and no further action is required on the part of the Company nor the Selling Shareholders to authorize this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Selling Shareholders. This Agreement constitutes, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the other parties hereto, the valid and legally binding obligation of the Selling Shareholders, enforceable by the Purchaser against the Selling Shareholders in accordance with its terms.

3.5 NO CONFLICT. Except as disclosed in Section 3.5 of the Disclosure Schedule, the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Selling Shareholders does not, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not, conflict with, or result in any termination, violation, or breach of, or default under (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both), or give rise to a right of termination, cancellation or acceleration of any obligation or loss of any benefit under, or give rise to right to amend or renegotiate, or result in the creation or imposition of any Encumbrance upon any Selling Shareholder's Shares due to (any such event, a "CONFLICT") (a) any provision of the Charter Documents of any Group Company or any Selling Shareholder, or (b) any mortgage, indenture, lease, contract or other agreement or instrument, permit, concession, franchise or license to which any Selling Shareholder or any Group Company or any of their respective properties or assets is subject, or (c) any judgment, order, decree, statute, law, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to any Group Company or any Selling Shareholder or their respective properties or assets. Except as set forth in the Company Disclosure Schedule, the Company and the Selling Shareholders, to their knowledge, are not aware that any party to any Company Contract would in any way change such party's course of performance of such Company Contract following the Closing. Following the Closing, each Group Company and the Purchaser will be permitted to exercise all of such Group Company's rights under the Company Contracts without the payment of any additional amounts or consideration other than ongoing fees, royalties or payments which such Group Company would otherwise be required to pay had the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents not occurred.

3.6 CONSENTS. Except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedule for Section 3.5, no consent, waiver, approval, order or authorization of, or registration, qualification, designation, declaration or filing with, any court, administrative agency or commission or any governmental authority, instrumentality, agency or commission ("GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY") or any third party, including a party to any agreement with the Company or any Selling Shareholder, is required by or with respect to the Company or any Selling Shareholder in connection with, the execution and delivery of the Transaction Documents or the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby.

3.7 COMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

(a) Attached as Section 3.7(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule are the audited balance sheets of FAST Video Security AG as of December 31, 2002, December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004 (the "Balance Sheet Date") and the related statements of income for the years then ended, accompanied by the report of the Company's independent auditors thereon, and the unaudited balance sheets of FAST Video Security GmbH as of December 31, 2002, December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2004 and the related statements of income for the years then ended, and the unaudited consolidated balance sheets of FAST Video Security AG and FAST Video Security GmbH as of December 31, 2002, December 31, 2003, and December 31 2004 and the related consolidated statements of income for the years then ended (the "Financial Statements"). Attached as Section 3.7(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule are the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the FAST Video Security AG and FAST Video Security GmbH as of September 30, 2005 and the related consolidated statement of income for the nine months then ended (the "Unaudited Interim Financial Statements"). Each of the Financial Statements (including, in each case, the related notes thereto) and the Unaudited Interim Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved, and fairly present the financial position, and where specified above the consolidated financial position, of FAST Video Security AG and FAST Video Security GmbH as at the respective dates thereof and the results of their operations, and where specified above the consolidated results of their operations, for the periods indicated, except that the Unaudited Interim Financial Statements and the consolidated balance sheets and related consolidated statements of income for FAST Video Security AG and FAST Video Security GmbH do not contain notes that may be required by Swiss GAAP.

(b) The Group Companies maintain and will continue to maintain a standard system of accounting established and administered in accordance with Swiss GAAP. The Group Companies maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with Swiss GAAP and to maintain asset accountability, (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. The Company has made available to Purchaser complete and correct copies of, all existing written descriptions of, and all existing policies, manuals and other documents promulgating, such internal accounting controls. The Company's Unaudited Interim Financial Statements shall be referred to herein as the "Company Current Balance Sheet."

3.8 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE. All accounts receivable reflected on the Company Current Balance Sheet or arising after such Company Current Balance Sheet date have arisen from bona fide transactions in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and in accordance with Swiss GAAP applied on a consistent basis and are not subject to valid defenses, setoffs or counterclaims. The Group Company's reserve for contractual allowances and doubtful accounts is adequate and has been calculated in a manner consistent with past practice. Since the Balance Sheet Date, no Group Company has modified or changed in any material respect its sales practices or methods including, without limitation, such practices or methods in accordance with which such Group Company sells goods or services, fills orders or records sales.

3.9 NO UNDISCLOSED LIABILITIES. No Group Company has any liability, indebtedness, obligation, expense, claim, deficiency, guaranty or endorsement of any type, whether accrued, absolute, contingent, matured, unmatured or other, which individually or in the aggregate (i) has not been reflected in or reserved against in the Company Current Balance Sheet, and (ii) has not arisen in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices since the Balance Sheet Date. The reserve set forth in the Company Current Balance Sheet for returns of Company products due to temperature malfunction is adequate to cover anticipated returns, and no Company products in excess of such reserve will be returned. There is no commitment or liability, express or implied, oral or written, to any supplier or other party with which the Company has any agreement, with respect to estimates or projections of futures purchases or sales of the Company's products.

3.10 NO CHANGES. Since the Balance Sheet Date there has not been, occurred or arisen any:

(a) transaction by any Group Company except in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices;

(b) amendment or change to the Charter Documents of any Group Company;

(c) capital expenditure or capital commitment by any Group Company except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice but in any event not in excess of forty thousand U.S. dollars (\$40,000);

(d) destruction of, damage to or loss of any material assets, material business or material customer of any Group Company (whether or not covered by insurance);

(e) work stoppage, labor strike or other labor trouble, or any action, suit, claim, labor dispute or grievance relating to any labor, safety or discrimination matter involving any Group Company, including, without limitation, charges of wrongful termination of employment or other unlawful labor practices or actions;

(f) change in accounting methods or practices (including any change in depreciation or amortization policies or rates) by any Group Company other than as required by Swiss GAAP;

(g) revaluation by any Group Company of any of its respective assets;

(h) declaration, setting aside or payment of a dividend or other distribution with respect to any shares of any Group Company or any direct or indirect redemption, purchase or other acquisition by any Group Company of its share capital;

(i) other than the compensation set forth in Section 3.21 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, increase in the salary or other compensation payable or to become payable by any Group Company to any of its officers, directors, employees or advisors, or the declaration, payment or commitment or obligation of any kind for the payment, by any Group Company, of a bonus or other additional salary or compensation to any such person, or the entry by any Group Company into an agreement by which any person is newly employed;

(j) agreement, contract, covenant, instrument, lease, or commitment to which any Group Company is a party or by which it or any of its assets is bound and which is material to any Group Company's business or any termination, extension, amendment or modification of the terms of any such agreement, contract, covenant, instrument, lease, or commitment to which any Group Company is a party or by which it or any of its assets is bound, other than licenses of the Company Intellectual Property which are governed by subsection (g) below, and except as set forth in Section 3.10(j) of the Disclosure Schedule;

(k) sale, lease, license (other than licenses of the Company Intellectual Property entered into in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice) or other disposition of any of the material assets or properties of any Group Company or any creation of any security interest in such assets or properties;

(l) loan by any Group Company to any person or entity, incurring by any Group Company of any indebtedness, guaranteeing by any Group Company of any indebtedness, issuance or sale of any debt securities of any Group Company or guaranteeing of any debt securities of others;

(m) waiver or release of any right or claim of any Group Company material to any Group Company's business, including any write-off or other compromise, not disclosed in the Unaudited Interim Financial Statements, of any account receivable of any Group Company

(n) commencement or notice or, to the Selling Shareholders' knowledge, threat or reasonable basis therefor, of any lawsuit or, to the Selling Shareholder's knowledge, proceeding, audit or investigation against any Group Company or their affairs except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedule for Section 3.9, other than as would not have a Material Adverse Effect;

(o) notice of any claim or, to the best knowledge of the Selling Shareholders, potential claim of ownership by any person other than the relevant Group Company of any of the Company Intellectual Property (as defined in Section 3.14 hereof) owned by or developed or created by the relevant Group Company or of infringement by any Group Company of any other person's Intellectual Property (as defined in Section 3.14 hereof);

(p) issuance or sale, or contract to issue or sell, by any Group Company of any SHARES or securities exchangeable, convertible or exercisable therefor, or any securities, warrants, options or rights to purchase any of the foregoing;

(q) (i) sale by any Group Company of any Company Intellectual Property or the entering into of any license agreement, security agreement, assignment or other conveyance or option, with respect to Company Intellectual Property with any person or entity (other than standard customer license agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice), or (ii) the purchase or other acquisition of any Intellectual Property or the entering into of any license agreement, security agreement, assignment or other conveyance or option with respect to the Intellectual Property of any person or entity (other than standard license agreements entered into as a result of purchases in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice), or (iii) the material change in pricing or royalties set or charged by any Group Company to its customers or licensees or in pricing or royalties set or charged by persons who have licensed Intellectual Property to any Group Company;

(r) event or condition of any character not disclosed elsewhere in this Section 3.10 that has had or is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect with respect to any Group Company; or

(s) negotiation or agreement by any Group Company or any director, officer or employees thereof to do any of the things described in the preceding clauses (a) through (r) (other than negotiations with Purchaser and its representatives regarding the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents or negotiations related to actions or agreements set forth in the Disclosure Schedules for this Section).

3.11 TAX MATTERS.

(a) DEFINITION OF TAXES. For the purposes of this Agreement, "TAX" or, collectively, "TAXES", means (i) any and all domestic and foreign taxes, assessments and other similar governmental charges, duties, impositions and liabilities, including taxes based upon or measured by gross receipts, income, profits, sales, use and occupation, distributions, and value added, ad valorem, transfer, franchise, withholding, payroll, recapture, employment, excise and property taxes, and customs duties, together with all interest, penalties and additions imposed with respect to such amounts; (ii) any liability for the payment of any amounts of the type described in clause (i) as a result of being a member of an affiliated, consolidated, combined or unitary group for any period; and (iii) any liability for the payment of any amounts of the type described in clause (i) or (ii) as a result of any express or implied obligation to indemnify any other person or as a result of any obligations under any agreements or arrangements with any other person with respect to such amounts and including any liability for taxes of a predecessor entity.

(b) TAX RETURNS AND AUDITS.

(i) Each Group Company as of the Closing Date will have prepared and timely filed all domestic and foreign returns, estimates, information statements and reports ("RETURNS") required to be filed prior to the Closing Date relating to any and all Taxes of such Group Company or its operations, and such Returns are and will be true and correct and have been and will be completed in accordance with applicable law.

(ii) Each Group Company as of the Closing Date will have: (A) paid all Taxes it is required to pay and withheld with respect to its directors, officers and employees all income taxes and other Taxes required to be withheld, and (B) accrued on the Company Current Balance Sheet all Taxes attributable to the periods covered by the Company Current Balance Sheet and/or to previous periods and has not incurred any liability for Taxes for the period after the date of the Company Current Balance Sheet and prior to the Closing Date other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice.

(iii) No Group Company has been delinquent in the payment of any Tax, nor is there any Tax deficiency outstanding, assessed or proposed against any Group Company, nor has any Group Company executed any currently effective waiver of any statute of limitations on or extending the period for the assessment or collection of any Tax.

(iv) No audit, investigation or other examination of any Return of any Group Company is (to the Selling Shareholders' knowledge) presently in progress, nor has any Group Company been notified of any request for such an audit, investigation or other examination.

(v) No Group Company has any liabilities for unpaid Taxes incurred prior to the date of the Company Current Balance Sheet (including without limitation any liabilities for Taxes as a result of being a member of a consolidated, combined or unitary group) which have not been accrued or reserved on the Company Current Balance Sheet, whether asserted or unasserted, contingent or otherwise (including without limitation any liabilities for Taxes as a result of being a member of a consolidated, combined or unitary group), and no Group Company has incurred any such liability for Taxes since the date of the Company Current Balance Sheet other than in the ordinary course of business.

(vi) Each Group Company has given the Purchaser or the Purchaser's representatives access to copies of all foreign, state and local income and all value added tax Returns for or including any Group Company filed for all periods since January 1, 2002.

(vii) There are no Encumbrances of any sort on the assets of any Group Company relating to or attributable to Taxes other than liens for Taxes not yet due and payable.

(viii) Neither the Company nor any Selling Shareholder has knowledge of any basis for the assertion of any claim relating or attributable to Taxes which, if adversely determined, would result in any Encumbrance on the assets of any Group Company.

(ix) No Group Company is a party to any tax sharing, indemnification or allocation agreement nor does any Group Company owe any amount under any such agreement.

(x) Each Group's Company's tax basis in its assets for purposes of determining its future amortization, depreciation and other income Tax deductions is accurately reflected on such Group Company's tax books and records.

(xi) There is no contract, agreement, plan or arrangement to which any Group Company is a party, including but not limited to the provisions of the Transaction Documents, covering any employee or former employee of any Group Company, which, individually or collectively, could give rise to the payment of any amount that would not be deductible pursuant to the applicable tax laws and regulations.

(xii) No Group Company has been treated for any taxation purposes as resident in a country other than its country of incorporation and has not had a branch agency or permanent establishment in a country other than in its country of incorporation.

(xiii) No Group Company has had or currently has the benefit of any tax concession or clearance, including in particular, the benefit of which will or might be lost upon or as a consequence of implementation of the arrangements contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

(xiv) Each Group Company has paid all stamp duties and tax duties for which they are or were liable.

(xv) The Group Companies have at their disposal all supporting documents in connection with (i) all filed tax returns, reports and other filings, and (ii) all tax returns, reports and other filings still to be filed which refer to assessment periods (partially or fully) before the Closing Date, in each case in form and substance in accordance with the statutory requirements.

(xvi) None of the Shares or the shares of any Subsidiary or the assets of any Group Company are subject to any restriction periods during which (i) the transfer of such shares or assets, or (ii) distributions with respect to such shares, or (iii) mergers or other restructurings involving such shares or assets, or (iv) any other dealings with or in relation to these shares or assets, or (v) the loss of common control over a Group Company and another company would trigger or increase a liability for Taxes of any Group Company, of the Purchaser or of any third party, and none of the Group Companies has any contingent liability with regard to such restriction periods encumbering shares or assets of other companies.

(xvii) There are no special agreements with, or concessions from, tax or other authorities, formal or informal, which have an impact on the Taxes chargeable on any of the Group Companies.

(c) REPAYMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' LOANS NOT TO TRIGGER TAXES

The Selling Shareholders represent that the waiver of repayment of the Shareholders Loans according to paragraph 6.3 (g) will not trigger for the Company (i) Swiss stamp duty, (ii) the loss of reclaimable VAT, or (iii) a reduction of available tax loss carry-forwards and that the Selling Shareholders and/or the Company shall obtain rulings from the competent tax authorities to that effect.

3.12 RESTRICTIONS ON BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.

(a) No Group Company is a party to or is bound by nor has it made any offer or tender to enter into: (i) any obligation outside the ordinary course of such Group Company's business, or of an onerous long term nature (for which purposes a long term obligation shall mean one which is not terminable by such Group Company without liability to damages within six months from the Closing), or (ii) any agreement, arrangement or understanding which in any respect is unusual having regard to the usual practice of the such Group Company or other entities carrying on similar businesses, or (iii) other than in the ordinary course of business, any agreement, arrangement or understanding under which any Group Company is or may become liable to pay any service, management or similar charge or any interest or other periodic payment.

(b) There is no agreement (non-compete or otherwise), commitment, judgment, injunction, order or decree to which any Group Company is a party or otherwise binding upon any Group Company which has or may reasonably be expected to have the effect of prohibiting or impairing in any respect any business practice of such Group Company, any acquisition of property (tangible or intangible) by any Group Company or the overall conduct of business by any Group Company as currently conducted or as proposed to be conducted by any Group Company except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedule for Section 3.12(a). Without limiting the foregoing, neither any Group Company has entered into any agreement under which such Group Company is restricted from selling, licensing or otherwise distributing any of its products to or providing services to, customers or potential customers or any class of customers, in any geographic area, during any period of time or in any segment of the market except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedule for Section 3.12(a).

3.13 TITLE TO PROPERTIES; ABSENCE OF LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES; CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT.

(a) Each Group Company has good and marketable title to all of its respective properties and assets, real, personal and mixed, reflected in the Company Current Balance Sheet or acquired after the date of the Company Current Balance Sheet, or with respect to leased properties and assets, valid leasehold interests in, free and clear of all Encumbrances of any kind or character. The plants, property and equipment of the Group Companies that are used in the operations of their businesses are in good operating condition and repair. All properties used in the operations of the Group Company are reflected in the Company Current Balance Sheet to the extent GAAP requires the same to be reflected. SECTION 3.13(A) of the Company Disclosure Schedule sets forth a true, correct and complete list of all real property owned or leased by each Group Company, the name of the lessor, the start and end dates of the lease and each amendment thereto, the aggregate monthly and annual rental and other fees payable under such lease, and any additional material terms. Such leases are in good standing, are valid and effective in accordance with their respective terms, and there is not under any such leases any existing default or event of default (or event which with notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute a default).

(b) THE EQUIPMENT owned or leased by each Group Company is, taken as a whole, (i) adequate for the conduct of the business of each Group Company as currently conducted, and (ii) such equipment which is so used is in good operating condition, regularly and properly maintained, subject to normal wear and tear. The Company has good and valid title to all of the equipment listed in Section 3.13(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule which is located at Formatest AG, at BMK professional electronics GmbH and at PLG Produktions - und Leistungs-Gesellschaft, and has no reason to believe that the Company would not be able to remove and take possession of such equipment at any time.

(c) No Group Company nor any Selling Shareholder has sold or otherwise released for distribution any of any Group Company's customer files and other customer information relating to such Group Company's current and former customers (the "CUSTOMER INFORMATION") except for disclosure during due diligence performed by one potential acquirer in 2005; provided, however, that such potential acquirer was party to a customary nondisclosure agreement with the Company. No person other than the Group Companies possesses any claims or rights with respect to use of the Customer Information.

(d) All inventory of the Company's products and all raw materials therefore currently located at Formatest AG are suitable and useable in their current condition for the current and anticipated future versions of the Company's "Alpha Blue" product.

3.14 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

(a) For the purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the following definitions:

(i) "INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY" shall mean any or all of the following and all rights in, arising out of, or associated therewith: (i) all Swiss, German, European, United States, and foreign patents and applications therefor and all reissues, divisions, renewals, extensions, provisionals, continuations and continuations-in-part thereof; (ii) all inventions (whether patentable or not), invention disclosures, improvements, trade secrets, proprietary information, know how, methods, teaching and learning techniques, technology, technical data, statistical and customer lists, and all documentation relating to any of the foregoing; (iii) all copyrights, copyright registrations and applications therefor and all other rights corresponding thereto throughout the world; (iv) all mask works, mask work registrations and applications therefor; (v) all industrial designs and any registrations and applications therefor throughout the world; (vi) all trade names, logos, common law trademarks and service marks; trademark and service mark registrations and applications therefor and all goodwill associated therewith throughout the world; (vii) all databases and data collections and all rights therein throughout the world; (viii) all computer software including all source code, object code, firmware, development tools, test suites, files, records and data, all media on which any of the foregoing is recorded, all Web addresses, sites and domain names; and (ix) all documentation related to any of the foregoing irrespective of the media on which it is recorded.

(ii) "COMPANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY" shall mean any Intellectual Property that is owned by or exclusively licensed to any Group Company.

(iii) "REGISTERED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY" shall mean all: (i) patents and patent applications (including provisional applications); (ii) registered trademarks, applications to register trademarks, intent-to-use applications, or other registrations or applications related to trademarks; (iii) registered copyrights and applications for copyright registration; (iv) any mask work registrations and applications to register mask works; and (v) any other Intellectual Property that is the subject of an application, certificate, filing, registration or other document issued by, filed with, or recorded by, any state, government or other public legal authority.

(b) SECTION 3.14(B) of the Company Disclosure Schedule lists all Registered Intellectual Property owned by, or filed in the name of, any Group Company (the "COMPANY REGISTERED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY") and lists any commencement or notice or to the knowledge of the Selling Shareholders, threat of any proceedings or actions before any court, tribunal (including the United States Patent and Trademark Office (collectively, the "PTO") or equivalent authority anywhere in the world) related to any of the Company Registered Intellectual Property.

(c) Each item of the Company Intellectual Property, including all Company Registered Intellectual Property listed in SECTION 3.14(B) of the Company Disclosure Schedule and all Intellectual Property licensed to Company is free and clear of any Encumbrances. Each Group Company (i) is the exclusive owner of all trademarks and trade names set forth in the Disclosure Schedule used in connection with the operation or conduct of the business of the Company, including the sale of any products or technology or the provision of any services by the Company, and (ii) owns exclusively, and has good title to, all copyrighted works that are its products or other works of authorship that is otherwise purports to own.

(d) To the extent that any Intellectual Property has been developed or created by any person other than the Group Company for which such Group Company has, directly or indirectly, paid (including but not limited to directors, officers, employees and consultants, and former directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company), such Group Company has a written agreement with such person with respect thereto and such Group Company thereby has obtained ownership of, and is the exclusive owner of, all such Intellectual Property by operation of law or by valid assignment and does not owe any consideration to any third party in connection therewith.

(e) No Group Company has transferred ownership of or granted any license of or right to use or authorized the retention of any rights to use any Intellectual Property that is or was Company Intellectual Property, to any other person other than licenses or rights to use contained in standard customer license agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice.

(f) The Company Intellectual Property constitutes all the Intellectual Property used in and/or necessary to the conduct of the Group Company's business as it currently is conducted or is reasonably contemplated to be conducted by the Group Companies, including, without limitation, the design, development, manufacture, marketing, use, import and sale of the products, technology and services of the Group Companies (including products, technology or services currently under development).

(g) The contracts, licenses and agreements listed in Section 3.14(g) of the Company Disclosure Schedule include all contracts, licenses and agreements to which any Group Company is a party with respect to any Intellectual Property (the "COMPANY LICENSES") other than standard customer license agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business. No person who has licensed Intellectual Property to any Group Company has ownership rights or license rights to improvements made by any Group Company in such Intellectual Property which has been licensed to such Group Company.

(h) SECTION 3.14(H) of the Company Disclosure Schedule lists all contracts, licenses and agreements between any Group Company and any other person wherein or whereby such Group Company has agreed to, or assumed, any obligation or duty to warrant, indemnify, reimburse, defend, hold harmless, guaranty or otherwise assume or incur any obligation or liability or provide a right of rescission with respect to the infringement or misappropriation by such Group Company or such other person of the Intellectual Property of any person other than such Company, other than standard customer license agreements and OEM or reseller agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice.

(i) The operation of the business of each Group Company as it currently is conducted, or as is currently contemplated to be conducted by such Group Company, including but not limited to such Group Company's design, development, use, import, manufacture and sale of the products, technology or services (including products, technology or services currently under development) of such Group Company does not infringe upon or misappropriate the Intellectual Property of any person, violate the rights of any person (including rights to privacy or publicity), or (to the knowledge of the Selling Shareholders) constitute unfair competition or trade practices under the laws of any jurisdiction, and no Group Company has received notice or threat in writing thereof from any person claiming that such operation or any act, product, technology or service (including products, technology or services currently under development) of such Group Company infringes or misappropriates the Intellectual Property of any person or constitutes unfair competition or trade practices under the laws of any jurisdiction (nor is any Group Company or any of the Selling Shareholders aware of any basis therefor).

(j) Each item of Registered Intellectual Property is valid and subsisting, all necessary registration, maintenance and renewal fees in connection with such Registered Intellectual Property have been paid and all necessary documents and certificates in connection with such Registered Intellectual Property have been filed with the relevant patent, copyright, trademark or other authorities, for the purposes of maintaining such Registered Intellectual Property.

(k) There are no contracts, licenses or agreements between any Group Company and any other person with respect to Company Intellectual Property under which there is any dispute known to such Group Company or the Selling Shareholders regarding the scope of such agreement, or performance under such agreement, including with respect to any payments to be made or received by such Group Company thereunder.

(l) To the best knowledge of the Selling Shareholders, no person is infringing or misappropriating any Company Intellectual Property.

(m) Each Group Company has taken all appropriate steps to protect such Group Company's rights in confidential information and trade secrets of such Group Company or provided by any other person to such Group Company. Without limiting the foregoing, each Group Company has and enforces a policy requiring each director, officer, employee, consultant and contractor with access to Company Intellectual Property to execute proprietary information, confidentiality and assignment agreements in Group Company's standard forms, and all current and former directors, officers, employees, consultants and contractors of each Group Company have executed such an agreement, true, correct and complete copies of which have been provided to Purchaser.

(n) No Company Intellectual Property or product, technology or service of any Group Company is subject to any pending proceeding or outstanding decree, order, judgment, agreement or stipulation that restricts in any manner the use, transfer or licensing thereof by such Group Company or may affect the validity, use or enforceability of the Company Intellectual Property.

(o) No (i) product, technology, service or publication of any Group Company, (ii) material published or distributed by any Group Company or (iii) conduct or statement of any Group Company constitutes obscene material or a defamatory statement or constitutes false advertising.

(p) Except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedules, no Group Company has any escrow agreement or arrangement between such Group Company and any person or entity that would permit such person or entity or any other party to obtain a copy of such Group Company's source code and program documentation (or any portion thereof) upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of such Group Company or any Selling Shareholder or upon termination, breach or alleged breach of any contract or agreement between such Group Company and such person or entity, or under any other circumstances. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no portion of the software products of any Group Company is subject to the provisions of any open source or other third party license agreement that (i) requires the distribution of source code in connection with the distribution of such software in object code form; (ii) prohibits or limits such Group Company from charging a fee or receiving consideration in connection with sublicensing or distributing such licensed software (whether in source code or object code form); or (iii) allows a customer or requires that a customer have the right to decompile, disassemble or otherwise reverse engineer the software by its terms and not by operation of law.

(q) No Group Company has registered the word "FAST" or any name containing the said word, or variation thereof, with any registry, as a company, trade name or otherwise, or in any part of the world, except as set forth in Section 3.14(b) to the Company Disclosure Schedule.

3.15 AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND COMMITMENTS.

(a) Except as set forth in the Company Disclosure Schedule, no Group Company is a party to or otherwise bound by

(i) any employment or consulting agreement, contract or commitment with an employee or individual consultant or salesperson or consulting or sales agreement, contract or commitment with a firm or other organization;

(ii) any agreement or plan, including, without limitation, any stock option plan, stock appreciation rights plan or stock purchase plan, any of the benefits of which will be increased, or the vesting of benefits of which will be accelerated, by the occurrence of any of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents or the value of any of the benefits of which will be calculated on the basis of any of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents;

(iii) any fidelity or surety bond or completion bond;

(iv) any lease of personal property to any Group Company;

(v) any agreement, contract or commitment containing any covenant limiting the freedom of any Group Company to engage in any line of business or to compete with any person,

(vi) any agreement, contract or commitment relating to material capital expenditures and involving future payments;

(vii) any agreement, contract or commitment relating to the leasing, licensing, disposition or acquisition of assets or any interest in any business enterprise outside the ordinary course of any Group Company business;

(viii) any mortgages, indentures, guarantees, loans or credit agreements, security agreements or other agreements or instruments relating to the borrowing of money or extension of credit;

(ix) any purchase order or contract for the purchase of materials outside the ordinary course business consistent with past practice, but in any event not for more than forty thousand U.S. dollars (\$40,000);

(x) any construction contracts;

(xi) any dealer, agency, distribution, joint marketing, development or indemnification agreement;

(xii) any sales representative, original equipment manufacturer, value added, remarketer, reseller or other agreement for distribution of any Group Company's products or services, or the products or services of any person;

(xiii) any agreement, contract or commitment that involves or that could reasonably be expected to involve (i) aggregate payments by any Group Company, or the receipt by any Group Company, of forty thousand U.S. dollars (\$40,000) or more individually or in the aggregate and that is not cancelable without penalty within thirty (30) calendar days, (ii) minimum purchase commitments by any Group Company, or (iii) ongoing service or support obligations and that are not cancelable without penalty or refund within third (30) calendar days; or

(xiv) any agreement under which such Group Company has made any representations or warranties whose time limits have not yet expired in connection with the acquisition, disposal or any other transfer of shares or other assets or under which such Group Company could be held liable in connection with such representations or warranties under guarantees, suretyships or similar engagements or in any other way, and there are no claims of third parties based on such representations or warranties, or such guarantees, suretyships or similar engagements, which may be set off against claims of any of the Group Companies.

(b) Each Group Company is in material compliance in all respects with and has not breached, violated or defaulted under, or received notice that it has breached, violated or defaulted under, any of the terms or conditions of any agreement, contract, covenant, instrument, lease, license or commitment to which any Group Company is a party or by which it is bound (each, a "COMPANY CONTRACT"), nor is any Group Company or any Selling Shareholder aware of any event that would constitute such a breach, violation or default with the lapse of time, giving of notice or both. Each Company Contract is in full force and effect and, to the knowledge of the Selling Shareholders, is not subject to any material default thereunder by any party obligated to any Group Company pursuant thereto. Each Group Company has obtained or will obtain prior to the Closing all necessary consents, waivers and approvals of the parties listed in EXHIBIT F as are required for the Company Contracts with such parties to remain in effect without modification after the Acquisition.

(c) No Group Company, or any of its directors, officers, employees, representatives, or agents has for the purpose of securing any contract or advantage to any Group Company given or offered any bribe, kick-back, or any corrupt, unlawful or immoral payment or contribution.

(d) Except as set forth in the Company Disclosure Schedule, no Company Contract has been entered into otherwise than pursuant to normal "arm's length" commercial terms.

3.16 GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORIZATION. SECTION 3.16 of the Company Disclosure Schedule accurately lists each consent, license, permit, grant or other authorization (i) issued to any Group Company by a Governmental Entity presently held by any Group Company in connection with the conduct of its business (herein collectively called "COMPANY AUTHORIZATIONS"); and (ii) required by any Group Company under any applicable law in order to conduct its business as currently conducted and as proposed to be conducted ("GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORIZATIONS"). The Company Authorizations are in full force and effect and constitute all Governmental Authorizations required to permit any Group Company to operate or conduct its businesses as presently conducted or hold any interest in its properties or assets, and to permit the Purchaser to continue to conduct the business of any Group Company following the Closing

3.17 LITIGATION. Other than as set forth in SECTION 3.9 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, there is no action, suit or proceeding of any nature pending, or, to the Company's or the Selling Shareholders' knowledge, threatened, before any civil, administrative or criminal court, arbitral panel or administrative or regulatory agency against any Group Company, their properties or any of its officers, employees or directors in their capacities as such, nor is there any reasonable basis therefor. Other than as set forth in SECTION 3.9 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, there is no investigation pending or threatened, against any Group Company, its respective properties or any of their respective officers, employees or directors in their capacities as such (nor is there any reasonable basis therefor) by or before any Governmental Entity. No Governmental Entity has at any time challenged or questioned the legal right of any Group Company to conduct its operations as presently or previously conducted.

3.18 MINUTE BOOKS AND REGISTERS. The minutes of each Group Company to which counsel for the Purchaser was given access are the only minutes of the board of directors and shareholders of such Group Company since January 1, 2003, and contain true and accurate copies of all resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors (or committees thereof) of such Group Company and its shareholders since such date, and no other material resolutions have been adopted the time of incorporation of such Group Company. The share register and the register of directors of each Group Company, if applicable, completely and accurately set forth the information required to be included therein.

3.19 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

As used in this Agreement:

(i) "ENVIRONMENTAL CLAIM" means any and all administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, demands, demand letters, directives, claims, Encumbrances, investigations, proceedings or notices of noncompliance or violation by any person or entity (including any Governmental Entity) alleging liability or potential liability (including, without limitation, potential responsibility for or liability for enforcement costs, investigatory costs, cleanup costs, governmental response costs, removal costs, remedial costs, natural resources damages, property damages, personal injuries, fines or penalties) arising out of, based on or resulting from (a) the presence, or Release or threatened Release into the environment, of any Hazardous Materials at any location, whether or not owned, operated, leased or managed by any Group Company; or (b) circumstances forming the basis of any violation, or alleged violation, of any Environmental Law; or (c) any and all claims by any third party seeking damages, contribution, indemnification, cost recovery, compensation or injunctive relief resulting from the presence or Release of any Hazardous Materials.

(ii) "ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS" means all Swiss, German, and foreign (to the extent applicable) laws, rules, regulations and requirements of common law relating to pollution, the environment (including, without limitation, ambient air, surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata) or protection of human health as it relates to protection of the environment including, without limitation, laws and regulations relating to Releases or threatened Releases of Hazardous Materials, or otherwise relating to the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of Hazardous Materials.

(iii) "HAZARDOUS MATERIALS" means (a) any petroleum or petroleum products, radioactive materials, asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation and transformers or other equipment that contain dielectric fluid containing polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs") in regulated concentrations; and (b) any chemicals, materials or substances which are now defined as or included in the definition of "hazardous substances," "hazardous wastes," "hazardous materials," "extremely hazardous wastes," "restricted hazardous wastes," "toxic substances," "toxic pollutants," or words of similar import, under any Environmental Law; and (c) any other chemical, material, substance or waste, which is regulated under any Environmental Law in a jurisdiction in which any Group Company operates.

(iv) "RELEASE" means any release, spill, emission, leaking, injection, deposit, disposal, discharge, dispersal, leaching or migration into the atmosphere, soil, surface water, groundwater or property.

No Hazardous Material is present, as a result of the actions or omissions of any Group Company or, to the Selling Shareholders' knowledge, any third party or otherwise, in, on or under any property, including the land and the improvements, ground water and surface water, that any Group Company owns, operates, occupies or leases. No underground storage tanks are or were present under any such property at such time as any Group Company owned, operated, occupied or leased such property. No Group Company has notified any Governmental Entity or third party, or been required under any law, rule, regulation, order or agreement to notify any Governmental Entity or third party, of any Release of any Hazardous Material.

At all times, each Group Company has transported, stored, used, manufactured, disposed of, released or exposed its directors, officers and employees or others to Hazardous Materials (collectively, "Hazardous Materials Activities") in compliance with all Environmental Laws.

Each Group Company currently holds all environmental approvals, permits, licenses, clearances and consents (the "Environmental Permits") necessary for the conduct of its business as such business is currently being conducted and is in material compliance with all such Environmental Permits. No environmental report, closure activity, investigation or assessment, and no notification to or approval, consent or authorization from, any Governmental Entity with jurisdiction regarding environmental matters or Hazardous Materials is required to be obtained in connection with any of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

No Environmental Claim is pending or threatened. The Company and the Selling Shareholders are not aware of any fact or circumstance, including any Release, which could reasonably be expected to involve any Group Company in any Environmental Claim or impose upon any Group Company any liability concerning Hazardous Materials Activities.

3.20 BROKERS' AND FINDERS' FEES. No Group Company and no Selling Shareholder has incurred, nor will it incur, directly or indirectly, any liability for brokerage or finders' fees or agents' commissions or any similar charges in connection with the Agreement or any transaction contemplated hereby except those to Corum Group International S.a.r.l., which are the responsibility and liability solely of the Selling Shareholders.

3.21 EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYEE BENEFIT MATTERS.

(a) Particulars of all the directors, officers, employees and consultants of each Group Company (each, a "COMPANY EMPLOYEE"), including maternity leave, military or civil defense service, illness or accident, necessary work permits and their present compensation packages, are disclosed in Section 3.21 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, which particulars show all material benefits including, without limitation, salaries, directors' fees, social benefits, bonuses, commissions, profit shares, automobile, reimbursement of expenses and benefits in kind ("BENEFITS"), payable now or in the future (based upon current obligations) or which such Group Company is bound to provide to each director, officer, employee and consultant of such Group Company and are true, accurate and complete.

(b) Except as set forth in SECTION 3.21 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, no employee of any Group Company has been dismissed in the last six months or has given notice of termination of his employment. There are no, and except as set forth in SECTION 3.9 of the Company Disclosure Schedule there were not in the past, any claims from or on behalf of the Company Employees threatened or pending against any Group Company or the Selling Shareholders.

(c) Section 3.21 of the Company Disclosure Schedule includes the form of contracts under which the Company Employees are engaged.

(d) Except as set forth in SECTION 3.21 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, there are no agreements or arrangements (whether legally enforceable or not) for the payment of any pensions, allowances, lump sums, or other like benefits on retirement or on death or termination or during periods of sickness or disablement for the benefit of any director or former director, officer or former officer, consultant or former consultant, or employee or former employee of any Group Company or for the benefit of the dependents of any such individual in operation.

(e) Each Group Company has complied with all legislative or other official provisions relating to the Company Employees and their terms and conditions of employment and has made all deductions and payments required to be made by law or any other deductions or payments required by law, including (without limitation) deductions and payments to the social security and tax authorities.

(f) Each Company Employee's claims under any mandatory and voluntary pension fund schemes are fully funded. All other liabilities of any Group Company to the Company Employees were properly accrued in the Financial Statements.

(g) No Group Company operates any share incentive scheme, share option scheme or profit sharing scheme for the benefit of any of its directors, officers, employees or consultants.

(h) Neither the execution, delivery or performance of the Transaction Documents, nor the consummation of any of the other transactions contemplated thereby, will result in any payment (including any bonus, golden parachute or severance payment) to any current or former employee, consultant, officer or director of any Group Company (whether or not under any Plan), or materially increase the benefits payable under any Plan, or result in any acceleration of the time of payment or vesting of any such benefits, except as provided therein.

(i) Except as set forth in Section 3.21 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, each Group Company is in compliance in all respects with all applicable employment laws and contracts relating to employment, employment practices, wages, bonuses and terms and conditions of employment, including employee compensation matters, equal treatment and non-discrimination provisions.

(j) No Group Company is party to or otherwise bound by the terms of any collective bargaining agreement. To the best knowledge of the Company and the Selling Shareholders, there are no organizational campaigns, petitions or other unionization activities seeking recognition of a collective bargaining unit which could affect any Group Company; nor are the Company and the Selling Shareholders aware of any controversies, strikes, slowdowns or work stoppages pending or threatened between any Group Company and any of its directors, officers, consultants or employees. The consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents will not have a material adverse effect on any Group Company's labor relations, and except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedule for 3.21, none of any Group Company's directors, officers, or employees has notified any Group Company of any intention to terminate his or her employment with any Group Company.

(k) To the best knowledge of the Company and the Selling Shareholders, no Company Employee is or was in violation of any term of any employment contract, patent disclosure agreement, proprietary information agreement, noncompetition agreement, or any other contract, agreement or restrictive covenant relating to the right of any such Company Employee to be employed by any Group Company because of the nature of the business conducted or to be conducted by any Group Company or relating to the use of trade secrets or proprietary information of others.

(l) Mr. Beat Meier will not seek to terminate the Meier Employment Agreement (as defined below) or otherwise fully or partially cease to work for the Company in accordance with the terms of the Meier Employment Agreement during its initial fixed term of two (2) years, except for reasons of incapability of performing such work due to death or disability of Mr. Beat Meier or in case of a justified termination of the employment agreement by Mr. Beat Meier for cause (art. 337 Swiss Code of Obligations).

3.22 INSURANCE. SECTION 3.22 of the Company Disclosure Schedule lists all insurance policies and fidelity bonds covering the assets, business, equipment, properties, operations, employees, officers and directors of each Group Company. The Group Companies have the insurance coverage customary in their line of business. Such insurance coverage is sufficient both with regard to its kind and the coverage amounts in order to cover the risks which reasonably have to be expected for businesses such as the ones conducted by the Companies in all material aspects. There is no, and has not been in the past, any material claim by any Group Company pending under any of such policies or bonds as to which coverage has been questioned, denied or disputed by the underwriters of such policies or bonds. All premiums due and payable under all such policies and bonds, and all past policies and bonds, have been paid, and each Group Company is otherwise in compliance with the terms of such policies and bonds (or other policies and bonds providing substantially similar insurance coverage). No Group Company has knowledge of any threatened termination of, or premium increase with respect to, any of such policies.

3.23 NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST. Except as disclosed in the Financial Statements, at the time of Closing, no Group Company is indebted, directly or indirectly, to any Selling Shareholder nor to any Group Company's or Selling Shareholder's employees, officers or directors or to their respective spouses or children, in any amount whatsoever other than in connection with expenses or advances of expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business or relocation expenses of directors, officers and employees. Except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedule for Section 3.15(d), as of the Closing, no Selling Shareholder, nor any Group Company's nor any Selling Shareholder's employees, officers or directors, or any members of their immediate families, are, directly or indirectly, indebted to any Group Company or have any direct or indirect ownership interest in any firm or corporation with which any Group Company is affiliated or with which any Group Company has a business relationship, or any firm or corporation which competes with any Group Company except that employees, officers and directors of any Group Company may own stock in (but not exceeding two percent of the outstanding capital stock of) any publicly traded companies that may compete with any Group Company. Except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedule for Section 3.15(d) no Selling Shareholder, nor any Group Company's or Selling Shareholder's employees, officers or directors or any members of their immediate families are, directly or indirectly, interested in any material contract with any Group Company. No Group Company is a guarantor or indemnitor of any indebtedness of any other person, firm or corporation.

3.24 CERTAIN ADVANCES; GUARANTEES. There are no receivables or other amounts payable to any Group Company owing by any director, officer, employee, consultant of any Group Company or by the Selling Shareholders or owing by any affiliated person or entity of any director, officer, employee, consultant of any Group Company or the Selling Shareholders. The Selling Shareholders have not agreed to, or assumed, any obligation or duty to guaranty or otherwise assume or incur any obligation or liability of any Group Company. No Group Company has agreed to, or assumed, any obligation or duty to guaranty or otherwise assume or incur any obligation or liability of any Selling Shareholder.

3.25 CUSTOMERS. No material customer of any Group Company has cancelled or otherwise terminated, or made any threat to any Group Company to cancel or otherwise terminate its relationship with such Group Company, or has at any time on or after December 31, 2004 decreased materially its usage of the services or products of any Group Company, and to the best knowledge of the Company and the Selling Shareholders no such customer intends to cancel or otherwise terminate its relationship with such Group Company or to decrease materially usage of the services or products of such Group Company or change in any material respect the terms upon which it trades with such Group Company. No Group Company has knowingly breached, any agreement with, or engaged in any fraudulent conduct with respect to, any customer of any Group Company.

3.26 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS. Each Group Company has complied in all respects with, is not in violation in any respect of, and has not received any notices of violation with respect to, any Swiss, German, or foreign law or regulation.

3.27 BANKS / ACCOUNTING AFFAIRS. The records to be handed over to the Purchaser in accordance with Section 6.3(m) below correctly and completely document all current dealings of the Group Companies with any bank, in particular the signature rights for all bank accounts of the Group Companies.

3.28 OFFERS. Each Group Company and the Selling Shareholders have suspended or terminated, and have the legal right to suspend or terminate, all negotiations and discussions with respect to any bona fide offer or proposal for, or any indication of interest in, other than the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents, any (a) sale, license, disposition or acquisition of all or a material portion of the business or assets of any Group Company, (b) issuance, grant, disposition or acquisition of (i) any capital stock or other equity security of any Group Company, (ii) any option, call, warrant or right (whether or not immediately exercisable) to acquire any capital stock of any Group Company, or (iii) any security, instrument or obligation that is or may become convertible into or exchangeable for any capital stock or other equity security of any Group Company; or (c) any merger, consolidation, business combination, share exchange, reorganization or similar transaction involving any Group Company. The suspension and termination of any such negotiations and discussions has not and will not result in the requirement of any payment by any Group Company or the Selling Shareholders.

3.29 INSOLVENCY.

(a) No Group Company: (i) has been liquidated, or is subject to a resolution to be liquidated or dissolved, and there is no action or request pending to accomplish such liquidation or dissolution, (ii) is bound as a party to any merger or similar transaction, (iii) has been declared bankrupt or insolvent, and there is no action or request pending to declare it bankrupt or insolvent, or (iv) is subject to any order, petition or resolution with respect to insolvency, bankruptcy or composition proceedings, appointment of a receiver, liquidator or administrator, appointment of trustee, or any similar actions or proceedings.

(b) There has not been and there is not, in respect of any Group Company or any part of its respective business, any unsatisfied judgment or court order outstanding, or any delay in the payment of any material obligations due for payment, which might lead to any of the foregoing.

3.30 RECORDS. All of the records, control and other systems, data and information of each of any Group Company are recorded, stored, maintained or operated or otherwise held by such Group Company and are not wholly or partly dependent on any means (including but not limited to electronic, mechanical or photographic process, computerized or otherwise) which (and all means of access to and from which) are not under the exclusive ownership and direct control of such Group Company.

3.31 DISCLOSURE. The Company and the Selling Shareholders have disclosed to the Purchaser all material information relating to the operations and business of any Group Company or the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents. The representations and warranties by the Selling Shareholders in the Transaction Documents and the Company Disclosure Schedule do not contain any untrue statement of a fact or omit to state a fact required to be stated herein or necessary in order to make such statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The Company and the Selling Shareholders have delivered or made available to Purchaser or its representatives true and complete copies of all documents which are referred to in this Section 3 or in the Company Disclosure Schedule. Without derogating from any representations and warranties contained in this Section 3, the Company and the Selling Shareholders have disclosed to Purchaser all information of which the Company or the Selling Shareholders have knowledge, and have provided to the Purchaser all documents in their possession relating specifically to any Group Company, in each case, regarding facts or circumstances that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on any Group Company.

3.32 ACKNOWLEDGMENT. Each Selling Shareholder hereby acknowledges that such Selling Shareholder has read this Agreement and the other documents to be delivered in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and has made an independent examination of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including the tax consequences thereof). Each Selling Shareholder acknowledges that the Selling Shareholder has had an opportunity to consult with and has relied solely upon the advice, if any, of the Selling Shareholder's legal counsel, financial advisors, or accountants with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Transaction Documents to the extent the Selling Shareholder has deemed necessary, and has not been advised or directed by the Purchaser, the Company or their respective legal counsel or other advisors in respect of any such matters and has not relied on any such parties in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 4

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE PURCHASER

The Purchaser represents and warrants to the Selling Shareholders as follows:

4.1 AUTHORIZATION. All corporate action on the part of the Purchaser, its officers, directors and shareholders necessary for the authorization, execution and delivery of the Transaction Documents, the performance of all obligations of the Purchaser hereunder and thereunder has been taken or will be taken prior to the Closing, and the Transaction Documents, when executed and delivered by the Purchaser, shall constitute the valid and legally binding obligations of the Purchaser, enforceable against Purchaser in accordance with their respective terms.

4.2 NO VIOLATION. Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will violate any provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Purchaser; violate, or be in conflict with, or constitute a default under or cause or permit the acceleration of the maturity of any debt or obligation pursuant to, any agreement or commitment to which the Purchaser is a party or by which the Purchaser is bound, or violate any statute or law or any judgment, decree, order, regulation, or rule of any court or Governmental Entity.

4.3 CORPORATE ORGANIZATION. Purchaser is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the Laws of Israel and has the full corporate power, authority, and necessary approvals to own or use its assets and properties and to conduct its business as the same is presently being conducted. Purchaser has procured that it will at the Closing have the necessary funds at its disposal to finance the transaction contemplated by these Transaction Documents.

SECTION 5

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

5.1 EXPENSES. Each party hereto shall be responsible for the payment of its own costs and expenses, including investment advisory and attorney's fees, in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents; PROVIDED FURTHER, that any transaction expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Company will be paid in full by the Selling Shareholders prior to the Closing. Any obligations that are not paid or accrued as of the Closing will be paid directly by the Selling Shareholders.

5.2 CONDUCT OF BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY. During the period from the date of this Agreement and continuing until the earlier of the termination of this Agreement or the Closing, the Selling Shareholders with respect to each Group Company's businesses agree (except to the extent expressly contemplated by this Agreement or as consented to in writing by the Purchaser) to cause such Group Companies to carry on such businesses in the usual, regular and ordinary course in substantially the same manner as heretofore conducted, to pay debts and Taxes when due subject to good faith disputes over such debts or Taxes, to pay or perform other obligations when due, and to use all reasonable efforts consistent with past practice and policies to preserve intact its present business organization, keep available the services of its present officers and key employees and preserve its relationships with customers, suppliers, distributors, licensors, licensees, and others having business dealings with it, to the end that its goodwill and ongoing businesses shall be unimpaired at the Closing Date. The Selling Shareholders with respect to each Group Company's businesses agree to promptly notify the Purchaser of any event or occurrence not in the ordinary course of its business, of any event which could have a Material Adverse Effect, and immediately upon becoming aware of any breach of the Selling Shareholders' representations and warranties set forth in Section 3 above. Without limiting the foregoing, except as expressly contemplated by this Agreement, no Selling Shareholder with respect to the each Group Company's businesses shall do, cause or permit any of the following, without the prior written consent of the Purchaser:

(a) CHARTER DOCUMENTS. Cause or permit any amendments to its Charter Documents.

(b) ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES. Issue, deliver or sell or authorize or propose the issuance, delivery or sale of, or purchase or propose the purchase of, any shares of its capital stock or securities convertible into, or subscriptions, rights, warrants or options to acquire, convertible loans, or other agreements or commitments of any character obligating it to issue any such shares or other convertible securities.

(c) DIVIDENDS; CHANGES IN CAPITAL STOCK. Declare or pay any dividends on or make any other distributions (whether in cash, stock or property) in respect of any of its capital stock, or split, combine or reclassify any of its capital stock or issue or authorize the issuance of any other securities in respect of, in lieu of or in substitution for shares of its capital stock, or repurchase or otherwise acquire, directly or indirectly, any shares of its capital stock.

(d) CONTRACTS. Enter into any contract or commitment, or violate, amend or otherwise modify or waive any of the terms of any of its contracts with an aggregate value greater than ten thousand U.S. dollars (\$10,000), except for purchase and sale agreements in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice.

(e) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. License or transfer to any person or entity any rights to its Intellectual Property except through standard customer licenses in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice.

(f) EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS. Enter into or amend any agreements pursuant to which any other party is granted exclusive marketing or other exclusive rights of any type or scope with respect to any of its products or services;

(g) DISPOSITIONS. Sell, lease, license or otherwise dispose of or encumber any of its properties or assets other than sales, or licenses to customers in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice.

(h) INDEBTEDNESS. Incur any indebtedness for borrowed money or guarantee any such indebtedness or issue or sell any debt securities or guarantee any debt securities of others except for existing bank lines of credit. In particular, and not as a limitation of the foregoing, no Group Company will increase its outstanding indebtedness to any lender without the prior written consent of the Purchaser other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, and in no event will any Group Company make or allow to be made any material increase in the currently outstanding amount under any bank credit line or other facility, nor in the amount currently available thereunder; provided, however, that the Company may increase the amount outstanding under its current bank credit line (solely within the amount currently available thereunder) solely for payment of expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice.

(i) LEASES. Enter into or terminate operating leases or leases for real property.

(j) PAYMENT OF OBLIGATIONS. Pay, discharge or satisfy any claim, liability or obligation (absolute, accrued, asserted or unasserted, contingent or otherwise) arising other than in the ordinary course of business, other than the payment, discharge or satisfaction of then-due liabilities reflected or reserved against in the Company Financial Statements, except the assignment of the Shareholders' Loans to equity reserves described in this Agreement.

(k) CAPITAL EXPENDITURES. Make any capital expenditures, capital additions or capital improvements except in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practice.

(l) INSURANCE. Reduce the amount of any insurance coverage provided by existing insurance policies.

(m) TERMINATION OR WAIVER. Terminate or waive any right of substantial value.

(n) EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS; NEW HIRES; PAY INCREASES. Adopt or amend any employee benefit or stock purchase or option plan, or hire any new director, officer, consultant or employee, pay any special bonus or special remuneration to any employee, officer, consultant or director, or increase the salaries or wage rates or benefits of its directors, officers, consultants or employees; in each case, other than as specifically disclosed in the Company Disclosure Schedule.

(o) SEVERANCE ARRANGEMENT. Grant any severance or termination pay (i) to any director or officer or (ii) to any other employee or consultant except payments made pursuant to standard written agreements outstanding.

(p) LAWSUITS. Commence or settle a lawsuit other than (i) for the routine collection of bills, (ii) in such cases where it in good faith determines that failure to commence suit would result in the material impairment of a valuable aspect of its business, provided that it consults with the Purchaser prior to the filing of such a suit;

(q) ACQUISITIONS. Acquire or agree to acquire by merging or consolidating with, or by purchasing a substantial portion of the shares or assets of, or by any other manner, any business or any corporation, partnership, association or other business organization or division thereof, or otherwise acquire or agree to acquire any assets which are material, individually or in the aggregate, to the Group Companies' business, taken as a whole.

(r) TAXES. Other than in the ordinary course of business and except for claims for Taxes disclosed in the Company Disclosure Schedule, make or change any election in respect of Taxes, adopt or change any accounting method in respect of Taxes, file any Tax Return or any amendment to a Tax Return, enter into any closing agreement, settle any claim or assessment in respect of Taxes, or consent to any extension or waiver of the limitation period applicable to any claim or assessment in respect of Taxes.

(s) NOTICES. Fail to give any notices or other information required to be given to the employees of any Group Company or any Selling Shareholder, any collective bargaining unit representing any group of employees of any Group Company or any Selling Shareholder, and any applicable government authority under any applicable law in connection with the transactions provided for in this Agreement.

(t) REVALUATION. Revalue any assets, including without limitation writing down the value of inventory or writing off notes or accounts receivable other than in the ordinary course of business.

(u) OTHER. Take, or agree in writing or otherwise to take, any of the actions described in Sections 5.2(a) through (t) above, or any action which would make any of its representations or warranties contained in this Agreement untrue or incorrect or prevent it from performing or cause it not to perform its covenants hereunder.

5.3 NON-COMPETE; NON-SOLICITATION; NON-USE OF NAMES.

(a) Until three (3) years after the Closing, Beat Meier, Carsten Neufing, Matthias Zahn, and Andreas Arpagaus shall not, directly or indirectly, own an interest in, manage, operate, join, control, advertise, market or participate in or be connected with, as an officer, employee, partner, stockholder, director, consultant or otherwise, any person or organization that, at such time, competes with any Group Company's business as conducted and as proposed to be conducted at any date following the Closing; provided that this shall not preclude the foregoing Selling Shareholders from owning a stock interest not greater than 2% in a publicly traded company. In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Beat Meier is subject to a separate, personal noncompetition obligation set forth in his employment agreement with the Company which shall be in effect from and after the Closing.

(a1) Until three (3) years after the Closing, CornerstoneCapital AG and IDP Investments GmbH, shall procure that none of their employees or partners who served as Directors of the Company shall, directly or indirectly, be involved as a director or otherwise participate in the management of an interest in, manage, operate, join, control, advertise, market or participate in or be connected with, any person or organization that, at such time, competes with any Group Company's business as conducted and as proposed to be conducted at the Closing; provided that this shall not preclude such employees and partners of the foregoing Selling Shareholders from owning a stock interest not greater than 2% in a publicly traded company. (b) Until three (3) years after the Closing, the Beat Meier, Carsten Neufing, Matthias Zahn, and Andreas Arpagaus shall not, directly or indirectly solicit, canvass or entice away from any Group Company the custom of any person firm or a client of such company where the custom relates to products and/or services which are competitive to the type supplied by such company.

(b1) Until three (3) years after the Closing, CornerstoneCapital AG and IDP Investments GmbH, shall procure that none of their employees or partners who served as Directors of the Company shall, directly or indirectly solicit, canvass or entice away from any Group Company the custom of any person firm or a client of such company where the custom relates to products and/or services which are competitive to the type supplied by such company.

(c) Until three (3) years after the Closing, the Beat Meier, Carsten Neufing, Matthias Zahn, and Andreas Arpagaus shall not, directly or indirectly solicit, canvass or entice away from any Group Company any of the directors, officers, employees, consultants, representatives, or agents of any Group Company.

(c1) Until three (3) years after the Closing, CornerstoneCapital AG and IDP Investments GmbH, shall procure that none of their employees or partners who served as Directors of the Company shall, directly or indirectly solicit, canvass or entice away from any Group Company any of the directors, officers, employees, consultants, representatives, or agents of any Group Company.

(d) The Selling Shareholders, except Matthias Zahn (as to which specific obligations are set forth in Section 5.3(e)), agree and undertake not to make any use whatsoever in the future of the name "FAST" or name containing the said word, or any variation thereof, and acknowledges that such name is the sole and exclusive property of the Company.

(e) Notwithstanding Section 5.3(d), on his own behalf and on behalf of any Company controlled by him (including, without limitation, FAST TV Server AG), Matthias Zahn undertakes not to use the logotype "FAST" currently used by the Company nor any similar logotype. For absence of doubt, the current logotype used by FAST TV Server AG is not considered to be similar.

5.4 NO SOLICITATION. The Selling Shareholders and the officers, directors, employees, representatives, consultants, or other agents of the Company and the Selling Shareholders will not, directly or indirectly, and will cause the Company not to, directly or indirectly, (i) take any action to solicit, initiate or encourage any Acquisition Proposal (as defined below) or (ii) engage in negotiations with, continue negotiations with or disclose any nonpublic information relating to any Group Company or the Selling Shareholders to, or afford access to the properties, books or records of any Group Company or the Selling Shareholders to, any person that has advised any Group Company or the Selling Shareholders that it may be considering making, or that has made, a Acquisition Proposal. The Selling Shareholders will, and will cause the Company to, promptly notify the Purchaser after receipt of any Acquisition Proposal or any notice that any person is considering making an Acquisition Proposal or any request for nonpublic information relating to any Group Company or for access to the properties, books or records of any Group Company by any person that has advised any Group Company or the Selling Shareholders that it may be considering making, or that has made, an Acquisition Proposal and will keep the Purchaser fully informed of the status and details of any such Acquisition Proposal notice or request. For purposes of this Agreement, "ACQUISITION PROPOSAL" shall mean any transaction involving: (i) the sale, license, disposition or acquisition of all or a material portion of the business or assets of any Group Company; (ii) the issuance, grant, disposition or acquisition of (A) any capital stock or other equity security of any Group Company, (B) any option, call, warrant or right (whether or not immediately exercisable) to acquire any capital stock or other equity security of any Group Company, or (C) any security, instrument or obligation that is or may become convertible into or exchangeable for any capital stock or other equity security of any Group Company; or (iii) any merger, demerger, consolidation, business combination, share exchange, reorganization or similar transaction involving any Group Company.

5.5 ACCESS; CONFIDENTIALITY. The Selling Shareholders agree to make, procure that the Company makes, available to the Purchaser and its representatives and advisors all books, records, facilities, directors, officers, employees, non-employee agents (such as patent and regulatory counsel) and information necessary for the Purchaser to evaluate the businesses, operations, properties and financial condition of any Group Company, except such documents where confidentiality obligations prevent the identity of the parties executing the documents from being disclosed (in which case the Company will provide the Purchaser with redacted versions). Each party shall keep confidential and shall not make use of any information treated by the other party as confidential (including, without limitation, the existence of the Transaction Documents or the consummation of the Acquisition or the failure of such a consummation), obtained from the other party concerning the assets, properties, business or operations of the other party other than to disclose to legal counsel, consultants, financial advisors, officers, key employees, lenders and investment bankers where such disclosure is related to the performance of obligations under the Transaction Documents or the consummation of the transactions contemplated under the Transaction Documents (all of whom shall be similarly bound by the provisions of this Section 5.5), except as may be required to be disclosed by applicable law or regulations (including of any stock exchange) or as may be required to obtain the consents, waivers or releases from any Governmental Entity or other third party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the foregoing confidentiality restrictions shall not apply to any information which (a) becomes generally available to the public through no fault of the receiving party or its employees, agents or representatives; (b) is independently developed by the receiving party without benefit of the above-described information (and such independent development is substantiated in writing), or rightfully received from another source on a non-confidential basis; (c) when such disclosure is required by a court or governmental authority or any stock exchange or is otherwise required by law or is necessary to establish rights under the Transaction Documents or any agreement contemplated hereby. Purchaser agrees that upon signing of these Transaction Documents, Company may inform employees of the current status of the contemplated transaction using an announcement the form and content of which will be agreed in advance with the Purchaser. Furthermore, for the avoidance of doubt, it is explicitly stated that nothing herein shall restrict the Purchaser and the Group Companies in any way in their use of any information relating to any of the Group Companies after consummation of the Closing.

5.6 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS. No party hereto shall without the prior written consent of the other parties (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) disclose to any third party (other than to legal counsel, consultants, financial advisors, key employees and lenders where such disclosure is related to the performance of obligations under this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereunder) the existence of this Agreement, the identity of the other parties hereto or the transactions contemplated hereby except (a) as required by law or regulations (including of any stock exchange), (b) as reasonably necessary to obtain any consents, waivers or releases from any Governmental Entity or other third party, or (c) as reasonably requested by any Governmental Entity. The Selling Shareholders acknowledge that the Purchaser will release one or more public announcements of this transaction in substantially the form and substance attached hereto as EXHIBIT D, and that the Purchaser shall also be entitled to make any announcements and to include information in any public filings which the Purchaser deems necessary or desirable in accordance with the Purchaser's obligations under applicable law and the rules and regulations of any stock exchange.

5.7 COOPERATION. Each party hereto will fully cooperate with the other parties, their counsel and accountants in connection with any steps required to be taken as part of its obligations under this Agreement. The Selling Shareholders will use reasonable efforts to cause all conditions to this Agreement to be satisfied as promptly as possible and to obtain all consents and approvals necessary for the due and timely performance of this Agreement and for the satisfaction of the conditions hereof. No party will undertake any course of action inconsistent with this Agreement or which would make any representations, warranties or agreements made by such party in this Agreement untrue or any conditions precedent to this Agreement unable to be satisfied at or prior to the Closing. In addition, and not as a limitation of the foregoing, the Purchaser will participate in meetings, at reasonable times and upon reasonable prior notice, with the Company and Formatest during which the Company will discuss with Formatest the matters set forth in Section 6.3(n) of this Agreement.

5.8 EMPLOYEES OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS. Between the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date, the Company shall allow the Purchaser to have free access to the premises, directors, officers and employees of any Group Company for discussions regarding employment after the Closing Date. .

5.9 NOTIFICATION OF CLAIMS. From the date of this Agreement to and including the Closing Date, the Company and the Selling Shareholders shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of the commencement or threat of any claims, litigation or proceedings against or affecting any Group Company.

5.10 U.S. GAAP AUDIT.

(a) At the sole expense and responsibility of the Selling Shareholders, the Selling Shareholders shall procure that the Company's independent auditors (the Swiss affiliate of KPMG) shall deliver to the Purchaser, within forty-five (45) calendar days following the Closing (the "U.S. GAAP Audit Period"), an audited balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2005, and the related statements of income for the year then ended, prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, including comparisons to an unaudited balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2004 and the related statements of income for the year then ended, also prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, accompanied by the unqualified report of the Company's independent auditors thereon (the "2005 Financials"), and an audited balance sheet of the Company as of the Closing Date, prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, accompanied by the unqualified report of the Company's independent auditors thereon, except for qualification to the extent that such report is limited only to the balance sheet and a restriction regarding its limitation of use by other than the Purchaser or the Selling Shareholders (the "Closing Balance Sheet"; collectively with the 2005 Financials, the "U.S. GAAP Audit"), and that, to the extent the 2005 Financials are required to be included or incorporated by reference in any filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), KPMG shall timely provide its consent in customary form to the filing of such audit in connection with any registration statements or other SEC filings by the Purchaser. For the avoidance of doubt, and not a limitation of the foregoing, the U.S. GAAP Audit shall include a reserve for the full amount of potential liability with respect to the German tax liability described in Section 3.9 of the Disclosure Schedule, including, but not limited to, interests, penalties, fees of attorneys, accountants and other consultants with respect to any contesting or resolution of such German tax liability.

(b) Prior to the Closing, the Selling Shareholders shall procure that KPMG shall deliver a written, nonbinding estimate of the fees and expenses (and any tax thereon) for the U.S. GAAP Audit, including the timely delivery of KPMG's consent in customary form to the filing of such audit with the SEC in connection with any registration statements or other SEC filings by the Purchaser (the "Estimate"). Following delivery by KPMG to the Company of its full and final invoice with respect to the U.S. GAAP Audit, the Escrow Agent will pay such invoice in full out of the Audit Fee Reserve. If the amount of the final invoice exceeds the amount of the Audit Fee Reserve then any excess shall be paid, promptly and in full, directly by the Selling Shareholders, and if the amount of the final invoice is less than the amount retained in the Audit Fee Reserve then the remaining Audit Fee Reserve amount shall be distributed to the Selling Shareholders.

(c) Purchaser agrees to cooperate fully with Selling Shareholders and the Company's independent auditors in the preparation of the U.S. GAAP Audit including, without limitation, provision of representations if required, access to information and records, and access to personnel. To the extent that Selling Shareholders are unable to deliver the U.S. GAAP Audit due to a failure by the Purchaser to provide access to information or to personnel, the U.S. GAAP Audit Period shall be extended to reflect any delay reasonably arising therefrom.

(d) During a period of five (5) business days following delivery to the Purchaser of the U.S. GAAP Audit, the Purchaser may notify the Shareholder Representative in writing that the Purchaser believes that any portion of the U.S. GAAP Audit does not conform with U.S. GAAP in any respect (a "GAAP Objection"). Following delivery of a GAAP Objection, the Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative will meet and confer during a period of five (5) business days in an effort to agree on the form of the U.S. GAAP Audit. If the Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative agree on the final form of any amendments to the U.S. GAAP Audit, then the financial statements as so amended shall be the "U.S. GAAP Audit" (regardless of whether they are formally approved by the Company's auditor), and within ten (10) business days the Selling Shareholders shall use their best efforts to procure that the Company's auditor shall deliver the U.S. GAAP Audit to the Purchaser amended in accordance with such agreement. In the event that the Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative fail to agree on the form of the U.S. GAAP Audit, then the then Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative shall mutually agree upon a Swiss recognized accounting firm affiliated with the "Big Four" international accounting firms to resolve such dispute, or if they cannot agree on such a firm within five (5) business days, within three (3) business days they shall each designate a nationally recognized accounting firm, and the two firms shall agree upon a Swiss recognized accounting firm affiliated with the "Big Four" international accounting firms, which does not represent either party, which firm shall have the sole authority to resolve such dispute. If the two designated accounting firms are unable to reach agreement, then the Chairman of the Swiss Chamber of Audit Firms (Treuhand Kammer or its successor) will make such designation. The firm so agreed upon (the "FIRM") shall as promptly as practicable make a final determination of the U.S. GAAP Audit, which shall be binding on the parties. If the Firm determines that amendments are necessary, then the financial statements as so amended shall be the "U.S. GAAP Audit" (regardless of whether they are formally approved by the Company's auditor), and within ten (10) business days the Selling Shareholders shall use their best efforts to procure that KPMG shall deliver the revised financial statements to the Purchaser amended in accordance with the Firm's final determination. Each of Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative shall provide the Firm with all information and documentation that the Firm requests. The Purchaser on the one part and the Selling Shareholders on the other part shall each pay half of the total fees and expenses of the Firm. The period between delivery of the U.S. GAAP Audit and the resolution of any dispute shall not be included in the U.S. GAAP Audit Period; provided, however, that any portion of such period which exceeds any of the time limits set forth in this Section 5.10(d) shall be included in the U.S. GAAP Audit Period.

(e) In the event that the U.S. GAAP Audit is not delivered to the Company on or before the end of the U.S. GAAP Audit Period, then starting on the first Business Day thereafter the Selling Shareholders will pay to the Purchaser a penalty on the first Business Day of each one week period calculated as follows: fifty thousand U.S. dollars for the first week (or portion thereof); plus fifty thousand U.S. dollars for the second week (or portion thereof); plus one hundred thousand U.S. dollars (\$100,000) for the third week (or portion thereof); plus one hundred thousand U.S. dollars (\$100,000) for the fourth week (or portion thereof); plus two hundred thousand U.S. dollars (\$200,000) for the fifth week (or portion thereof); plus five hundred thousand U.S. dollars (\$500,000) for the sixth week (or portion thereof); which penalties may be deducted (at the Purchaser's discretion) from the Purchase Reserve. It is understood that if the delay in delivery of the U.S. GAAP Audit continues for more than six (6) weeks, then the foregoing penalty would not adequately compensate the Purchaser for its damages and in such case the Purchaser would be entitled to seek its total actual damages in addition to such penalty (subject to the aggregate limitations set forth in Section 7.3(c)).

5.11 FURTHER ACTS. After the Closing Date, each party hereto, at the request of the other parties, will take any further actions necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of the Transaction Documents and to vest in the Purchaser full title to all properties, assets and rights of any Group Company transferred pursuant to the Transaction Documents.

SECTION 6

CONDITIONS; CLOSING ACTIONS; DELIVERABLES

6.1 CONDITIONS TO OBLIGATIONS OF EACH PARTY. The respective obligations of each party to this Agreement to consummate and effect the Closing and the other transactions contemplated hereby shall be subject to the satisfaction on or prior to the Closing Date of each of the following conditions, any of which may be waived by agreement in writing of all the parties hereto:

(a) NO INJUNCTIONS OR RESTRAINTS; ILLEGALITY. No temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction or other order issued by any court of competent jurisdiction or other legal or regulatory restraint or prohibition preventing the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby shall be in effect, nor shall any proceeding brought by any Governmental Entity, foreign or domestic, seeking any of the foregoing be pending; nor shall there be any action taken, or any statute, rule, regulation or order enacted, entered, enforced or deemed applicable to the transactions contemplated hereby, which makes the consummation of such transactions illegal.

(b) GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL. The Purchaser, the Group Companies and the Selling Shareholders shall have timely obtained from each Governmental Entity all approvals, waivers and consents, in an unqualified form and substance satisfactory for the Purchaser, necessary for consummation of or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

6.2 CONDITIONS TO OBLIGATIONS OF THE SELLING SHAREHOLDERS; ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PURCHASER. The obligations of the Selling Shareholders to consummate and effect the Closing and the other transactions contemplated hereby shall be subject to the satisfaction on or prior to the Closing Date of each of the following conditions, any of which may be waived, in writing, by the Selling Shareholders:

(a) REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS. (i) Each of the representations and warranties of the Purchaser in this Agreement that is expressly qualified by a reference to materiality shall be true in all respects as so qualified, and each of the representations and warranties of the Purchaser in this Agreement that is not so qualified shall be true and correct in all respects, on and as of the Closing as though such representation or warranty had been made on and as of the Closing (except that those representations and warranties which address matters only as of a particular date shall remain true and correct as of such date), and (ii) the Purchaser shall have performed and complied in all material respects with all covenants, obligations and conditions of this Agreement required to be performed and complied with by the Purchaser as of the Closing.

(b) ESCROW AGREEMENT. The Purchaser and the Escrow Agent shall have delivered executed copies of the Escrow Agreement to the Selling Shareholders.

6.3 CONDITIONS TO OBLIGATIONS OF THE PURCHASER; ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMPANY AND THE SELLING SHAREHOLDERS. The obligations of the Purchaser to consummate and effect the Closing and the other transactions contemplated hereby shall be subject to the satisfaction on or prior to the Closing Date of each of the following conditions, any of which may be waived, in writing, by the Purchaser:

(a) REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS. (i) Each of the representations and warranties of the Selling Shareholders in this Agreement that is expressly qualified by a reference to materiality shall be true in all respects as so qualified, and each of the representations and warranties of the Selling Shareholders in this Agreement that is not so qualified shall be true and correct in all respects, on and as of the Closing as though such representation or warranty had been made on and as of the Closing (except that those representations and warranties which address matters only as of a particular date shall remain true and correct as of such date), (ii) the Selling Shareholders shall have performed and complied in all respects with all covenants, obligations and conditions of this Agreement required to be performed and complied with by them as of the Closing, and (iii) all of the agreements listed on EXHIBIT E shall remain in full force and effect as of the Closing, and neither the Company nor any Selling Shareholder shall have received notice or shall have any reason to believe any termination, suspension or allegation of the breach of any such agreement by any party thereto has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur or that any basis for any such termination, suspension or allegation exists. For avoidance of doubt, continuation of the business relationship with Honeywell International Inc. is not a condition to Closing and the discontinuation of the business relationship by an act on the part of Honeywell International Inc. is not a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGES. There shall not have occurred any Material Adverse Effect.

(c) CERTIFICATES OF THE COMPANY AND THE SELLING SHAREHOLDERS.

(i) COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE OF THE COMPANY. The Purchaser shall have been provided with a certificate executed on behalf of the Company by its Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer to the effect that, as of the Closing, each of the conditions set forth in Sections 6.3(a) and (b) above has been satisfied.

(ii) COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE OF THE SELLING SHAREHOLDERS. The Purchaser shall have been provided with a certificate executed by each of the Selling Shareholders to the effect that, as of the Closing, each of the conditions set forth in Sections 6.3(a) and (b) above has been satisfied and, as to any Selling Shareholder which is an entity, certifying the incumbency of the officers of such Selling Shareholder executing this Agreement and any agreements and documents contemplated by this Agreement.

(iii) CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY OF THE COMPANY. The Purchaser shall have been provided with a certificate executed by the Secretary of the Company to the following effect:

(A) certifying and attaching resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Directors (i) amending the signature rights of each Group Company, and (ii) canceling all existing powers of attorney granted by any Group Company;

(B) certifying that the Charter Documents of each Group Company, as in effect immediately prior to the Closing, are those included in the Company Disclosure Schedule and have not been amended since the date hereof; and

(C) certifying the incumbency of the officers of the Company executing any agreements and documents contemplated by this Agreement.

(iv) CLOSING DEBT CERTIFICATE. Not later than one full business day prior to the Closing, the Purchaser shall have been provided with a certificate executed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Company confirming that there is no outstanding debt from the Company to any Selling Shareholder as of the Closing and setting forth an estimate of the Closing Shareholders Equity, based upon an attached estimated balance sheet of the Company as of the Closing Date (prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP) certified by the Chief Financial Officer of the Company (the "Estimated Closing Shareholders Equity").

(d) DUE DILIGENCE. The Purchaser's due diligence review of each Group Company, solely as to the share capital of the Company and as to the review of any documents or other disclosures delivered or made to the Purchaser on or after November 11, 2005, shall have been completed to the sole and complete satisfaction of the Purchaser.

(e) SHARES. Each Selling Shareholder will deliver to the Purchaser a certificate or certificates representing all of the Shares

(f) THIRD PARTY CONSENTS. The Purchaser shall have been furnished with evidence satisfactory to it that the Selling Shareholders and any Group Company have obtained those consents, waivers, approvals or authorizations of those Governmental Entities and third parties listed in EXHIBIT F.

(g) SHAREHOLDER LOANS. Repayment of the Shareholder Loans shall have been waived by the Lenders in full and in compliance with all applicable law.

(h) INJUNCTIONS OR RESTRAINTS; CONDUCT OF BUSINESS. No proceeding brought by any Governmental Entity, foreign or domestic, seeking to prevent the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents shall be pending or threatened. In addition, no temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction or other order issued by any court of competent jurisdiction or other legal or regulatory restraint provision limiting or restricting Purchaser's conduct or operation of the business of any Group Company following the Closing shall be in effect, nor shall any proceeding brought by an administrative agency or commission or other Governmental Entity, domestic or foreign, seeking the foregoing be pending.

(i) ESCROW AGREEMENT. The Selling Shareholders and the Escrow Agent shall have delivered executed copies of the Escrow Agreement to the Purchaser.

(j) EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS. The Employment Agreement entered into by and between Mr. Beat Meier and the Company concurrent with signing this Agreement (the "Meier Employment Agreement") shall remain in full force and effect and no notice of termination shall have been delivered thereunder. In addition, the employment agreements between at least five of the persons listed in EXHIBIT G and the relevant Group Company shall remain in full force and effect and no notice of termination shall have been delivered thereunder; provided, however, that if any person listed in Exhibit G shall not be employed at the Closing or shall have given notice of the termination of his employment then the Purchase Price shall be reduced by one hundred thousand U.S. dollars (\$100,000) for each such person.

(k) LEGAL OPINION. Purchaser shall have received, concurrent with the signing of this Agreement, a legal opinion from Urs Lichtsteiner, legal counsel to the Selling Shareholders, substantially in the form attached hereto as EXHIBIT H1. In addition, Purchaser shall have received, concurrent with the signing of this Agreement or as soon as possible thereafter but not later than the Closing, a legal opinion from legal counsel (reasonably acceptable to Purchaser) to any Selling Shareholder which is an entity, substantially in the form attached hereto as EXHIBIT H2.

(l) RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS. The Purchaser shall have received letters of resignation from each of the directors of any Group Company in office immediately prior to the Closing, which resignations in each case shall be effective as of the Closing. Such letters to acknowledge that such directors have no claims of whatsoever nature against any Group Company.

(m) BANKS/ACCOUNTING AFFAIRS. The Purchaser shall have received: (i) access to all the cheque books of any Group Company, (ii) access to all the Group Companies books, (iii) original lease agreements and deeds of all leased assets of any Group Company, (iv) certificates as to balances of all bank accounts of each Group Company immediately prior to Closing, (v) certificate from all the banks in which any Group Company's accounts are handled, certifying and acknowledging the amendment in such Group Company's signature rights.

(n) FORMATEST. The Company and Formatest AG shall have entered into a written amendment of the Manufacturing and Delivery Agreement between them dated December 10, 2004, in which amendment Formatest undertakes to make a twenty percent (20%) to thirty percent (30%) reduction in cost effective not more than six (6) months after the date of such amendment, in form and substance to the satisfaction of the Purchaser.

(o) FAST TV SERVER. The Selling Shareholders shall procure that the Company and FAST TV Server shall have entered into an agreement, in the form attached at Exhibit I, amending the terms of the existing agreement between the Company and FAST TV Server dated 4 April 2002.

SECTION 7

ESCROW AND INDEMNIFICATION

7.1 SURVIVAL OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. All covenants to be performed prior to the Closing, and all representations and warranties in the Transaction Documents or in any instrument delivered pursuant to the Transaction Documents shall survive the consummation of the Closing and continue until the end of the Escrow Period (as defined in Section 7.4) (the "ESCROW TERMINATION DATE"); PROVIDED that if any claims have been asserted with respect to any such representations and warranties prior to the Escrow Termination Date, the representations and warranties on which any such claims are based shall continue in effect until final resolution of any claims, and PROVIDED, FURTHER, that (a) the representations and warranties of the Selling Shareholders in Sections 3.3 (Capital Structure), 3.11 (Tax), 3.14 (Intellectual Property), and 3.32 (Acknowledgment) shall survive until the first anniversary of the date on which the statutes of limitations for all claims which third parties or Governmental Entities may make, and for all investigations and proceedings which Governmental Entities may initiate, against any Group Company or the Purchaser in connection with the respective representation and warranty expire, and (b) the representation and warranty of the Selling Shareholders in Section 3.21(1) shall survive until the second anniversary of the Closing Date. All covenants to be performed after the date of this Agreement shall continue indefinitely.

7.2 ESCROW FUNDS. The Escrow Funds shall be deposited at the Closing with the Escrow Agent. Such deposit shall constitute the Escrow and shall be governed by the terms set forth herein and in the Escrow Agreement (which shall include, without limitation, that the fees and expenses of the Escrow Agent are to be borne equally by the Purchaser and by the Selling Shareholders). In the event that any Damages (as defined in Section 7.3(a) below) arise, the applicable portion of the Escrow shall be available to compensate the Purchaser pursuant to the indemnification obligations of the Selling Shareholders pursuant to Section 7.3 and in accordance with the Escrow Agreement.

7.3 INDEMNIFICATION.

(a) SELLING SHAREHOLDER INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS. Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section 7 and as set forth in the Escrow Agreement, from and after the Closing Date the Selling Shareholders, severally (and jointly solely to the extent of the Escrow and any set-offs against the Earn Out 1 and Earn Out 2), shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Purchaser from and against any and all losses, costs (including costs of investigation), amounts paid or payable, damages, injuries, decline in value, liabilities, settlements, judgments, awards, fines, penalties, Taxes, fees (including without limitation attorneys' fees) and expenses of any nature, regardless of whether or not such damages relate to any third-party claim (collectively, the "DAMAGES"), that the Purchaser incurs by reason of or in connection with (i) any inaccuracy in or breach of any representation or warranty of any Selling Shareholder in the Transaction Documents, (ii) any claim, demand, action or cause of action alleging misrepresentation, breach of, or default in connection with, any of the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements of any Selling Shareholder contained in the Transaction Documents, including any exhibits or schedules attached hereto, and the Escrow Agreement; (iii) the material non fulfillment of any covenant, undertaking, agreement or other obligation of any Selling Shareholder under the Transaction Documents or any material failure of any Selling Shareholder to perform any of its obligations under the Transaction Documents; or (iv) any claims (in excess of provision therefore in the Financial Statements) brought by directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, or consultants of any Group Company who were or who are terminated by any Group Company prior to or as of the Closing (not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any officers or employees who continue as officers or employees of any Group Company after the Closing).

(b) PURCHASER INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS. Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section 7, from and after the Closing Date the Purchaser shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Selling Shareholders (each Selling Shareholder is hereinafter referred to individually as a "SHAREHOLDER INDEMNIFIED PERSON" and collectively as the "SELLING SHAREHOLDER INDEMNIFIED PERSONS") from and against any and all Damages, that any of the Selling Shareholder Indemnified Persons incurs by reason of or in connection with any claim, demand, action or cause of action alleging misrepresentation, breach of, or default in connection with, any of the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements of the Purchaser contained in this Agreement and the Escrow Agreement, including any exhibits or schedules attached hereto, which becomes known to the Selling Shareholders. The party seeking indemnification under this Section 7 (whether the Purchaser or a Selling Shareholder Indemnified Person) is referred to in this Section 7 as an "INDEMNIFIED PERSON" and the party from whom such indemnification is sought is referred to in this Section 7 as an "INDEMNIFYING PERSON". Notwithstanding the foregoing, the aggregate liability of the Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement shall be limited to the Purchase Price.

(c) LIMITATIONS. The maximum aggregate liability of the Selling Shareholders for any breach of a representation, warranty or covenant of any Selling Shareholder shall be limited to ten million U.S. dollars (\$10,000,000) (and the Selling Shareholders acknowledge that such liability is NOT limited to the Escrow Funds); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that maximum liability of the Selling Shareholders shall be limited to the Purchase Price, as adjusted (and the Selling Shareholders acknowledge that such liability is NOT limited to the Escrow Funds) with respect to: (A) liability of any Selling Shareholder for any breach of a representation, warranty or covenant pursuant to Section 8.2 if the Acquisition does not close, (B) liability of any Selling Shareholder in connection with any breach by such Selling Shareholder of a representation or warranty of such Selling Shareholder pursuant to Section 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.11, 3.14, or 3.32, or (C) liability of any Selling Shareholder or any officer or director of any Group Company for any material misrepresentation by any Selling Shareholder constituting fraud, or (D) liability of any Selling Shareholder for breach of such Selling Shareholder's obligations set forth in Section 1.1. Nothing contained in this Section 7 is intended to limit the application of Section 8.2 in the event this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 8.1.

(d) DAMAGE THRESHOLD. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Indemnifying Person shall have no liability under this Section 7 and the Indemnified Person may not receive any payment for Damages unless and until a written notice or notices for an aggregate amount of Damages in excess of fifty thousand U.S. dollars (\$50,000) has been delivered to the Escrow Agent; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that after a written notice or notices for an aggregate of fifty thousand U.S. dollars (\$50,000) in Damages has been delivered, the Purchaser shall be entitled to receive payment equal in value to the full amount of Damages identified in such written notice or notices without deduction.

(e) The Selling Shareholders hereby waive any right of recourse or other claim in connection with the Transaction Documents which they may have against any Group Company or any of their directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents or consultants, it being expressly stated, for the sake of clarity, however that this Section 7.3(f) shall not apply to rights and obligations (including rights of recourse) which a Selling Shareholder may have against another Selling Shareholder in his capacity as a Selling Shareholder only and not as director, officer, employee, representative, agent or consultant of any of the Group Companies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Selling Shareholders hereby waive any right of recourse or other claim in connection with the Transaction Documents which they may have against Mr. Beat Meier in excess of the amount of the Purchase Price actually received by him

7.3A REDUCTION OF PURCHASE PRICE. The Selling Shareholders acknowledge and agree that a substantial part of the goodwill of the Company paid by the Purchaser as part of the Purchase Price is dependent upon Mr. Beat Meier's continued employment with the Company on the terms and conditions of the Meier Employment Agreement, but that it may be difficult to assess the damage caused to the Purchaser and the Company by a breach of the representation and warranty of Section 3.21(1) above in absolute figures. Therefore, the Parties agree that Section 7.3 above shall not apply to a breach of that representation and warranty, but that instead in case of breach of that representation and warranty the Purchase Price shall be reduced as follows (such reduction, or indemnification therefore, to be applied pro rata among the Selling Shareholders):

(i) If such breach is occurring on or before the date which is one year following the Closing, by one million U.S. dollars (\$1,000,000),

(ii) If such breach is occurring after the date which is one year following the Closing but on or before the date which is two years following the Closing, by five hundred thousand U.S. dollars (\$500,000),

regardless of the occurrence of actual damages.

7.4 ESCROW PERIOD. Subject to the following requirements, the Escrow Fund shall terminate at 5:00 p.m. Swiss Time, on the date eighteen (18) months after the Closing Date (the period from the Closing Date to the date eighteen (18) months after the Closing Date referred to as the "ESCROW PERIOD"); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that on the date which is twelve (12) months after the Closing Date (the "Early Release Date") one-half of the Escrow Fund shall be released to the Selling Shareholders; PROVIDED FURTHER, HOWEVER, that following the Escrow Period the amount of five hundred thousand U.S. dollars (\$500,000) shall be retained in the Escrow Fund until the date which is twenty-four (24) months and one (1) day after the Closing Date (the "Additional Release Date"), solely for the purpose of securing the obligations described in Sections 3.21(1) and 7.3A of this Agreement; PROVIDED FURTHER, HOWEVER, that all or part of the Escrow Funds which, in the reasonable judgment of the Purchaser, are necessary to satisfy any unsatisfied claims specified in any written notice theretofore delivered to the Escrow Agent and the Selling Shareholders prior to termination of the Escrow Period with respect to Damages claimed or litigation threatened or pending prior to expiration of the Escrow Period, or prior to the Early Release Date with respect to Damages claimed or litigation threatened or pending prior to the Early Release Date, shall remain in the Escrow Fund until such issues have been finally resolved. As soon as all such claims have been resolved, the Escrow Agent shall deliver by wire transfer to the Selling Shareholders Bank Account all Escrow Funds and other property remaining in escrow and not required to satisfy such claims. During the Escrow Period (or, with respect to Sections 3.21(1) and 7.3A of this Agreement, at any time prior to the Additional Release Date), the Purchaser may submit to the Escrow Agent (with a copy to the Shareholders Representative) a written instruction to release all or any portion of the Escrow Funds to the Purchaser to cover indemnifiable Damages. If the Shareholders Representative does not deliver to the Escrow Agent (with a copy to the Purchaser) a written objection to such instruction within thirty (30) calendar days of delivery of the Purchaser's written instruction, then the Escrow Agent shall release funds in accordance with the Purchaser's written instruction. If the Shareholders Representative delivers such a timely written objection, then Section 7.6 shall apply.

7.5 METHOD OF ASSERTING CLAIMS. An Indemnified Person under this Agreement shall, with respect to claims asserted against such party by any third party, give written notice to each Indemnifying Person of any liability which might give rise to a claim for indemnity under this Agreement promptly (and in any event within sixty (60) days) upon the receipt of any written claim from any such third party, and with respect to other matters for which the Indemnified Person may seek indemnification, give prompt written notice to each Indemnifying Person of any liability or loss which might give rise to a claim for indemnity; provided, however, that any failure to give such notice on a timely basis will not waive any rights of the Indemnified Person except to the extent the rights of the Indemnifying Person are materially prejudiced. As to any claim, action, suit or proceeding by a third party, the Indemnifying Person may assume the defense of such matter, including the employment of counsel and the payment of all expenses relating thereto. The Indemnifying Person shall give written notice to each Indemnified Person of its assumption of the defense of any action, suit or proceeding within fifteen (15) days of receipt of notice from the Indemnified Person with respect to such matter. The Indemnified Person shall have the right to employ its or their own counsel in any such matter, but the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel shall be the responsibility of such Indemnified Person unless (i) the Indemnifying Person has not reasonably promptly employed counsel satisfactory to such Indemnified Person, or (ii) the Indemnified Person has reasonably concluded that the conduct of such proceedings by the Indemnifying Person and counsel of its choosing will prejudice the rights of the Indemnified Person. The Indemnified Person shall provide such cooperation and such access to its books, records and properties as the Indemnifying Person shall reasonably request with respect to such matter; and the parties hereto agree to cooperate with each other in order to ensure the proper and adequate defense thereof. An Indemnified Person shall not make any settlement of any claim without the written consent of the Indemnifying Person, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it shall not be deemed unreasonable to withhold consent to a settlement involving consideration or relief other than the payment of money. After settlement and payment thereof, the Indemnifying Person shall have no right to dispute or object to the amount of the settlement or a claim for indemnification based thereon. With regard to claims of third parties for which indemnification is payable hereunder, such indemnification shall be paid by the Indemnifying Person upon the earlier to occur of: (i) the entry of a judgment against the Indemnified Person and the expiration of any applicable appeal period, or if earlier, five days prior to the date that the judgment creditor has the right to execute the judgment; (ii) the entry of an unappealable judgment or final appellate decision against the Indemnified Person; (iii) the date required in any agreement for the settlement of the claim; or (iv) with respect to indemnities for liabilities relating to Tax, upon the issuance of any resolution by a taxation authority. Notwithstanding the foregoing, provided that there is no dispute as to the applicability of indemnification, expenses of counsel to the Indemnified Person shall be reimbursed on a current basis by the Indemnifying Person if such expenses are a liability of the Indemnifying Person.

7.6 RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS.

(a) In the event that the Indemnifying Party shall object in writing to any claim or claims made in any written notice within thirty (30) calendar days after delivery of such written notice, the parties shall attempt in good faith to agree upon the rights of the respective parties with respect to each of such claims.

(b) If no such agreement can be reached after good faith negotiation, either party shall be entitled to file a claim with the competent court, and the rules set forth in Section 9.7 below shall apply. Notwithstanding anything in this Section 7.6(b) to the contrary, in such case the Escrow Agent shall not take any action with respect to the Escrow Fund except in accordance with a decision of such competent court or in accordance with a written instruction signed jointly by the Purchaser and the Shareholder Representative, and the Escrow Agent shall be entitled and obliged to act in accordance with any decision of the competent court and make or withhold payments from the Escrow Funds in accordance therewith.

7.7 SHAREHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE.

(a) Effective as of the date hereof, and without further act of any Selling Shareholder, Andreas Arpagaus is hereby appointed as agent and attorney-in-fact (or its successor appointed pursuant to this Section 7.7, the "Shareholder Representative") for each Selling Shareholder, for and on behalf of such Selling Shareholder: (i) to give and receive notices and communications; notices or communications to or from the Shareholder Representative shall constitute notice to or from each of the Selling Shareholders; (ii) to seek indemnification from the Purchaser pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, to defend indemnification claims by Purchaser, to agree to, negotiate, enter into settlements and compromises of, and demand arbitration and comply with orders of courts and awards of arbitrators with respect to indemnification or any other claims relating to this Agreement; and (iii) to take all actions necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the Shareholder Representative for the accomplishment of the foregoing.

(b) A decision, act, consent or instruction of the Shareholder Representative shall constitute a decision of all the Selling Shareholders and shall be final, binding and conclusive upon each of such Selling Shareholders only with regard to the Shareholder Representative's performance of his powers granted under 7.7(a), and the Purchaser and the Company may rely upon any such decision, act, consent or instruction of the Shareholder Representative as being the decision, act, consent or instruction of every such Selling Shareholder. Each of Purchaser and the Company is hereby relieved from any liability to any person for any acts done by it in accordance with such decision, act, consent or instruction of the Shareholder Representative.

(c) The Shareholder Representative may be removed by the Selling Shareholders representing a majority in interest of the Selling Shareholders (based on the proportions set forth in Exhibit A) (the "Required Sellers") upon not less than ten (10) calendar days' prior written notice to the other parties hereto, which notice shall be accompanied with an instrument executed by a substitute agent, which must be a Selling Shareholder, accepting the position of a Shareholder Representative. In the event of a dissolution of the Shareholder Representative or any other vacancy in its position, the Required Sellers may appoint a substitute agent upon not less than ten (10) calendar days' prior written notice to the other parties hereto, which notice shall be accompanied with an instrument executed by a substitute agent, which must be a Selling Shareholder, accepting the position of a Shareholder Representative. After the end of such prior notice period, the successor Shareholder Representative shall, without further acts, be vested with all the rights, powers, and duties of the predecessor Shareholder Representative as if originally named as Shareholder Representative. If the position of Shareholder Representative shall be vacant for more than thirty (30) calendar days, Purchaser may file a petition to the court of competent jurisdiction set forth in Section 9.7 to appoint a successor to such position.

SECTION 8

TERMINATION

8.1 TERMINATION. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this Agreement may be terminated and the transactions contemplated hereby abandoned at any time prior to the Closing Date:

(a) By mutual written consent of the Purchaser and the Selling Shareholders;

(b) By the Purchaser, if any of the conditions set forth in Sections 6.1 and 6.3 shall have become reasonably incapable of fulfillment prior to January 15, 2006, through no fault of the Purchaser, and such condition(s) shall not have been waived in writing by the Purchaser;

(c) By the Selling Shareholders, if any of the conditions set forth in Sections 6.1 and 6.2 shall have become reasonably incapable of fulfillment prior to January 15, 2006, through no fault of the Selling Shareholders, and such condition(s) shall not have been waived in writing by the Selling Shareholders;

(d) By the Purchaser if any representation or warranty of the Selling Shareholders shall be untrue, incomplete or incorrect, or any covenant or agreement of the Selling Shareholders set forth in this Agreement shall be breached, in either case such that the conditions in Section 6.3(a) would not be satisfied; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if such breach or such failure to be true, complete or correct is curable by the Selling Shareholders through the exercise of its reasonable efforts prior to the Closing and the Selling Shareholders continue to exercise such reasonable efforts during such period, the Purchaser may not terminate this Agreement under this Section 8.1(d); or

(e) By the Selling Shareholders if any representation or warranty of the Purchaser shall be untrue, incomplete or incorrect, or any covenant or agreement of the Purchaser set forth in this Agreement shall be breached, in either case such that the conditions in Section 6.2(a) would not be satisfied; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if such breach or such failure to be true, complete or correct is curable by the Purchaser through the exercise of its reasonable efforts prior to the Closing and the Purchaser continues to exercise such reasonable efforts during such period, the Selling Shareholders may not terminate this Agreement under this Section 8.1(e).

(f) by either party, if the Closing does not occur by January 15, 2006; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the right to terminate this Agreement under this Section 8.1(f) shall not be available to any party whose action or failure to act has been a principal cause of or resulted in the failure to close on or before such date and such action or failure to act constitutes a breach of this Agreement.

8.2. SURVIVAL. If this Agreement is terminated prior to Closing and the transactions contemplated hereby are not consummated as described above, this Agreement shall become void and of no further force and effect, except for the provisions of this Section 8.2 (survival); Section 8.1 (termination); Section 5.1 (expenses); Section 5.5 (confidentiality); and Section 9 (miscellaneous provisions).

SECTION 9

MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 NOTICES. Any notice required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing in English, and shall be deemed sufficient upon receipt, when delivered personally or by courier, overnight delivery service or confirmed facsimile, if such notice is addressed to the party to be notified at such party's address or facsimile number as set forth below, or as subsequently modified by written notice,

(a) if to Purchaser, to:

Nice Systems, Ltd.
8 Hapnina Street
Ra'anana 43107
Israel
Attention: Doron Eidelman
Corporate Executive Vice President
President of Nice Vision
Facsimile No.: +972-9-775-2385

with a copy to:

Nice Systems,
Ltd.
8 Hapnina Street
Ra'anana 43107
Israel
Attention: Yechiam Cohen
Corporate Vice President
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary
Legal Department
Facsimile No.: +972-9-743-7446

(b) if to the Selling Shareholders, to the addresses set forth in Exhibit A,

with a copy to:

Urs Lichtsteiner Rechtsanwalt
Baarerstrasse 10
Zug 6304
Switzerland
Attention: Urs Lichtsteiner
Facsimile No.: +41-41-726-90-05

9.2 INTERPRETATION. When a reference is made in this Agreement to Exhibits, such reference shall be to an Exhibit to this Agreement unless otherwise indicated. The words "INCLUDE," "INCLUDES" and "INCLUDING" when used herein shall be deemed in each case to be followed by the words "WITHOUT LIMITATION." The phrases "THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT", "THE DATE HEREOF," and terms of similar import, unless the context otherwise requires, shall be deemed to refer to the latest date listed on the signature page of this Agreement. The word "Person" or "person" means any individual, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, corporation, trust, unincorporated organization or other entity, as well as any governmental agency or department thereof. The table of contents and headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. This Agreement is drawn up in the English language; if this Agreement is translated into any language other than English, the English language text shall prevail.

9.3 COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument.

9.4 ENTIRE AGREEMENT; NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES; ASSIGNABILITY. This Agreement (including the documents and the instruments referred to herein) (a) constitutes the entire agreement and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, (b) are not intended to confer upon any person other than the parties hereto any rights or remedies hereunder; and (c) shall not be assigned by operation of law or otherwise except with the written agreement of the parties.

9.5 SEVERABILITY. If one or more provisions of this Agreement are held to be unenforceable under applicable law, the parties agree to renegotiate such provision in good faith, in order to maintain the economic position enjoyed by each party as close as possible to that under the provision rendered unenforceable. In the event that the parties cannot reach a mutually agreeable and enforceable replacement for such provision, then (a) such provision shall be excluded from this Agreement, (b) the balance of the Agreement shall be interpreted as if such provision were so excluded and (c) the balance of the Agreement shall be enforceable in accordance with its terms.

9.6 REMEDIES CUMULATIVE. Except as otherwise provided herein, any and all remedies herein expressly conferred upon a party will be deemed cumulative with and not exclusive of any other remedy conferred hereby, or by law or equity upon such party, and the exercise by a party of any one remedy will not preclude the exercise of any other remedy.

9.7 GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION. This Agreement and all acts and transactions pursuant hereto and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed, construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Switzerland, without giving effect to principles of conflicts of law. Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in relation to this contract, including the validity, invalidity, breach or termination thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration of the Swiss Chambers of Commerce in force on the date when the Notice of Arbitration is submitted in accordance with these Rules. The seat of the arbitration shall be in Zurich, the arbitral proceedings shall be conducted in English.

9.8 RULES OF CONSTRUCTION. The parties hereto agree that they have been represented by counsel during the negotiation, preparation and execution of this Agreement and, therefore, waive the application of any law, regulation, holding or rule of construction providing that ambiguities in an agreement or other document will be construed against the party drafting such agreement or document.

9.9 AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS. Any term of this Agreement may be amended or waived only with the written consent of the Purchaser and the Selling Shareholders, or their respective successors and assigns. Any amendment or waiver effected in accordance with this Section 9.9 shall be binding upon all parties and their respective successors and assigns.

9.10 SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 9.2, it is accordingly agreed that the parties shall be entitled to injunctive relief to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof in any court of any state having jurisdiction, this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity.

9.11 STAMP DUTY. All stamp duties and stamp taxes related to any of the Transaction Documents or any document executed in connection with this Agreement shall be borne and paid by the Selling Shareholders.

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[SIGNATURE TO SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2005]

The parties have duly executed this Share Purchase Agreement as of the date last written below.

PURCHASER:

NICE SYSTEMS LTD.

By: /s/ Haim Shani /s/ Ran Oz

Date: 17.11.2005 17.11.2005
Name: Haim Shani Ran Oz
Title: CEO CFO

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[SIGNATURE TO SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2005]

The parties have duly executed this Share Purchase Agreement as of the date last written below.

SELLING SHAREHOLDERS:

/s/ Andreas Arpagaus

ANDREAS ARPAGAU

Date: 17.11.2005

/s/ Beat Meier

BEAT MEIER

Date: 17.11.2005

CORNERSTONECAPITAL AG

By: /s/ CORNERSTONECAPITAL AG

Date: 17.11.2005

Name: _____

Title: _____

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[SIGNATURE TO SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2005]

The parties have duly executed this Share Purchase Agreement as of the date last written below.

IDP INVESTMENTS GMBH

By: /s/ M.P. Stebles

(signature)

Date: 17.11.2005

Name: M.P. Stebles

Title: Managing Director

/s/ Matthias Zahn

MATTHIAS ZAHN (signature)

Date: 17.11.2005

/s/ Andreas Malzahn

ANDREAS MALZAHN (signature)

Date: 17.11.2005

/s/ Carsten Neufing

CARSTEN NEUFING (signature)

Date: 17.11.2005

/s/ Benedikt Schwartz

BENEDIKT SCHWARTZ (signature)

Date: 17.11.2005

[SIGNATURE TO SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2005]

The parties have duly executed this Share Purchase Agreement as of the date last written below.

/s/ Thomas Schweiger

THOMAS SCHWEIGER (signature)

Date: 17.11.2005

TRADE INTERNATIONAL CO. ESTABLISHMENT

By: /s/ TRADE INTERNATIONAL CO. ESTABLISHMENT

(signature)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

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STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

TEKELEC

AND

NICE-SYSTEMS LTD.

DATED AS OF APRIL 27, 2006

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STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT (the "AGREEMENT") is entered into as of April 27, 2006, by and between Tekelec, a California corporation ("SELLER"), and NICE-Systems Ltd., a company limited by shares organized under the laws of the State of Israel ("BUYER").

RECITAL

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Seller desires to sell to Buyer, and Buyer desires to purchase from Seller, 100 shares (the "SHARES") of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "COMMON STOCK"), of IEX Corporation, a Nevada corporation (the "COMPANY"), representing all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the respective representations, warranties, covenants, agreements and conditions set forth below, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS

1.1 CERTAIN DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth below:

"ACQUIROR" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.12(c).

"AFFILIATE" shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 12b-2 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"AGREEMENT" has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Agreement.

"ARBITER" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(c).

"AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.15.

"BLUE PUMPKIN CROSS-LICENSE AGREEMENT" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.16.

"BLUE PUMPKIN LICENSED PATENTS" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.16.

"BUSINESS DAY" means any day other than Saturday, Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in New York, New York are required to be closed.

"BUYER" has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Agreement.

"BUYER FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.8(e).

"BUYER INDEMNITEES" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.2.

"CASH" means cash and cash equivalents (including marketable securities and short-term investments) calculated in accordance with GAAP.

"CLOSING" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.4.

"CLOSING BALANCE SHEET" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(b).

"CLOSING DATE" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.4.

"CLOSING WORKING CAPITAL" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(b).

"CLOSING WORKING CAPITAL STATEMENT" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(b).

"COBRA" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.17(e).

"CODE" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"COMMON STOCK" has the meaning set forth in the Recital to this Agreement.

"COMPANY" has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Agreement.

"COMPANY CHARTER DOCUMENTS" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1.

"COMPANY EMPLOYEES" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.16.

"COMPANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS" means all Intellectual Property Rights owned by the Company and used in the current operation of the Company's business, including without limitation all Company Registered IP and all Intellectual Property Rights in the Products (including the Technology embodied therein).

"COMPANY PERMITS" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.14(b).

"COMPANY REGISTERED IP" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.11(g).

"COMPANY TECHNOLOGY" means all Technology owned by the Company and used in the current operation of the Company's business.

"CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.2(c).

"CONTRACT" means any contract, agreement, indenture, note, bond, mortgage, loan, instrument, lease, license, commitment or other arrangement, understanding, undertaking or obligation, whether written or oral.

"DAMAGES" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.2.

"DISABLING PROCEDURES" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.12(n).

"DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE" has the meaning set forth in Article IV.

"DISTRIBUTIONS" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2.

"EMPLOYEE" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.8(a).

"ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.20(a).

"ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.20(b).

"ERISA" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.17(a).

"ERISA AFFILIATE" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.17(a).

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles, as in effect in the United States from time to time, applied on a basis consistent with the accounting methods, principles or practices, policies and standards of the Company.

"GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY" means any foreign, domestic, federal, territorial, state or local governmental authority, quasi-governmental authority, court, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality, or any regulatory, administrative or other department, agency, or any political or other subdivision, department or branch of any of the foregoing.

"HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.20(a).

"H-S-R ACT" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5.

"INCOME TAXES" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.18(m)(i).

"INDEBTEDNESS" means with respect to any Person, all obligations contingent or otherwise, in respect of: (1) borrowed money; (ii) indebtedness evidenced by notes, debentures or similar instruments; (iii) capitalized lease obligations; (iv) the deferred purchase price of properties, assets, services or securities (other than ordinary trade accounts payable or employee compensation); (v) conditional sale or other title retention agreements; (vi) any letter of credit, banker's acceptance or similar credit reimbursement obligation; (vii) interest rate or currency swap transactions (valued at the termination value thereof); (viii) all obligations of the types referred to in clauses (i) through (vi) for the payment of which such Person is responsible or liable, directly or indirectly, as obligor, guarantor, surety or otherwise, or secured by Lien on any property or asset of such Person; and (i) interest, premium, penalties and other amounts owing in respect of the items described in the foregoing clauses (i) through (v).

"INDEMNIFYING PARTY" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.4(a).

"INDEMNITY PERIOD" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.1.

"INJURED PARTY" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.4(a).

"INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS" means any or all of the following and all statutory and/or common law rights in, arising out of, or associated therewith, arising under the laws of the United States (i) all Patents; (ii) all inventions (whether patentable or not), invention disclosures and improvements, all trade secrets, proprietary information, know how and other Technology; (iii) all works of authorship, including derivative works, within the meaning of the United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. ss.ss. 101 et seq., copyrights, mask works, copyright and mask work registrations and applications therefor; (iv) all industrial designs and any registrations and applications therefor; (v) all Trademarks and Internet domain names; (vi) all databases and data collections (including knowledge databases, customer lists and customer databases); (vii) all rights in Software; (viii) all other rights in or to any Technology; (ix) any similar, corresponding or equivalent rights to any of the foregoing; (x) all goodwill associated with any of the foregoing; and (xi) the right and power to assert, defend and recover title thereto and the right to sue for and recover damages for past, present and future infringement, misuse, misappropriation or other violation thereof.

"IRS" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.17(b).

"LEASED REAL PROPERTY" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.10(c).

"LEASES" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.10(b).

"LIABILITY" means any debt, loss, damage, adverse claim, fine, penalty, liability or obligation (whether direct or indirect, known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, absolute or contingent, accrued or unaccrued, matured or unmatured, determined or determinable, liquidated or unliquidated, or due or to become due, and whether in contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise).

"LICENSE IN AGREEMENTS" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.12(j).

"LICENSED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS" means all Intellectual Property Rights licensed by the Company from third parties and used in the current operation of the Company's business.

"LICENSED TECHNOLOGY" means all Technology licensed by the Company from third parties and used in the current operation of the Company's business.

"LIEN" means any lien, pledge, mortgage, deed of trust, security interest, claim, lease, charge, option, right of first refusal, easement, servitude, proxy, voting trust or agreement, transfer restriction under any shareholder or similar agreement, encumbrance or any other restriction or limitation whatsoever.

"MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT" means a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations or financial condition of the Company taken as a whole, other than changes (a) relating to generally applicable economic conditions or to the Company's industry in general (unless the Company is disproportionately affected thereby) or (b) resulting from the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

"MOST RECENT BALANCE SHEET" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.6.

"NON-INCOME TAXES" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.18(m)(ii).

"NOTICE OF CLAIM" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.4(a).

"ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS" means the ordinary course of business of the Company, consistent with past practice and custom.

"PATENTS" means patents and applications therefor and all reissues, divisions, renewals, extensions, provisionals, continuations and continuations-in-part thereof.

"PERMITS" means any approvals, authorizations, franchises, consents, licenses, permits or certificates of a Governmental Authority.

"PERMITTED LIENS" means: (i) Liens for current taxes or assessments due but not yet payable or being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (ii) servitudes, easements, restrictions, rights-of-way, encroachments and other similar rights in real property or any interest therein, (iii) Liens that constitute mechanics', carriers', workers' or similar liens arising in the Ordinary Course of Business, and (iv) Liens which individually or in the aggregate are not material.

"PERSON" means an individual, a partnership, a joint venture, a corporation, a limited liability company, a trust, an unincorporated organization and a government or any department of agency thereof.

"PERSONAL PROPERTY LEASES" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.11(c).

"PLAN" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.17(a).

"POST-CLOSING TAX PERIOD" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.18(m)(iii).

"PRE-CLOSING TAX PERIOD" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.18(m)(iv).

"PRODUCTS" means the Company's TotalView(R) Workforce Management product and TotalNet(R) Call Routing product.

"PTO" means the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and any successor thereto.

"PURCHASE PRICE" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2.

"REASONABLE EFFORTS" means with respect to a given goal, the efforts that a reasonable person in the position of the promisor would use under the circumstances so as to achieve the goal as expeditiously as reasonably possible; provided, however, that Reasonable Efforts does not require a material expenditure of funds or the incurrence of a material liability on the part of the obligated party and does not require such party to take actions that would result in a material adverse change in the benefits to such party of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.

"REGISTERED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS" means Patents; Trademark registrations and applications for Trademark registrations; copyright registrations and applications for copyright registrations; and Internet domain names.

"RESTRICTED BUSINESS" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.12(a).

"REVIEW PERIOD" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b).

"SECURITIES ACT" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.4.

"SELLER" has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Agreement.

"SELLER FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.8(e).

"SELLER INDEMNITEES" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.3.

"SHARES" has the meaning set forth in the recital to this Agreement.

"SOFTWARE" means any computer software and code, including assemblers, applets, compilers, source code, object code, data (including image and sound data), design tools and user interfaces, in any form or format, however fixed including source code listings and documentation.

"STRADDLE PERIOD" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.18(m)(v).

"TARGET WORKING CAPITAL" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(a).

"TAX" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.18(m)(vii).

"TAX RETURN" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.18(m)(vi).

"TAXING AUTHORITY" means any governmental authority (domestic or foreign) responsible for the administration or collection of any Tax.

"TECHNOLOGY" means, collectively, designs, formulas, algorithms, procedures, routines, ideas, concepts, models, methods, processes, techniques, know-how, Software, tools, data, databases, confidential and proprietary information, inventions (whether patentable or not), creations, improvements, and works of authorship, including derivative works, within the meaning of the United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. ss.ss. 101 et seq., and all recordings, graphs, drawings, reports, analyses, other writings, and any other embodiment of the above, in any form whether or not specifically listed herein, and all related technology, that are used in, incorporated in, embodied in or displayed by any of the foregoing, or used or useful in the design, development, reproduction, maintenance or modification of any of the foregoing.

"TO THE KNOWLEDGE" and similar phrases shall mean the actual knowledge of the persons listed on SCHEDULE 1.1.

"TRADEMARKS" means trademarks, service marks, trade names, logos and registrations thereof and applications therefor.

"TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.2.

"TREASURY REGULATIONS" means the rules and regulations promulgated under the Code.

"UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.6.

"WARN" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.16.

"WORKING CAPITAL" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(a).

1.2 TERMS GENERALLY. The definitions in Section 1.1 shall apply equally to both the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation" even if not followed actually by such phrase unless the context expressly provides otherwise. All references herein to Sections, paragraphs and Exhibits and Schedules shall be deemed references to Sections or paragraphs of or Exhibits or Schedules to this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require. Unless otherwise expressly defined, terms defined in this Agreement shall have the same meanings when used in any Exhibit or Schedule. The words "herein," "hereof," "hereto" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement. References herein to "days," unless otherwise indicated, are to consecutive calendar days.

ARTICLE II PURCHASE AND SALE OF THE SHARES

2.1 PURCHASE AND SALE. Upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, at the Closing, Seller will sell, transfer and deliver to Buyer, and Buyer will purchase, acquire and accept from Seller, the Shares.

2.2 CONSIDERATION. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, in consideration of the aforesaid sale, transfer and delivery of the Shares, Buyer will deliver or cause to be delivered to Seller at the Closing \$200,000,000 (such amount is hereinafter referred to as the "PURCHASE PRICE"), in cash by wire transfer of immediately available funds to such bank account as shall be designated by Seller.

2.3 POST-CLOSING DATE PURCHASE PRICE ADJUSTMENT.

(a) The target working capital of the Company as of the Closing Date is \$0 (such target working capital, the "TARGET WORKING CAPITAL"). "Working Capital" means the current assets of the Company minus all current liabilities of the Company; provided, however, that the following shall be excluded from the calculation of Working Capital: (i) all intercompany payables and receivables except to the extent any such specific intercompany payables are expressly assumed by Buyer at the Closing (e.g., accrued bonuses and related benefit costs, Seller funded infrastructure costs, etc.); (ii) deferred revenues; and (iii) income taxes, whether prepaid, paid, owing or deferred. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, for purposes of this Section 2.3, Working Capital shall include any income tax liability related to deferred revenues which originate after December 31, 2005 and which remain on the Closing Balance Sheet, but only to the extent Seller has received cash for such deferred revenues, and such income tax liability shall be calculated using a combined overall tax rate of 40% for Federal and state income tax purposes.

(b) Within 90 days following the Closing Date, Buyer shall deliver to Seller a balance sheet of the Company as of the open of business on the Closing Date (the "CLOSING BALANCE SHEET") and a statement setting forth a reasonably detailed calculation of Working Capital as of the Closing Date ("CLOSING WORKING CAPITAL"), prepared in accordance with the books and records of the Company (the "CLOSING WORKING CAPITAL STATEMENT"). The Closing Balance Sheet and the Closing Working Capital Statement shall be prepared in accordance with GAAP applied using the same accounting methods, practices, principles, policies and procedures, with consistent classifications, judgments and valuation and estimation methodologies that were used in the preparation of the Company's Unaudited Financial Statements. The Closing Working Capital shall be consistent with the calculation set forth in SECTION 2.3(B) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE of Working Capital as of December 31, 2005.

(c) ACCEPTANCE OF STATEMENTS; DISPUTE PROCEDURES. The Closing Balance Sheet and the Closing Working Capital Statement (and the computation of Closing Working Capital indicated thereon) delivered by Buyer to Seller shall be conclusive and binding upon the parties unless Seller, within 30 days after delivery to the Seller of the Closing Balance Sheet and the Closing Working Capital Statement, notifies Buyer in writing that Seller disputes any of the amounts set forth therein, specifying in reasonable detail the nature of the dispute and the basis therefor. The parties shall in good faith attempt to resolve any dispute and, if the parties so resolve such dispute, the Closing Balance Sheet and the Closing Working Capital Statement (and the computation of Closing Working Capital indicated thereon), as amended to the extent necessary to reflect the resolution of the dispute, shall be conclusive and binding on the parties. If the parties do not reach agreement in resolving the dispute within 60 days after notice is given by Seller to Buyer pursuant to the second preceding sentence, the parties shall submit the dispute to a partner at the New York office of Deloitte & Touche LLP (the "ARBITER") for resolution. If the parties cannot agree on the selection of a partner to act as Arbitrator, the parties shall request the American Arbitration Association to appoint such a partner, and such appointment shall be conclusive and binding on the parties. Promptly, but no later than 30 days after acceptance of his or her appointment as Arbitrator, the Arbitrator shall determine (it being understood that in making such determination, the Arbitrator shall be functioning as an expert and not as an arbitrator), based solely on written submissions by Buyer and Seller, and not by independent review, only those issues in dispute and shall render a written report as to the resolution of the dispute and the resulting computation of the Closing Working Capital which shall be conclusive and binding on the parties. In resolving any disputed item, the Arbitrator (x) shall be bound by the provisions of this SECTION 2.3 and (y) may not assign a value to any item greater than the greatest value for such items claimed by either party or less than the smallest value for such items claimed by either party. The fees, costs and expenses of the Arbitrator shall be allocated to and borne by Buyer and Seller based on the inverse of the percentage that the Arbitrator's determination (before such allocation) bears to the total amount of the total items in dispute as originally submitted to the Arbitrator. For example, should the items in dispute total in amount to \$1,000 and the Arbitrator awards \$600 in favor of Seller's position, 60% of the costs of its review would be borne by Buyer and 40% of the costs would be borne by Seller.

(d) PAYMENT. Upon final determination of Closing Working Capital as provided in SECTION 2.3(C) above, (A) if Closing Working Capital is greater than Target Working Capital, the Purchase Price shall be increased by the excess of Closing Working Capital over Target Working Capital and Buyer shall promptly, but no later than five business days after such final determination, pay the amount of such difference to Seller, and (B) if Closing Working Capital is less than Target Working Capital, the Purchase Price shall be decreased by the excess of Target Working Capital over Closing Working Capital and Seller shall promptly, but no later than five business days after such final determination, pay to Buyer the amount of such difference.

2.4 CLOSING. The closing of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (the "CLOSING") shall take place at the offices of Bryan Cave LLP, 120 Broadway, Suite 300, Santa Monica CA 90401, at 9:00 a.m., local time, on the second Tuesday of June, 2006 or, if the conditions to the Closing are not then satisfied, on such other date as the parties may agree after the satisfaction or waiver of all conditions to the obligations of the parties to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, which date shall be no later than the fifth day after the satisfaction or waiver of such conditions. The date of the Closing is sometimes referred to herein as the "CLOSING DATE."

2.5 DELIVERIES BY SELLER AT THE CLOSING. At the Closing, Seller will deliver or cause to be delivered to Buyer (unless delivered previously) the following:

(a) The stock certificate or certificates (or similar evidence of ownership) representing the Shares, accompanied by stock powers duly executed in blank or duly executed stock transfer forms or instruments of transfer;

(b) The resignations of all members of the Board of Directors of the Company;

(c) The resignations of officers of the Company designated in writing by Buyer;

(d) The stock books, minute books and corporate seal of the Company;

(e) A certificate dated within five days prior to the Closing Date issued by the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada certifying that the Company has legal existence and is in good standing in the State of Nevada;

(f) A certificate dated the Closing Date executed by the Secretary of Seller certifying (i) the names of the officers of Seller authorized to sign this Agreement and the other agreements, documents and instruments executed by Seller pursuant hereto, together with the true signatures of such officers, and (ii) as to copies of resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of Seller authorizing the appropriate officers of Seller to execute and deliver this Agreement and all agreements, documents and instruments executed by Seller pursuant hereto, and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, and that such resolutions are still in effect and have not been amended, modified, rescinded or revoked;

(g) The Transition Services Agreement, in the form attached hereto as EXHIBIT A, duly executed by Seller;

(h) A certification described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.1445-2(b)(2)(i) certifying that Seller is not a "foreign person"; and

(i) All other documents, instruments and writings required to be delivered by Seller at or prior to the Closing pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise reasonably requested by Buyer in connection herewith.

2.6 DELIVERIES BY BUYER. At the Closing, Buyer will deliver or cause to be delivered to Seller (unless previously delivered) the following:

(a) The Purchase Price referred to in Section 2.2 hereof;

(b) A certificate dated within five days prior to the Closing Date issued by the Companies Registrar of the State of Israel certifying that Buyer has legal existence in the State of Israel;

(c) A certificate dated the Closing Date executed by the Secretary or comparable officer of Buyer certifying (i) the names of the officers of Buyer authorized to sign this Agreement and the other agreements, documents and instruments executed by Buyer pursuant hereto, together with the true signatures of such officers, and (ii) as to copies of resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors or other governing body of Buyer authorizing the appropriate officers of Buyer to execute and deliver this Agreement and all agreements, documents and instruments executed by Buyer pursuant hereto, and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, and that such resolutions are still in effect and have not been amended, modified, rescinded or revoked;

(d) The Transition Services Agreement in the form attached hereto as EXHIBIT A, duly executed by Buyer; and

(e) All other documents, instruments or writings required to be delivered by Buyer at or prior to the Closing pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise reasonably requested by Seller in connection herewith.

ARTICLE III
RELATED MATTERS

3.1 BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE COMPANY.

(a) Seller agrees to deliver to Buyer at or as soon as practicable after the Closing, as requested by Buyer, all books and records of the Company (including correspondence, memoranda, books of account, personnel and payroll records and the like), PROVIDED that Seller may retain a copy of all such books and records.

(b) Buyer shall not, for a period (the "REVIEW PERIOD") of four years after the Closing Date or such longer period as retention thereof is required by applicable law or by any record retention agreements entered into with any Taxing Authority, dispose of or destroy any of the business records and files of the Company relating to the period prior to the Closing Date without first offering to turn over possession thereof to Seller by written notice to Seller at least 90 days prior to the proposed date of such disposition or destruction. During the Review Period, Buyer shall permit, and shall take such actions as may be necessary to cause any of its successors or assigns to permit, Seller and its authorized representatives to have reasonable access to, and examine and make copies of, all such books and records as reasonably requested by Seller.

3.2 DISTRIBUTIONS. The parties agree that Seller shall have the right, at or prior to the Closing, to cause the Company to distribute intercompany amounts (as described in the next sentence) and the intellectual property described in Section 6.9(a) and to distribute Cash out of funds legally available therefor, to Seller, by one or more cash dividends, repurchase of existing stock and/or other distributions (collectively, the "DISTRIBUTIONS"). In addition, the parties agree that on or prior to the Closing, Seller and the Company shall settle all intercompany amounts owed to each other by way of dividend, distribution or otherwise, except to the extent that any such amount is expressly assumed by Buyer at the Closing.

ARTICLE IV
REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF SELLER

Seller represents and warrants to Buyer, that except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedule delivered by Seller to Buyer on the date hereof and attached hereto (the "DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE"), each of the following representations, warranties and statements is true and correct as of the date hereof and will be true and correct as of the Closing Date:

4.1 ORGANIZATION. Seller is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of California. The Company is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Nevada. The Company has all requisite corporate and other power and corporate authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to carry on its operations as now being conducted. The Company is duly qualified, authorized or licensed to do business as a foreign corporation and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the property owned, leased or operated by the Company or the nature of the business conducted by the Company makes such qualification necessary, except in any such jurisdiction where the failure to be so duly qualified, authorized or licensed and in good standing would not have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company has previously made available to Buyer complete and correct copies of the Company's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company, as currently in effect (the "COMPANY CHARTER DOCUMENTS"). The Company has no direct or indirect subsidiaries or any other equity interest in any Person.

4.2 AUTHORIZATION. Seller has the requisite corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and each other agreement, document, instrument or certificate contemplated hereby or to be executed and delivered by Seller in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (the "TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS") and consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and each of the Transaction Documents, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, have been duly authorized and approved by all necessary corporate action on the part of Seller. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Seller and constitutes, and, when executed and delivered, each of the Transaction Documents will constitute (assuming in each case the valid authorization, execution and delivery of such agreement by Buyer), the legal valid and binding obligation of Seller, enforceable against Seller in accordance with its terms, except that (a) such enforcement may be subject to any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer or other laws, now or hereafter in effect, relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally and (b) the remedy of specific performance and injunctive and other forms of equitable relief may be subject to equitable defenses and to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought.

4.3 COMMON STOCK. The authorized capital stock of the Company consists solely of 20,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which the Shares are the only shares issued and outstanding. All of the Shares are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non assessable and were not issued in violation of any law or any preemptive or similar rights. There are no outstanding securities convertible into, exchangeable for, or carrying the right to acquire, equity securities of the Company, nor are there any subscriptions, warrants, options, rights or other arrangements or commitments (other than this Agreement) which could obligate the Company to issue or Seller to sell any shares of Common Stock. There are no obligations, contingent or otherwise, of the Company to (i) repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any shares of capital stock or other equity of the Company, or (ii) provide material funds to, or make any material investment in (in the form of a loan, capital contribution or otherwise), or provide any guarantee with respect to the obligations of, any Person. There are no outstanding share appreciation, phantom shares, profit participation or similar rights of the Company. There are no voting agreements, voting trusts, irrevocable proxies or other contracts or understandings to which the Company is a party or is bound with respect to the voting of any shares of capital stock or other equity of the Company.

4.4 OWNERSHIP OF THE SHARES. Seller is the sole record and beneficial owner of the Shares and the Shares constitute all of the capital stock of the Company owned by Seller. Seller has good title to such Shares, free and clear of all Liens.

4.5 CONSENTS AND APPROVALS; NO VIOLATIONS. Except for applicable requirements of the Hart Scott Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act of 1976, as amended (the "H-S-R ACT"), neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the Transaction Documents nor the consummation by Seller of the transactions contemplated hereby will (a) conflict with or result in any breach of any provision of the Company Charter Documents or the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of Seller; (b) require any filing with, or the obtaining of any Permit, order, authorization, consent or approval of, any Governmental Authority; (c) except as set forth in SECTION 4.5 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, violate, conflict with or result in a default (or any event that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default) under, or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation or acceleration under, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any Contract to which the Company or Seller is a party or by which the Company or Seller or any of their assets may be bound; or (d) violate any judgment, order, injunction, decree, ruling, writ, assessment or arbitration applicable to the Company or Seller, excluding from the foregoing clauses (b), (c) and (d), such requirements, conflicts, defaults, rights or violations which, individually or in the aggregate, would not have or be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect and would not adversely affect or be reasonably likely to adversely affect the ability of Seller to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

4.6 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. Attached (except as noted below) as SECTION 4.6 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE are copies of the Company's unaudited balance sheets as of December 31, 2005 (the "MOST RECENT BALANCE SHEET"), 2004 and 2003, statements of income for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 and (to be delivered to Buyer no later than seven (7) days following the date of this Agreement) statements of cash flows for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 (the financial statements referred to are referred to herein collectively as the "UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS"). The Unaudited Financial Statements (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP, except as indicated therein and except that the footnotes required by GAAP are not included, (ii) were prepared in accordance with the books and records of the Company and (iii) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of the date thereof, and the results of operations of the Company for the period indicated. Buyer acknowledges that the Unaudited Financial Statements are carve-out financial statements and that corporate costs are allocated in accordance with Rule 3-05 of Regulation S-X.

4.7 NO UNDISCLOSED LIABILITIES. The Company has no material Indebtedness or Liabilities (whether or not required under GAAP to be reflected on a balance sheet or the notes thereto) other than those (i) specifically reflected on and fully reserved against in the Most Recent Balance Sheet, (ii) incurred in the Ordinary Course of Business since the Most Recent Balance Sheet, or (iii) disclosed in SECTION 4.7 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE.

4.8 PRODUCT WARRANTIES AND PRODUCT LIABILITY.

(a) Set forth in SECTION 4.8(A) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE are the standard forms of product warranties and guarantees used by the Company as of the date hereof.

(b) Except as set forth in SECTION 4.8(B) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, since the date of the Most Recent Balance Sheet, no claim or allegation of personal injury, death or property or economic damages in connection with any Product has been asserted in writing against the Company, except for claims and allegations which would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

4.9 ABSENCE OF CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS.

(a) Since the date of the Most Recent Balance Sheet: (1) the Company has not suffered any Material Adverse Effect; and (2) there has been no material change in the condition, assets or business of the Company other than in the Ordinary Course of Business.

(b) Since the date of the Most Recent Balance Sheet, except as set forth in SECTION 4.9(B) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, the Company has not, other than in the Ordinary Course of Business:

(1) (x) increased the compensation (including bonuses) payable or level of benefits provided, or to become payable or provided, to any director, executive officer or employee of the Company, (y) awarded or paid any bonuses with respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, except to the extent accrued in the Unaudited Financial Statements, or (z) amended or entered into any employment, deferred compensation, bonus or other incentive compensation, severance, retention, termination, change in control or similar agreement;

(2) declared or paid any dividends, issued, purchased or redeemed any shares of its capital stock or any convertible securities into or exchangeable for any of its capital stock, or made any other distributions to its shareholders;

(3) granted any options or other rights to purchase or obtain (including upon conversion, exchange or exercise) any of its capital stock;

(4) incurred, assumed, or guaranteed any material Liabilities or Indebtedness other than trade payables incurred in the Ordinary Course of Business;

- (5) amended the Company Charter Documents;
- (6) disposed of any material assets;
- (7) changed or rescinded any election in respect of Taxes, changed any accounting or Tax reporting principle, method or policy in respect of Taxes, or settled or compromised any claim in respect of Taxes;
- (8) made an investment in any Person;
- (9) subjected any material assets to any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) or pledged or mortgaged any material assets;
- (10) made any capital expenditure in excess of \$100,000 individually or \$250,000 in the aggregate;
- (11) instituted or settled any material legal proceedings;
or
- (12) agreed or committed to do anything set forth in this SECTION 4.9(B).

4.10 REAL PROPERTY.

(a) The Company owns no real property.

(b) SECTION 4.10(B) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE lists, as of the date hereof, all real property leases and subleases for space occupied by the Company (collectively, the "LEASES"). Copies of the Leases and all written amendments and agreements relating thereto have been made available to Buyer. All of the Leases are legal, valid, binding and enforceable in accordance with their terms subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting creditor rights and remedies generally and subject, as to enforceability, to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding at law or in equity), and neither the Company nor, to the knowledge of Seller, the other party to any Lease is in default in any material respect thereunder, and, to the knowledge of Seller, no event has occurred and no circumstance exists which, if not remedied, and whether with or without notice or the passage of time or both, would result in such a default under such Lease.

(c) To the knowledge of Seller, the property the subject of the Leases (the "LEASED REAL PROPERTY") and their present uses, do not violate or conflict in any material respect with any zoning or building restrictions, or any other material covenants, conditions or restrictions applicable to the Leased Real Property. To the knowledge of Seller, the Leased Real Property is not subject to any leases, rights of first refusal, options to purchase or rights of occupancy, except the Leases.

4.11 PERSONAL PROPERTY.

(a) Except as may otherwise be set forth in Section 4.12 hereof, the Company has sufficiently good and valid title to all of the personal property it purports to own, free and clear of all Liens, other than Permitted Liens.

(b) All items of machinery, equipment and the tangible assets material to the operation of the Company's business currently being used by the Company are in good operational condition and repair, normal wear and tear excepted, other than items currently under, or scheduled for, salvage, repair or construction.

(c) SECTION 4.11(C) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE sets forth all leases of personal property ("PERSONAL PROPERTY LEASES") involving annual payments in excess of \$100,000 relating to personal property used in the business of the Company or to which the Company is a party or by which the properties or assets of the Company is bound, except those that are terminable by the Company without penalty on 60 or fewer days notice. All of the items of personal property under the Personal Property Leases are in good condition and repair (ordinary wear and tear excepted) and are suitable for the purposes used, and such property is in all material respects in the condition required of such property by the terms of the lease applicable thereto during the term of the lease. Seller has made available to Buyer true, correct and complete copies of the Personal Property Leases, together with all amendments, modifications or supplements thereto.

(d) The Company has a valid and enforceable leasehold interest under each of the Personal Property Leases under which it is a lessee, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting creditor rights and remedies generally and subject, as to enforceability, to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding at law or in equity). Each of the Personal Property Leases is in full force and effect and the Company has not received or given notice of any default or event that, to the knowledge of Seller, with notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute a default by the Company under any Personal Property Leases and, to the knowledge of Seller, no other party is in material default thereof, and no party to the Personal Property Leases has exercised any termination rights with respect thereto.

4.12 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

(a) Except as set forth in SECTION 4.12(A) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, the Company owns, licenses or otherwise possesses legally enforceable rights in the U.S. to use all Technology and Intellectual Property Rights used in the conduct of the business and operations of the Company as presently conducted in the U.S., including, without limitation, the design, development, manufacture, use, importation, marketing, sale, distribution, and provision of Products, Technology and services.

(b) Except as set forth in SECTION 4.12(B) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, the Company owns and possesses all right, title and interest in and to all Company Intellectual Property Rights and Company Technology and, to the knowledge of Seller, no other party has any rights thereto. Each item of Company Intellectual Property Rights and Company Technology is free and clear of any Liens other than Permitted Liens. The Company has not, since January 1, 2000, transferred ownership of any foreign patents or patent applications or any foreign registered trademarks or applications to register trademarks, excluding any transfers of ownership by implication or operation of law.

(c) SECTION 4.12(C)(I) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE lists all Contracts to which the Company is a party with respect to the ownership or licensing of any Company Technology or Company Intellectual Property Rights other than non-exclusive Software licenses granted to end-user customers in the Ordinary Course of Business pursuant to the Company's standard customer agreements. Except as set forth in SECTION 4.12(C)(II) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, the Company has not (i) transferred ownership of, (ii) granted any exclusive license of or right to use, (iii) authorized the retention of any exclusive rights to use, or (iv) authorized joint ownership of any Intellectual Property Rights that constitute Company Intellectual Property Rights.

(d) No Company Intellectual Property Right or Company Technology is subject to any proceeding or outstanding decree, order, judgment, or stipulation that, to the knowledge of Seller, either has adversely affected or is reasonably likely to adversely affect the validity, use or enforceability of the Company Intellectual Property Rights or the Company Technology.

(e) Except as set forth in SECTION 4.12(E) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, the Company Intellectual Property Rights, the Company Technology, the Licensed Intellectual Property Rights and the Licensed Technology constitute all Intellectual Property Rights and Technology that are necessary or material to the conduct of the business and operations of the Company immediately following the Closing in substantially the same manner as currently conducted by the Company.

(f) Except as set forth in SECTION 4.12(F) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, the Company has exercised reasonable care, including taking all reasonable steps, to protect the Company's proprietary rights, confidential information and trade secrets associated with or related to the Company Intellectual Property Rights and the Company Technology. Except as set forth in SECTION 4.12(F) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, to the extent required in the exercise of the Company's reasonable care, all current and former employees, consultants and contractors of the Company who have participated in the creation of any Intellectual Property Rights that are used by the Company in the conduct of its business have entered into proprietary information, confidentiality and assignment agreements substantially in the Company's standard forms (which have previously been provided to Buyer). The Company has not disclosed, nor is the Company under any contractual or other obligation to disclose, to another Person any trade secrets of the Company, except pursuant to an enforceable confidentiality agreement or undertaking, and, to the knowledge of Seller, no Person has materially breached any such agreement or undertaking.

(g) SECTION 4.12(G)(I) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE lists all Company Intellectual Property Rights that are Registered Intellectual Property Rights ("COMPANY REGISTERED IP") and all material unregistered copyrights, trademarks and service marks. All Company Registered IP is currently in compliance with formal legal requirements (including payment of filing, examination and maintenance fees and proofs of use) and is not subject to any unpaid maintenance fees or taxes or actions due within 90 days after the Closing Date. There are no proceedings or actions pending or, to the knowledge of Seller, threatened before any court or tribunal (including the PTO or equivalent authority) related to any such Company Registered IP other than those set forth in SECTION 4.12(G)(II) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE. Seller is not aware of any reasonable basis for any assertions by any third party that any Company Registered IP is not valid and enforceable.

(h) Neither the Company nor Seller is aware of any claim currently being asserted by any Person or of any facts that cause Seller to believe, that any aspects of the Business, the Company Intellectual Property Rights, the Company Technology, the Licensed Intellectual Property Rights or the Licensed Technology, or the use thereof in connection with the conduct of the business and operations of the Company infringe or misappropriate the Intellectual Property Rights of any Person or constitute unfair competition or trade practices under the laws of any jurisdiction, and to the knowledge of Seller, the conduct of the business and operations of the Company (including the development, manufacture, sale and distribution of Products) does not infringe or misappropriate, and has not infringed or misappropriated, the Intellectual Property Rights of any Person. SECTION 4.12(H) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE lists all agreements pursuant to which the Company has agreed to indemnify any third party against any charge of infringement or misappropriation of any Intellectual Property Rights.

(i) To the knowledge of Seller, no Person is infringing or misappropriating any Company Intellectual Property Rights.

(j) The Company has the right to use, pursuant to valid licenses, all Licensed Intellectual Property Rights and Licensed Technology that are material to the Business as currently conducted by the Company. Except with respect to licenses of Software generally available for an annual license fee of no more than \$25,000, SECTION 4.12(J) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE sets forth a complete and accurate list of all contracts, licenses and agreements pursuant to which the Company licenses or otherwise is authorized to use any Technology or Intellectual Property Rights used in the businesses of the Company, ("LICENSE IN AGREEMENTS"). Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation by Seller of the transactions contemplated hereby will violate, conflict with or result in a default (or any event that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default) under, or give rise to any right of termination or cancellation under, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any such material License In Agreement, excluding such violations, conflicts, defaults and rights which become applicable as a result of the business or activities in which Buyer is or proposes to be engaged or as a result of any acts or omissions by, or the status of or any facts pertaining to, Buyer. Except with respect to licenses of Software generally available for an annual license fee of no more than \$25,000 and the licenses set forth on SECTION 4.12(J) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, the Company is not required, obligated, or under any liability under any agreements to make any payments by way of royalties, fees or otherwise to any third party with respect to use of any Intellectual Property Rights or Technology used in the business of the Company. No loss or expiration of any Intellectual Property Rights licensed to the Company under any License In Agreement is pending or reasonably foreseeable or, to the knowledge of Seller, threatened other than pursuant to the scheduled expiration of the term of any License In Agreement in the ordinary course. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company or Seller of this Agreement, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, will not result in the loss or impairment of, or give rise to any right of any third party to terminate or reprice or otherwise modify any of the Company's rights or obligations under any License In Agreement.

(k) There are no Contracts between the Company and any other Person with respect to the Company Intellectual Property Rights, the Company Technology, the Licensed Intellectual Property Rights or the Licensed Technology under which there is, to the knowledge of Seller, any dispute or any threatened dispute regarding the scope of such Contract or performance under such Contract.

(l) Except as set forth in SECTION 4.12(L) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, no government funding, facilities of a university, college, other educational institution or research center or funding from third parties was used in the development of any Intellectual Property Rights owned by the Company. Except as set forth in SECTION 4.12(L) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, no current or former employee, consultant or independent contractor of the Company who was involved in, or who contributed to, the creation or development of any Intellectual Property Rights owned by the Company has performed services for a government or a university, college, or other educational institution or research center such that such government, university, college or other educational institution or research center currently has any right, title or interest in or to the Company Intellectual Property Rights or Company Technology.

(m) Except as set forth in SECTION 4.12(M) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, Seller has no knowledge of any facts or circumstances that would render any Intellectual Property Rights owned by the Company invalid or unenforceable, or would adversely affect any pending application or registration with respect to any Intellectual Property Rights owned by the Company.

(n) The Software owned by the Company operates substantially as described in the user manuals and does not contain any program routine, device, or other undisclosed feature, including, without limitation, a time bomb, virus, software lock, drop-dead device, malicious logic, worm, trojan horse, bug, error, defect or trap door, that is capable of deleting, disabling, deactivating, interfering with, or otherwise harming the Software or Buyer's hardware, data, or computer programs or codes, or that is capable of providing access or produce modifications not authorized by Buyer (collectively, "DISABLING PROCEDURES"). Such representation and warranty applies regardless of whether such Disabling Procedures are authorized by Seller to be included in the Software.

(o) Except as disclosed in SECTION 4.12(O) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, none of the Company's products, in whole or in part, incorporates or is distributed with any Open Source Software. None of the Software incorporated in any of the Company's products (including any proprietary Software developed by the Company without the use of any Open Source Software), by reason of the manner in which such Software is linked or otherwise integrated with any Open Source Software, is, in whole or in part, subject to the terms of any license under which such Open Source Software was made available such that the proprietary Software owned by the Company would be required to (x) be disclosed or distributed in source code form, (y) be licensed for the purpose of making derivative works, or (z) be redistributable at no charge. The term "OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE" means (a) any Software that contains, or is derived in any manner (in whole or in part) from, any Software that is distributed as free Software, open source Software (E.G., Linux) or similar licensing or distribution models; and (b) any Software that requires as a condition of use, modification and/or distribution of such Software that such Software or other Software incorporated into, derived from or distributed with such Software (i) be disclosed or distributed in source code form, (ii) be licensed for the purpose of making derivative works, or (iii) be redistributable at no charge, including without limitation Software licensed or distributed under GNU's General Public License (GPL) or Lesser/Library GPL (LGPL) or the Apache Software license.

4.13 LITIGATION. Except as set forth in SECTION 4.13 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, there is no claim, action, suit, proceeding or governmental investigation pending or, to the knowledge of Seller, threatened against Seller or the Company, by or before any Governmental Authority or in arbitration, mediation or other means of alternative dispute resolution. The Company is not subject to any material judgment, order, injunction or decree of any court, governmental or regulatory authority.

4.14 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW; PERMITS.

(a) The Company is in compliance in all material respects with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, directives, rules and regulations of any Governmental Authority applicable to the Company and its operations (other than any Environmental Laws, which are covered by Section 4.20).

(b) The Company has all Permits which are required for the operation of the business of the Company as currently conducted and as currently intended to be conducted ("COMPANY PERMITS"), other than those the failure of which to possess would not have and would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Company is not in default under or in violation of any of the Company Permits, and there are no pending or, to the knowledge of Seller, threatened proceedings which could result in the revocation, cancellation or inability of the Company to renew any Company Permit that is significant.

4.15 CERTAIN CONTRACTS AND ARRANGEMENTS.

(a) Set forth in SECTION 4.15 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, is a list of all Contracts of the types described below in effect as of the date hereof to which the Company is a party:

(i) all employment and consulting Contracts (other than offer letters);

(ii) all sales representative, agency, distributorship or franchise Contracts;

(iii) all Contracts relating to Indebtedness;

(iv) all indemnities or powers of attorney involving outstanding, contingent or continuing obligations of or to the Company;

(v) all Contracts with any present or former director, officer or shareholder of the Company or any Affiliate of any such Person;

(vi) any other Contract for the furnishing of services, goods or products by or to the Company after the date hereof (A) with firm commitments having a value in excess of \$250,000 on an annual basis or (B) having a term which is greater than six months and which is not terminable by the Company on 90 days' or less notice;

(vii) all Contracts (or group of related Contracts) pursuant to which the Company (i) possesses or uses, or has agreed to acquire or lease, any property or asset and (ii) is required to make payments, accrue expenses or incur charges in excess of \$100,000 per year;

(viii) all Contracts (or group of related Contracts), plans or programs that involve payments in excess of \$100,000 per year pursuant to which payments, or an acceleration of or increase in benefits, may be required upon or after a change of control of the Company;

(ix) all Contracts that prohibit the Company from engaging in competition or soliciting to hire any person with respect to employment, or Contracts of any other Person not to compete with the Company;

(x) all Contracts for joint ventures, strategic alliances, partnerships, licensing arrangements or sharing of profits or proprietary information;

(xi) all Contracts relating to the acquisition (by merger, purchase of stock or assets or otherwise) by the Company of any operating business or material assets or the capital stock of any other Person; and

(xii) all purchase Contracts from vendors giving rise to Liabilities of the Company in excess of \$100,000.

(b) The Company has heretofore made available to Buyer a true, complete and correct copy of each of the Contracts described above, each as in effect on the date hereof, and all amendments and supplements thereto and all waivers thereunder. Each of the Contracts is in full force and effect and is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that (x) such enforcement may be subject to any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer or other laws, now or hereafter in effect, relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally, and (y) the remedy of specific performance and injunctive and other forms of equitable relief may be subject to equitable defenses and to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought. Neither the Company nor Seller has received written notice that any party to any of the Contracts intends to cancel or terminate such Contract. Neither the Company, nor, to Seller's knowledge, any other party is in default under, or in breach or violation of, nor has an event occurred that (with or without notice, lapse of time or both) would constitute a default by the Company under any Contract in any material respect, other than such defaults, breaches and violations as would not have or be reasonably expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

4.16 LABOR RELATIONS. The Company does not directly employ most employees and most employees who perform services for the Company are employed directly by Seller. SECTION 4.16 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE lists each employee of the Company and each employee of Seller who primarily works on matters for the Company as of the date hereof ("COMPANY EMPLOYEES"). Seller shall update such Schedule immediately before the Closing (and such updated Schedule shall consist of the Company Employees as of the Closing). Neither the Company nor Seller is a party to any collective bargaining agreement covering any Company Employee, and no collective bargaining agreement with respect to any Company Employees as of the date of this Agreement is currently being negotiated by the Company, nor is there is any union organization activity involving any of the Company Employees, pending or, to the knowledge of Seller, threatened, nor has there ever been union representation involving any of the Company Employees in the last five years. There has been no strike or other material work stoppage during the five years immediately preceding the date of this Agreement. The Company and the Seller are in compliance in all material respects with all laws, regulations and orders relating to the employment of the Company Employees, including all such laws, regulations and orders relating to wages, hours, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act and any similar state or local "mass layoff" or "plant closing" law ("WARN"), collective bargaining, discrimination, civil rights, safety and health, workers' compensation and the collection and payment of withholding and/or social security taxes and any similar tax. There has been no "mass layoff" or "plant closing" as defined by WARN with respect to the Company or the Seller within ninety (90) days prior to the date hereof.

4.17 EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS; ERISA.

(a) SECTION 4.17(A) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE lists each "employee benefit plan" (as defined in Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA")), and all other employee benefit arrangements or payroll practices, including bonus and fringe benefit plans, employment, consulting or other compensation agreements, incentive, equity or equity-based compensation, or deferred compensation arrangements, change in control, termination or severance plans or arrangements, stock purchase, severance pay, sick leave, vacation pay, salary continuation for disability, hospitalization, medical insurance, life insurance and scholarship plans and programs maintained for the benefit of, or contributed to by the Company or any trade or business, whether or not incorporated (an "ERISA AFFILIATE"), that, together with the Company would be deemed a "single employer" within the meaning of Section 4001 of ERISA, for the benefit of any Company Employee or any former employee of the Company, or with respect to which the Company has any liability, contingent or direct (a "PLAN" and collectively, the "PLANS"). The Company has made available to Buyer correct and complete copies to the extent applicable of (i) each of the Plans including all amendments to date (ii) the most recent IRS determination letter; and (iii) summary plan descriptions.

(b) Each of the Plans has been administrated in compliance in all material respects with the applicable provisions thereof and with all applicable provisions of ERISA, the Code (including rules and regulations thereunder) and other federal and state laws and regulations, and each of the Plans intended to be "qualified" within the meaning of Section 401(a) of the Code, has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") to be so qualified and Seller knows of no fact or set of circumstances that would adversely affect such qualification. None of the Plans is subject to Title IV of ERISA and neither Seller, the Company nor any of their ERISA Affiliates have within the past 6 years maintained, sponsored, contributed to or been obligated to contribute to any "employee benefit plan" (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title IV of ERISA, including any multiemployer plan (as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA). No Plan maintained by the Company is an "employee benefit plan" (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA). There are no pending or, to the knowledge of Seller, threatened material claims (other than routine claims for benefits) by, on behalf of or against any of the Plans or any trusts related thereto.

(c) All contributions (including all employee contributions and employee salary reduction contributions) which are due have been paid to each Plan which is an "employee benefit pension plan" as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA, except where the failure to make such contributions would not be material.

(d) Except as provided in Section 6.8(i) hereof, neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, by itself or in combination with any additional or subsequent event, other than by reason of actions taken by Buyer or the Company following the Closing, will (i) result in any payment becoming due to any employee (current, former or retired) of the Company, (ii) increase any benefits otherwise payable under any Plan or (iii) result in the acceleration of the time of payment or vesting of any such benefits under any such plan.

(e) None of the Plans provide for post-employment life or health insurance, benefits or coverage for any participant or any beneficiary of a participant, except as may be required under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended ("COBRA") and at the expense of the participant or the participant's beneficiary.

4.18 TAXES.

(a) Except as set forth in SCHEDULE 4.18(A) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, all Tax Returns (as defined below) required to be filed with any Taxing Authority on or before the Closing Date (taking into account any extension of a required filing date) by, or with respect to, the Company have been or will be timely filed on or before the Closing Date in accordance with all applicable laws. All such Tax Returns required to be filed by, or with respect to, the Company are or will be (when filed) true, correct and complete in all material respects.

(b) Except as set forth in SCHEDULE 4.18(B) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, the Company has timely paid all Taxes it is required to have paid.

(c) The Company is not a party to or bound by any Tax allocation, sharing, indemnity or similar agreement or arrangement.

(d) The Company has not received any written notice of deficiency or assessment from any Taxing Authority with respect to Taxes that have not been fully paid or finally settled. There are no audits or investigations by any Taxing Authority in progress, nor has the Company received any written notice from any Taxing Authority that it intends to conduct such an audit or investigation. There are no waivers of statutes of limitation in effect with respect to the Company.

(e) There are no liens for Taxes (except for Taxes not yet due) on any of the assets of the Company, and no action, proceeding or, to the knowledge of Seller, investigation has been instituted against the Company in which there is a reasonable probability of an adverse determination that would result in any such lien.

(f) The Company has not been granted any extension or waiver of the statute of limitations period applicable to any Tax Returns, which period (after giving effect to such extension or waiver) has not expired.

(g) Seller is not a "foreign person" within the meaning of Section 1445 of the Code.

(h) There is no contract, agreement, plan or arrangement covering any person that, individually or collectively, could give rise to the payment of any amount that would not be deductible by Buyer, the Company or any of their respective Affiliates by reason of Section 280G of the Code.

(i) The Company has no liability for Taxes of any Person under Treasury Regulation Section 1.1502-6 (or any comparable provision of state, local or foreign law) other than liability for Taxes of the group of which Seller is the common parent.

(j) The Company has not engaged in a 'reportable transaction' as set forth in Treas. Reg. Section 1.6011-4(b).

(k) Except as set forth in SCHEDULE 4.18(K) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, the Company is not subject to tax in any jurisdiction other than the United States.

(l) The Company has no liability pursuant to any escheat or similar laws with respect to uncollected funds.

(m) As used in this Agreement:

(i) "INCOME TAXES" means any federal, state, local or foreign tax imposed upon or measured by net income or gross income (excluding any Tax based solely on gross receipts) including any interest, penalty, or additions thereto.

(ii) "NON-INCOME TAXES" means any Taxes other than Income Taxes.

(iii) "POST-CLOSING TAX PERIOD" means any Tax period beginning after the Closing Date and the portion of Straddle Period beginning after the Closing Date.

(iv) "PRE-CLOSING TAX PERIOD" means any Tax period ending on or before the Closing Date and any portion of any Straddle Period ending on the Closing Date.

(v) "STRADDLE PERIOD" means any Tax period that includes (but does not end on) the Closing Date.

(vi) "TAX RETURN" means any return, declaration, statement, report, form or similar statement (including any attached schedules) filed or required to be filed with any Taxing Authority with respect to Taxes, including any information statement, any claims for refunds of Taxes, declarations of estimated Tax and any amendments or supplements of any of the foregoing.

(vii) "TAX" means any tax, governmental fee or other like assessment or charge of any kind whatsoever (including any tax imposed under the Code and any net income, alternative or add on minimum tax, gross income, gross receipts, sales, use, ad valorem, value added, transfer, franchise, profits, license, withholding on amounts paid to or by the Company, payroll, employment, excise, severance, stamp, capital stock, occupation, property, environmental or windfall profit tax, premium, custom, duty or other tax together with any interest, penalty, addition to tax or additional amount due from, or in respect of, the Company imposed by any Taxing Authority.

4.19 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE. All of the accounts receivable of the Company set forth on the Most Recent Balance Sheet and those that have arisen between the date of the Most Recent Balance Sheet and the Closing Date arose or will have arisen in the Ordinary Course of Business.

4.20 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

(a) The Company is in compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws (as defined below) except where the failure to be in compliance would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. "ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS" means all applicable Federal, state, municipal and local laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, orders, decrees, judgments or injunctions, and regulations rendered by, in or with any Governmental Authority, department or administrative or regulatory agency relating to pollution, quality or protection of the environment or the presence, treatment, exposure to persons, generation, use, processing, release, remediation, storage, disposal, transport or handling of Hazardous Substances (as defined below). "HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES" means any element, compound, chemical mixture, contaminant, pollutant material, waste or other substance which is regulated or defined as hazardous, radioactive or toxic under any Environmental Law or the release of which is prohibited or materially restricted under any Environmental Law.

(b) The Company has or has applied for all material permits, registrations, approvals and licenses required under Environmental Laws for the operation of the business of the Company as presently conducted (the "ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS") and there are no violations, and no pending or threatened investigations or proceedings with respect to such Environmental Permits except where the failure to have such Environmental Permits or where the violation, investigation or proceeding relating thereto would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) Seller has made available to Buyer any environmental assessments, studies or similar documents in its possession with respect to the Leased Real Property.

(d) There have been no material releases by the Company or, to the knowledge of Seller, by any other person of any Hazardous Substances at, on, from or under any Leased Real Property, property formerly owned or leased by the Company or property to which the Company has sent waste for disposal.

(e) This Section 4.20 contains the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of Seller with respect to any Environmental Laws.

4.21 INSURANCE. A summary of all policies of insurance now held by or for the benefit of the Company are set forth in SECTION 4.21 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE. All such policies are in full force and effect, all premiums due thereon have been paid and Seller and the Company have complied in all material respects with the provisions of such policies. To the knowledge of Seller, there has been no threatened termination of, premium increase with respect to or material alteration of coverage under, any such policies. Set forth in SECTION 4.21 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE is a description of any claims made by or on behalf of the Company under such policies.

4.22 CERTAIN FEES. Except for the engagement of Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin, the fees and expenses of which will be the sole responsibility of Seller, no financial advisor, finder, broker, agent or other intermediary, acting on behalf of Seller or the Company, is or will become entitled to a commission, fee or other compensation in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

4.23 CORPORATE RECORDS. The minute books of the Company previously made available to Buyer contain true, correct and complete records of all meetings and accurately reflect in all material respects all the actions of Seller and the board of directors (or other governing body and including committees thereof) of the Company. The stock certificate books and stock transfer ledgers of the Company previously made available to Buyer are true, correct and complete in all material respects. All stock or interest transfer taxes levied, if any, or payable with respect to all transfers of shares of the Company prior to the date hereof have been paid and appropriate transfer tax stamps affixed.

4.24 TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES. SECTION 4.24 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE sets forth a list of all significant relationships between the Company on the one hand and Seller, Affiliates of Seller, any officers or directors of the Company or Seller or, to Seller's knowledge, any of such officer's or director's Affiliates on the other hand. Except as set forth in SECTION 4.24 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, the Company is not indebted or otherwise obligated to any such Person, and no such Person owns any property or right, tangible or intangible, that is used or held for use in connection with the operation of the business of the Company.

4.25 CERTAIN PAYMENTS. Neither the Company nor, to Seller's knowledge, any director, officer or employee of the Company or Seller has, for or on behalf of the Company, made any offer, payment or gift in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended.

4.26 BANKS; POWERS OF ATTORNEY; GUARANTEES. SECTION 4.26 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE contains a complete and correct list of the names and locations of all banks in which the Company has accounts or safe deposit boxes and the names of all Persons authorized to draw thereon or to have access thereto. Except as set forth in SECTION 4.26 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE, no Person holds a power of attorney to act on behalf of the Company. The Company has no obligation to act under any outstanding power of attorney or any obligation or liability, either accrued, accruing or contingent, as guarantor, surety, co-signor, endorser (other than for purposes of collection in the Ordinary Course of Business), co-make or indemnitor in respect of the obligation of any Person.

4.27 BOOKS AND RECORDS. The books, records and accounts of the Company are in all material respects true and correct.

4.28 CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS.

(a) The Company has no outstanding material dispute concerning its goods and/or services with any customer who, in the year ended December 31, 2005, was one of the ten largest sources of revenue for the Company based on amounts paid or payable by such customer (each, a "SIGNIFICANT CUSTOMER"). Each Significant Customer is listed in SCHEDULE 4.28(A) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE. The Company has not received any written notice from any Significant Customer that such customer intends to terminate its relationship with the Company or that any such customer desires to terminate or materially modify any existing contract with the Company.

(b) The Company has no outstanding material dispute concerning goods and/or services provided by any supplier who, in the year ended December 31, 2005, was one of the five largest suppliers of goods and/or services to the Company based on amounts paid or payable (each, a "SIGNIFICANT SUPPLIER"). The Company's only material supplier is listed in SCHEDULE 4.28(B) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE. The Company has not during the six months prior to the date of this Agreement received any written notice of termination or interruption of any existing contracts with any Significant Supplier.

4.29 EXPORT CONTROL. To the knowledge of Seller, since 2002, the Company has acted without violation of any export control laws, orders or regulations, including without limitation the Export Administration Regulations administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, as amended from time to time, and without violation and in compliance with any required export or reexport licenses or authorizations granted under such laws, regulations or orders, except violations which would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

4.30 DISCLOSURE. The representations and warranties made by Seller in this Agreement (as qualified and modified by the Disclosure Schedule), when read together as a whole, do not contain any untrue statement of material fact or omit a material fact necessary to make each statement contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

ARTICLE V REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF BUYER

Buyer represents and warrants to Seller that each of the following representations, warranties and statements is true and correct as of the date hereof and each of which shall be true and correct as of the Closing Date:

5.1 ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITY OF BUYER.

(a) Buyer is a company limited by shares duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Israel. Buyer has previously delivered to Seller complete and correct copies of its Amended and Restated Memorandum of Association and Amended and Restated Articles of Association, as currently in effect. Buyer has the corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Transaction Documents to which it is a party, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, have been duly and authorized and approved by all necessary corporate action on the part of Buyer.

(b) This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Buyer and constitutes, and, when executed and delivered, each of the Transaction Documents will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of Buyer (in each case, assuming the valid authorization, execution and delivery of such agreement by Seller and the Company, if applicable), enforceable against Buyer in accordance with its terms, except that (i) such enforcement may be subject to any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer or other laws, now or hereafter in effect, relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally, and (ii) the remedy of specific performance and injunctive and other forms of equitable relief may be subject to equitable defenses and to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought.

5.2 CONSENTS AND APPROVALS; NO VIOLATIONS. Except for applicable requirements of the H-S-R Act, neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the Transaction Documents nor the consummation by Buyer of the transactions contemplated hereby will (a) conflict with or result in any breach of any provision of the Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws of Buyer; (b) except for filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Israeli Securities Authority, require any filing with, or the obtaining of any Permit, order, authorization, consent or approval of, any Governmental Authority; (c) violate, conflict with or result in a default (or any event which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default) under, or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation or acceleration under, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any Contract to which Buyer is a party or by which Buyer or any of its assets may be bound; or (d) violate any judgment, order, injunction, decree, ruling, writ, assessment or arbitration applicable to Buyer, excluding from the foregoing clauses (b), (c) and (d), such requirements, violations, conflicts, defaults, rights or violations which, individually or in the aggregate, would not have or be reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on Buyer and would not adversely affect or be reasonably likely to adversely affect the ability of Buyer to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

5.3 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. Buyer has sufficient immediately available funds on hand or available pursuant to unconditional commitments to pay the Purchase Price and to pay any other amounts payable pursuant to this Agreement and to effect the transactions contemplated hereby.

5.4 INVESTMENT REPRESENTATION. Buyer is acquiring the Shares for its own account, for investment and without any view to resale or distribution of the Shares or any portion thereof. Buyer acknowledges that the Shares have not been registered or qualified under the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "SECURITIES ACT"), or the securities laws of any state and that the Shares may not be resold by Buyer except pursuant to registration or qualification under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities law or a valid exemption therefrom.

5.5 LITIGATION. There is no claim, action, suit, proceeding or governmental investigation pending or, to the knowledge of Buyer, threatened against Buyer, by or before any Governmental Authority or in arbitration, mediation or other means of alternative dispute resolution which (a) challenges the validity of this Agreement, or (b) which seeks to enjoin or impair or to obtain damages in respect of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

5.6 INVESTIGATION BY BUYER. Buyer has conducted its own independent review and analysis of the business, operations, technology, assets, liabilities, results of operations, financial condition and prospects of the Company and acknowledges that Seller has provided Buyer with access to the personnel, properties, premises and records of the Company for this purpose. Buyer acknowledges that neither Seller nor the Company nor any of the Company's directors, officers, employees, Affiliates, controlling persons, agents or representatives makes or has made any representation or warranty, either express or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information provided or made available to Buyer or any of its directors, officers, employees, Affiliates, controlling persons, agents or representatives, except as and only to the extent expressly set forth herein with respect to such representations and warranties and subject to the limitations and restrictions contained in this Agreement.

5.7 CERTAIN FEES. Except for Banc of America Securities LLC, the fees and expenses of which shall be the sole responsibility of Buyer, no financial advisor, finder, broker, agent or other intermediary, acting on behalf of Buyer or any of its Affiliates, is or will become entitled to a commission, fee or other compensation in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

ARTICLE VI COVENANTS

6.1 CONDUCT OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS. Seller agrees that, during the period from the date of this Agreement to the Closing, except as otherwise set forth in SECTION 6.1(B) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE or as contemplated by this Agreement, including the making of the Distributions permitted under Section 3.2 and the provisions of Section 6.8(i), or consented to by Buyer (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed):

(a) Seller shall cause the Company to conduct its business in all material respects in the Ordinary Course of Business; and

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Seller shall cause the Company: to (i) not sell or dispose of any of its material properties or assets, except in the Ordinary Course of Business; (ii) maintain: (A) all of the material assets, properties, machinery and equipment owned, leased or used by the Company in their current condition, ordinary wear and tear accepted, and (B) insurance upon all of the properties and assets of the Company in such amounts and of such kinds comparable to that in effect on the date hereof; (iii) not, except in the Ordinary Course of Business: (A) amend, modify or terminate any Contract set forth in SECTION 4.15 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE or (B) enter into any Contract that would have been required to be disclosed in SECTION 4.15 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE had it been in effect on the date hereof; (iv) not enter into any written employment agreement with any employee or increase in any manner the compensation of any of the officers or other key employees of the Company, except for such increases as are granted in the Ordinary Course of Business in accordance with customary practices (which shall include normal periodic performance reviews and related compensation and benefit increases) or as required by a pre-existing commitment; (v) not adopt, grant, extend or increase the rate or terms of any bonus, insurance, pension or other employee benefit plan, payment or arrangement made to, for or with any such officers or employees of the Company, except increases required by any applicable law, rule or regulation or as required by a pre-existing commitment; (vi) not materially change or rescind any election in respect of Taxes, materially change any accounting or Tax reporting principle, method or policy in respect of Taxes, or settle or compromise any claim in respect of Taxes (vii) not incur any material Indebtedness payable to any third party, including Seller or any of its Affiliates; (viii) not amend the Company's Charter or Bylaws or issue or agree to issue shares of capital stock including securities exchangeable for a convertible into capital stock of the Company or merge, consolidate, recapitalize or reorganize; (ix) not license any Intellectual Property Rights (other than non-exclusive licenses to customers in the Ordinary Course of Business; (x) not hire any employee unless such hire is contemplated by the budget for the Company previously provided by Seller to Buyer; and (xi) use its Reasonable Efforts to (A) preserve its relationships with its material suppliers, customers, licensors, licensees and others having business relationships with the Company and (B) to preserve the present business operations, organization and goodwill of the Company.

6.2 ACCESS TO INFORMATION.

(a) Until the Closing, Seller shall cause the Company to (i) give Buyer and its authorized representatives reasonable access to all books, records, offices and other facilities and properties of the Company; (ii) permit Buyer to make such inspections thereof as Buyer may reasonably request; and (iii) furnish or cause the officers of the Company to furnish Buyer with such financial and operating data and other information with respect to the business and properties of the Company as Buyer may from time to time reasonably request; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that Buyer shall in each instance give reasonable prior notice to Seller and that any such investigation shall be conducted during normal business hours under the supervision of Seller's or the Company's personnel and in such a manner as to maintain the confidentiality of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and shall not interfere unreasonably with the business operations of the Company; and, PROVIDED, FURTHER, that any such disclosure shall not be required if it would violate any laws or the terms or conditions of any contracts or adversely affect the ability of Seller or the Company to assert attorney-client, attorney work product or other similar privilege.

(b) Any disclosure whatsoever during such investigation by Buyer shall not constitute an enlargement of or additional representations or warranties of Seller beyond those specifically set forth in Article IV of this Agreement.

(c) All information concerning the Company and/or Seller furnished or provided by the Company or Seller to Buyer or its representatives (whether furnished before or after the date of this Agreement) shall be held subject to a confidentiality agreement among the Company, Seller and Buyer dated as of December 5, 2005 (the "CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT").

6.3 CONSENTS.

(a) Each of Seller and Buyer shall cooperate, and use its Reasonable Efforts, to make all filings and obtain all licenses, Permits, consents, approvals, authorizations, qualifications and orders of Governmental Authorities necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Seller and Buyer shall (i) make any and all notifications and filings required to be made to any court, administrative agency or commission or other governmental agency, authority or instrumentality having supervisory or regulatory authority with respect to the relevant party or parties to this Agreement in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and (ii) file any Notification and Report Forms and related material that such party may be required to file with the Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice under the H-S-R Act, use its Reasonable Efforts to cause the early termination of the waiting period(s) and to respond to any request for additional information and documentary material, as may be necessary, proper or advisable in connection therewith. Any and all filing fees in respect of such filings shall be paid by Buyer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither Buyer nor any of its Affiliates shall be required, in connection with the matters set forth in this Section 6.3, to hold separate (including by trust or otherwise) or divest any of their respective businesses, product lines or assets.

(b) Seller shall use and shall cause the Company to use its Reasonable Efforts to obtain any third party consents or approvals that Buyer may reasonably request in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Buyer agrees to provide such assurances as to financial capability, resources and creditworthiness as may be reasonably requested by any third party whose consent or approval is sought hereunder.

(c) With respect to any agreements for which any required consent or approval is not obtained prior to the Closing, Seller and Buyer shall each use its Reasonable Efforts to obtain any such consent or approval after the Closing Date until such consent or approval has been obtained.

6.4 REASONABLE EFFORTS. Each of Seller and Buyer shall cooperate, and use its Reasonable Efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper or advisable under applicable laws and regulations to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including satisfaction, but not waiver, of the closing conditions set forth herein).

6.5 COVENANT TO SATISFY CONDITIONS. Seller will use its Reasonable Efforts to ensure that the conditions set forth in Article VII hereof are satisfied, insofar as such matters are within the control of Seller. Buyer will use its Reasonable Efforts to ensure that the conditions set forth in Article VII hereof are satisfied, insofar as such matters are within the control of Buyer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of the parties to this Agreement shall be required to waive any condition herein to its obligations at the Closing or to incur any substantial cost not otherwise required under this Agreement. Seller and Buyer further covenant and agree, with respect to a threatened or pending preliminary or permanent injunction or other order, decree or ruling or statute, rule, regulation or executive order that would adversely affect the ability of the parties hereto to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, to use all Reasonable Efforts to prevent or lift the entry, enactment or promulgation thereof, as the case may be. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither Buyer nor any of its Affiliates shall be required, in connection with the matters set forth in this Section 6.5, to hold separate (including by trust or otherwise) or divest any of their respective businesses, product lines or assets.

6.6 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS. Prior to the Closing, except as otherwise agreed to by the parties and except for disclosures made by Buyer to its lenders or potential lenders pursuant to customary confidentiality provisions, the parties shall not issue any report, statement or press release or otherwise make any public statements with respect to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby without obtaining the prior approval of the other party hereto, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, unless, in the reasonable judgment of the party intending to make such release, disclosure is otherwise required by applicable law or by the applicable rules of any stock exchange on which such party or its Affiliates lists securities, PROVIDED, that, to the extent required by applicable law, the party intending to make such release shall use its Reasonable Efforts consistent with such applicable law to consult with the other party with respect to the text thereof. Upon the Closing, Seller and Buyer will consult with each other with respect to the issuance of a joint report, statement or press release with respect to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.

6.7 USE OF "TEKELEC" NAME. From and after the Closing, Buyer agrees not to use and shall cause the Company and Buyer's affiliates not to use the "TEKELEC" name in any manner in any part of the world as part of their company names or in any manner in connection with their respective businesses.

6.8 EMPLOYEES; EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.

(a) Prior to the Closing Date, Seller shall transfer the employment of all Company Employees to the Company. Seller shall be solely responsible for any Liability incurred in connection with such transfers of employment (including, without limitation, any Liabilities under any Plan or under the WARN Act or any other applicable law). In connection with such transfers of employment, Seller shall obtain federal and state taxpayer identification numbers for the Company, activate income and employment tax accounts, and report and remit appropriate taxes with respect to compensation earned by Company Employees prior to the Closing Date, as well as ensure that the Company Employees receive workers' compensation coverage (or, to the extent it is not possible to complete such actions before the Closing Date, the Seller shall use Reasonable Efforts to initiate such actions). Because the Company does not directly employ most employees, and most employees who perform services for the Company are employed directly by Seller, certain Intellectual Property Rights and Technology used in the current operation of the Company's business may be owned by Seller pursuant to confidentiality, nondisclosure and invention assignment agreements between Seller and the Company Employees listed on SECTION 4.16 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE and by virtue of the employer--employee relationship between Seller and the Company Employees. Prior to the Closing, Seller shall assign to the Company all of the Seller's right, title and interest to all Intellectual Property Rights and Technology (other than the intellectual property and associated rights comprising and related to the Company's ASi 4000 technology) used in the current operations of the Company's business that was developed or created by the Company Employees, and Seller shall assign to the Company all of Seller's right, title and interest under such agreements between Seller and such Company Employees. The covenants set forth in SECTION 4.12(A) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE are hereby incorporated into this Agreement in their entirety.

(b) Buyer agrees that prior to the Closing, it will not require or request of Seller or the Company that Seller or the Company terminate any Company Employees. For a one-year period following the Closing, Buyer shall, or shall cause the Company to, provide each Company Employee who continues as an employee of the Company (an "EMPLOYEE") with benefits that are at least substantially comparable in the aggregate to those benefits provided to similarly situated employees of Buyer (other than equity and performance based compensation). Buyer shall give full credit for all service with the Company or any Affiliate thereof, and any predecessor thereto to the extent that service with such predecessor entity was recognized under the applicable Plan of the Company or any Affiliate, to each Employee for purposes of vesting and eligibility, including waiting periods relating to preexisting conditions under medical plans (except for purposes of determining the amount of any benefit under any defined benefit pension plan and eligibility for early retirement or any subsidized benefit), any employee benefit plan (including any "employee benefit plan" as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) maintained by Buyer or its subsidiaries (including any vacation or accrued sick pay plan or policy) in which the Employees participate on or after the Closing Date. Prior to the Closing, the Company shall furnish Buyer with a list of the length of service with the Company or its Affiliates for each of the Employees. For purposes of computing deductible amounts (or like adjustments or limitations on coverage) under any employee welfare benefit plan (including any "employee welfare benefit plan" as defined in Section 3(1) of ERISA), expenses and claims previously recognized for similar purposes under the applicable welfare benefit plan of the Company or any Affiliate shall be credited or recognized under the comparable plan maintained after the Closing Date by Buyer or its subsidiaries in which the Employees participate.

(c) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (a) of this Section to the contrary, if any Employee is discharged by the Company on or within 12 months after the Closing Date, then the Company shall be responsible for severance for such discharged Employee, such severance payable to be determined at the greater of the Company's severance policy as set forth in SECTION 6.8(C) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE or Buyer's then current severance policy, giving effect to the provisions of Section 6.8(b). The Company shall be responsible and assume all liability for all notices or payments due to any Employee, and all notices, payments, fines or assessments due to any government authority, pursuant to any applicable foreign, Federal, state or local law, common law, statute, rule or regulation with respect to the employment, discharge or layoff of employees by the Company after the Closing, including WARN and any rules or regulations as have been issued in connection with the foregoing.

(d) Buyer shall cause the Company to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the officers, directors and employees of the Company to the same extent that such persons are entitled to indemnification as of the date hereof pursuant to the Company's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and any agreements between such persons and the Company, for any acts or omissions prior to the Closing Date. Until the seventh anniversary of the Closing Date, Buyer shall provide policies of officers' and directors' liability insurance with reputable and financially sound carriers of at least the same coverage and amount and containing terms and conditions that are no less favorable in respect of acts or omissions occurring prior to the Closing Date covering each such person currently covered by such policies in effect of the date hereof.

(e) Seller shall retain all liabilities for claims incurred by an Employee (and his or her eligible spouse and dependents) on or prior to the Closing Date under the Plans that are welfare benefit plans within the meaning of Section 3(1) or ERISA and all short term disability and salary continuation plans or arrangements (the "WELFARE PLANS"). For this purpose claims under any medical, dental, vision or prescription drug plan will be deemed to be incurred on the date that the service giving rise to such claim is performed and not when such claim is made; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that with respect to claims relating to hospitalization the claim will be deemed to be incurred on the first day of such hospitalization and not on the date that such services are performed. Claims for disability under any long or short term disability plan or arrangement will be incurred on the date the Employee is first absent from work because of the condition giving rise to such disability and not when the Employee is determined to be eligible for benefits under the applicable Welfare Plan or other arrangement. Seller will provide any continuation coverage required under COBRA to each "qualified beneficiary" (as defined in COBRA) whose first "qualifying event" (as defined in COBRA) occurs on or prior to the Closing Date. The Company shall be responsible for the continuation of health plan coverage, in accordance with the requirements of COBRA for any Employee or a qualified beneficiary under a Company health plan who first has a qualifying event after the Closing Date.

(f) Effective as of the Closing Date, Seller shall transfer, or cause to be transferred, to Buyer an amount, in cash, equal to the excess, if any, of the aggregate 2006 contributions of all Employees then participating in Seller's or its Affiliate's flexible benefits plan (the "SELLER FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN"), over the aggregate 2006 reimbursements to all Employees under such plan. Buyer shall cause such amounts to be credited to each such employee's accounts under Buyer's (or one of its affiliate's) corresponding flexible benefit plan (the "BUYER FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN") which shall be established and in effect for such employees as of the Closing Date, and all claims for reimbursement which have not been paid as of the date of the transfer to Buyer and credited under the Buyer Flexible Benefits Plan shall be paid pursuant to and under the terms of the Buyer Flexible Benefits Plan. In connection with such transfer, Buyer shall deem that such employees' deferral elections made under the Seller Flexible Benefits Plan for the 2006 calendar year shall continue in effect under the Buyer Flexible Benefits Plan for the remainder of the 2006 calendar year following the Closing Date.

(g) Buyer shall cause the Company to recognize and provide all accrued but unused vacation and personal days as of the Closing Date to the extent reflected on the Most Recent Balance Sheet.

(h) On the date of this Agreement, Buyer and each of the key Company Employees designated by Buyer shall enter into agreements which shall provide for the terms of such employees employment after the Closing Date.

(i) To the extent Seller and the Company deem advisable, Company Employees shall become fully vested in their accounts under the Tekelec 401(k) Plan.

6.9 CERTAIN TAX MATTERS.

(a) Seller shall accurately prepare and file all federal Income Tax Returns and all other Income Tax Returns with respect to the Company for all periods ending on or prior to the Closing Date. Such Tax Returns shall include any gain or income recognized by the Company as a result of: (i) the distribution by the Company of shares of stock of Santera Systems Inc. to Seller in November, 2003; (ii) the distribution by the Company to Seller of intellectual property and associated rights comprising and related to the ASi 4000 technology on or before the Closing Date; and (iii) the balance in the deferred revenue account of the Company on December 31, 2005 determined pursuant to Revenue Procedure 2004-34. Seller shall be responsible for the payment of all Taxes with respect to such Tax Returns. Seller shall also be responsible for (i) the accurate preparation of all Non-Income Tax Returns that are required to be filed with respect to the Company that are due before the Closing Date and (ii) for the payment of all Taxes payable with respect thereto. Buyer and its authorized representatives shall have the right to review and audit all Income Tax Returns of the Company that are required to be filed after the Closing Date, provided that in the case of the federal Income Tax Return, such review and audit shall be limited to the portions that relate to the Company and the supporting detail and work papers. Buyer and Seller agree to consult and resolve in good faith any issues arising as a result of the review and audit of such Tax Return by Buyer or its authorized representative. If, after the Closing Date, Buyer or the Company pays any such Taxes for which Seller is responsible, Seller shall reimburse Buyer or the Company within 5 days after the date Seller is notified by Buyer or the Company that such Taxes were paid. The covenants set forth in SECTION 4.18(A) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE are hereby incorporated into this Agreement in their entirety.

(b) Buyer or the Company shall accurately prepare and file all Non-Income Tax Returns for the Company for all periods ending prior to the Closing Date that are required to be filed after the Closing Date. Seller shall cooperate with Buyer in filing and causing to be filed such Tax Returns. Seller shall be responsible for payment of, and shall pay when due, any Non-Income Taxes shown due on such returns or that are otherwise payable with respect to such Tax Returns. If, after the Closing Date, Buyer or the Company pays any such Non-Income Taxes for which Seller is responsible, Seller shall reimburse Buyer or the Company within 5 days after the date Seller is notified by Buyer or the Company that such Taxes were paid.

(c) Buyer shall prepare or cause to be prepared and file or cause to be filed all Tax Returns for the Company for all Straddle Periods. All Taxes with respect to the Company attributable to Pre-Closing Periods shall be allocated to and paid by Seller, except to the extent such Taxes have been previously paid by Seller including amounts paid in respect of estimated Taxes, and all Taxes with respect to the Company attributable to Post-Closing Periods shall be allocated to and paid by Buyer. In the case of any Taxes with respect to the Company for a Straddle Period, the portion of such Taxes that are allocated to the Pre-Closing Period shall (x) be deemed to be the amount that would be payable if the relevant Tax period ended as of the Closing Date pursuant to an interim closing of the books in the case of all Income Taxes with respect to the Company and any Non-Income Taxes with respect to the Company not described in (y) below and (y) in the case of Non-Income Taxes with respect to the Company that cannot be allocated based upon an interim closing of the books (e.g., property or net worth taxes), be deemed to the amount of such Taxes for the entire Taxable period multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the total number of days in that portion of such Taxable period ending on the Closing Date and the denominator of which is the total number of days in such Tax period. Seller shall pay to Buyer within 5 days after the date Seller is notified that Taxes with respect to the Company attributable to a Straddle Period were paid by Buyer an amount equal to the portion of such Taxes attributable to the Pre-Closing Period and shall indemnify Buyer against such portion of such Taxes. All determination necessary to give effect to the foregoing allocations shall be made in a manner consistent with prior practice of Seller.

(d) With respect to any Tax Return of the Company required to be filed by Buyer or the Company after the Closing Date for Pre-Closing Periods or Straddle Periods, Seller and its authorized representatives shall have the right to review and audit such Tax Returns prior to filing of the Tax Returns. Buyer and Seller agree to consult and resolve in good faith any issues arising as a result of the review and audit of such Tax Return by Seller or its authorized representative.

(e) Buyer covenants that without the prior consent of Seller, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, it will not, and will not cause or permit the Company or any Affiliate of Buyer, to make or change any Tax election, amend any Tax Return or take any Tax position on any Tax Return, that results in any increased Tax liability of the Company or Seller in respect of any Pre-Closing Tax Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consent of Seller shall not be required to the extent any foregoing action by Buyer or Company is required by applicable law.

(f) Buyer and Seller agree to furnish or cause to be furnished to each other, upon written request, as promptly as practicable, such information (including access to books and records) and assistance relating to the Company as is reasonably necessary for the filing of any Tax Return, for the preparation for any audit, and for the prosecution or defense of any claim, suit or proceeding relating to any proposed adjustment. Buyer and Seller shall cooperate with each other in the conduct of any audit or other proceedings involving the Company for any Tax purposes and each shall execute and deliver such powers of attorney and other documents as are necessary to carry out the intent of this subsection. Any Tax audit or other Tax proceeding shall be deemed to be a third party claim subject to the procedures set forth in Section 9.6 of this Agreement.

(g) Buyer shall promptly pay or shall cause prompt payment to be made to Seller of all refunds of Taxes and interest thereon received by, or credited against the Tax liability of Buyer, any Affiliate of Buyer or the Company attributable to Taxes paid by Seller or the Company with respect to any Pre-Closing Tax Period or any portion of the Straddle Period prior to the Closing Date. If, with respect to a Tax Return required to be filed by the Company, Seller reasonably determines that the Company is entitled to file a claim for refund or an amended Tax Return with respect to a Pre-Closing Tax Period, Buyer shall, upon Seller's reasonable request, cause the Company to file all such claims or amended Tax Returns; provided that Buyer shall not be required to cause the Company to file any such claim or amended Tax Return if so doing (i) could have the effect of increasing the Tax liability of Buyer or the Company in any Post-Closing Tax Period or (ii) in Buyer's reasonable judgment is contrary to applicable law. Seller shall reimburse Buyer and Company for all reasonable expenses incurred to comply with Seller's request, including any third party professional, legal or accounting fees.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, all transfer, documentary, sales, use, stamp, registration, and other such Taxes and fees (including any penalties and interest) incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be paid by Buyer. Buyer shall at its own expense accurately file or cause to be filed all necessary Tax Returns and other documentation with respect such Taxes and timely pay all such Taxes.

6.10 EXCLUSIVITY. From and after the date of this Agreement until the earlier of the Closing Date or termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article VIII, Seller shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit offers from, or in any manner initiate or encourage the submission of any proposal of, or enter into negotiations or agreement with any third party relating to the acquisition of all or substantially all of the Company's capital stock or assets, including any acquisition structured as a tender offer, exchange offer, merger, consolidation, recapitalization or share exchange.

6.11 DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE. Notwithstanding any specific reference to the disclosure of any matter pursuant to any Section of the Disclosure Schedule, all disclosures made pursuant to any Section hereunder or on the Disclosure Schedule shall be deemed made for all other Sections to which such disclosure may apply to the extent its relevance to such other Sections is reasonably apparent, and any headings or captions on any Section herein or therein are for convenience of reference only.

6.12 NON-COMPETITION; NON-SOLICITATION.

(a) For a period of three years from and after the Closing Date, Seller shall not, and shall cause its majority owned subsidiaries not to, directly or indirectly, own, manage, engage in, operate, control, work for, consult with, render services for, do business with, maintain any interest in (proprietary, financial or otherwise) or participate in the ownership, management, operation or control of, any business, whether in witness corporate, proprietorship or partnership form or otherwise, engaged in the work force management call center contact business as currently conducted by the Company (a "RESTRICTED BUSINESS"); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the restrictions contained in this Section 6.12(a) shall not restrict the acquisition by Seller, directly or indirectly, of less than 5% (in the aggregate) of the outstanding capital stock of any publicly traded company engaged in a Restricted Business.

(b) For a period of two years from and after Closing Date, except with Buyer's consent, Seller shall not, and shall cause its directors, officers, employees and majority owned subsidiaries not to, directly or indirectly (i) cause, solicit, induce or encourage any employees of the Company to leave such employment or hire, employ or otherwise engage any such individual; or (ii) cause, induce or encourage any material actual or prospective client, customer, supplier or licensor of the Company (including any former customer of the Company and any Person that becomes a customer of the Company after the Closing) or any other Person who has a material business relationship with the Company to terminate or modify any such actual or prospective relationship.

(c) For the avoidance of doubt, and as a material inducement to Seller to enter into this Agreement, the parties agree that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing provisions of Section 6.12, in the event that a person, firm, corporation or other business acquires Seller or any of its majority-owned subsidiaries by merger, consolidation or otherwise (any such person, firm, corporation or other business, an "Acquiror"), such Acquiror and its Affiliates (other than Seller) shall not be deemed to be in breach, default or violation of any of the covenants set forth in Section 6.12 above unless, in taking any actions that would constitute a breach or violation of the obligation of Seller under the provisions of Section 6.12, such Acquiror or any of its Affiliates (other than Seller) uses: (a) the Company's corporate name or trademarks in existence as of the Closing Date; (b) any Company Technology or Company Intellectual Property Rights in existence as of the Closing Date; or (c) the services of any individuals who are employees of the Company as of the Closing Date.

(d) The covenants and undertakings contained in this Section 6.12 relate to matters which are of a special, unique and extraordinary character and a violation of any of the terms of this Section 6.12 will cause irreparable injury to Buyer, the amount of which will be impossible to estimate or determine and which cannot be adequately compensated. Accordingly, the remedy at law of any breach of this Section 6.12 will be inadequate. Therefore, Buyer will be entitled to seek a temporary and permanent injunction, restraining order or other equitable relief from any court of competent jurisdiction in the event of any breach of this Section 6.12 without the necessity of proving actual damage or posting any bond whatsoever. The rights and remedies provided this Section 6.12 are cumulative and in addition to any other rights and remedies which Buyer may have hereunder or at law or in equity.

6.13 REMITTANCES OF RECEIVABLES. After the Closing, if Seller or any of its Affiliates receive any accounts receivables or other amounts that are otherwise properly due and owing to the Company or Buyer, Seller shall remit, or shall cause to be remitted, such amount to Buyer within 5 Business Days of receipt of such funds.

6.14 TERMINATION OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS. On or prior to the Closing Date, Seller agrees to terminate, or cause to be terminated, all Contracts set forth in Section 4.24 of the Disclosure Schedules.

6.15 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. At least five Business Days prior to the Closing, Seller shall deliver to Buyer audited balance sheets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flow for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 (the "AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS"). The Audited Financial Statements shall (i) be prepared in accordance with GAAP and the books and records of the Company and (ii) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of the date thereof, and the results of operations of the Company for the period indicated.

6.16 BLUE PUMPKIN SOFTWARE LICENSE. On or prior to the Closing Date, the Company shall assign to Buyer all of its rights and obligations under the license granted to it under the Blue Pumpkin Licensed Patents, as defined below, pursuant to the Confidential Settlement and Cross License Agreement dated as of April 6, 2006 by and between Blue Pumpkin Software LLC, Blue Pumpkin Software, Inc. and the Company (the "BLUE PUMPKIN CROSS-LICENSE AGREEMENT"); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that Buyer acknowledges and agrees that the Company may assign, on or prior to the Closing Date, its right to receive royalty payments under Section 6 of the Blue Pumpkin Cross-License Agreement to Seller. "BLUE PUMPKIN LICENSED PATENTS" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1.5 of the Blue Pumpkin Cross-License Agreement.

ARTICLE VII
CONDITIONS TO OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

7.1 CONDITIONS TO EACH PARTY'S OBLIGATION. The respective obligation of each party to consummate the transactions contemplated herein is subject to the satisfaction at or prior to the Closing of the following conditions:

(a) No statute, rule or regulation shall have been enacted, entered, promulgated or enforced by any court or Governmental Authority which prohibits or restricts the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby;

(b) There shall not be in effect any judgment, order, injunction or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction enjoining the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby;

(c) There shall not be any suit, action, investigation, inquiry or other proceeding instituted, pending or threatened by any Governmental Authority which seeks to enjoin or otherwise prevent consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby; and

(d) All necessary regulatory notices, consents, authorizations and other approvals required for the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein shall have been obtained and any waiting periods applicable to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement under applicable U.S. antitrust or trade regulation laws and regulations, including under the H-S-R Act, shall have expired or been terminated.

7.2 CONDITIONS TO OBLIGATIONS OF SELLER. The obligations of Seller to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby are further subject to the satisfaction (or waiver) at or prior to the Closing of the following conditions:

(a) The representations and warranties of Buyer contained in Article V of this Agreement shall be true and correct in all material respects at the date hereof and as of the Closing as if made at and as of such time, except for (i) representations and warranties which are as of a specific date, which representations and warranties will have been true as of such date and (ii) for representations and warranties qualified by materiality, which representations and warranties will be true and correct in all respects as of such date;

(b) Buyer shall have performed in all material respects its obligations under this Agreement required to be performed by it at or prior to the Closing pursuant to the terms hereof;

(c) Buyer shall have delivered to Seller those items set forth in Section 2.6 hereof; and

(d) Buyer shall have delivered to Seller a Certificate executed by an executive officer of Buyer, dated as the Closing Date, to the effect that the conditions set forth in Sections 7.2(a) and (b) have been satisfied.

7.3 CONDITIONS TO OBLIGATIONS OF BUYER. The obligations of Buyer to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby are further subject to the satisfaction (or waiver) at or prior to the Closing of the following conditions:

(a) The representations and warranties of Seller contained in Article IV of this Agreement shall be true and correct in all material respects at the date hereof and as of the Closing as if made at and as of such time, except for (i) representations and warranties which are as of a specific date, which representations and warranties will have been true as of such date and (ii) for representations and warranties qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, which representations and warranties will be true and correct in all respects as of such date;

(b) Seller shall have performed in all material respects its obligations under this Agreement required to be performed by it at or prior to the Closing pursuant to the terms hereof;

(c) Seller shall have delivered to Buyer those items set forth in Section 2.5 hereof;

(d) Seller shall have delivered to the Buyer a Certificate executed by an executive officer of Seller, dated as the Closing Date, to the effect that the conditions set forth in Sections 7.3(a) and (b) have been satisfied;

(e) There shall not have been a Material Adverse Effect since the date of this Agreement;

(f) The consents, approvals, waivers and notices set forth in SECTION 7.3(F) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE shall have been obtained;

(g) Buyer shall have received an opinion dated as of the Closing Date of Bryan Cave LLP, counsel to Seller, substantially in the form attached hereto as EXHIBIT B;

(h) Seller shall have completed and delivered to Buyer the Audited Financial Statements, and such Audited Financial Statements shall not be materially adversely different from the Unaudited Financial Statements; and

(i) The Contracts set forth in SECTION 4.24 OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE shall have been terminated.

ARTICLE VIII
TERMINATION; AMENDMENT; WAIVER

8.1 TERMINATION. This Agreement may be terminated and the transactions contemplated hereby may be abandoned prior to the Closing as follows:

(a) At any time, by mutual written consent of Seller and Buyer;

(b) By Buyer, on the one hand, or by Seller, on the other hand, if any court of competent jurisdiction in the United States or any United States governmental body shall have issued a final and non appealable judgment, order, injunction, decree, or ruling permanently restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby; PROVIDED that no party hereto affiliated with the person who brought the action seeking the permanent enjoinder of the transactions contemplated hereby may seek termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(b);

(c) If the transactions contemplated hereby or any of the conditions to Closing hereunder become impossible to perform or obtain, as applicable, provided that no party hereto who caused such impossibility may seek termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(c);

(d) Buyer may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to Seller at any time prior to the Closing in the event (i) Seller has breached any material representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement in any material respect, Buyer has notified Seller and the Company of the breach, and the breach has continued without cure for a period of ten business days after the notice of breach or (ii) there has been a Material Adverse Effect;

(e) Seller may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to Buyer at any time prior to the Closing in the event Buyer has breached any material representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement in any material respect, Seller has notified Buyer of the breach, and the breach has continued without cure for a period of ten business days after the notice of breach; or

(f) At any time on or after September 1, 2006 (or such later date as Seller and Buyer shall have agreed in writing), by either Seller, on the one hand, or Buyer, on the other hand, if the Closing shall not have occurred on or prior to such date (or such later date as Seller and Buyer shall have agreed in writing); PROVIDED that no party hereto may seek termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(f) if the failure of any condition precedent under Article VII results primarily from such party breaching any representation, warranty or covenant contained in this Agreement.

8.2 PROCEDURE AND EFFECT OF TERMINATION. In the event of the termination of this Agreement and the abandonment of the transactions contemplated hereby pursuant to Section 8.1 hereof, written notice thereof shall forthwith be given by the party so terminating to the other party and this Agreement shall terminate and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be abandoned, without further action by Seller, on the one hand, or Buyer, on the other hand. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 8.1 hereof:

(a) Each party shall redeliver all documents, work papers and other materials of the other parties relating to the transactions contemplated hereby, whether obtained before or after the execution hereof, to the party furnishing the same, and all confidential information received by any party hereto with respect to the other party shall be treated in accordance with the Confidentiality Agreement and Section 6.2(b) hereof;

(b) All filings, applications and other submissions made pursuant hereto shall, at the option of Seller, and to the extent practicable, be withdrawn from the agency or other person to which made; and

(c) There shall be no liability or obligation hereunder on the part of Seller or Buyer or any of their respective Affiliates, except that Seller or Buyer, as the case may be, may have liability to the other party if the basis of termination is a willful, material breach by Seller or Buyer, as the case may be, of one or more of the provisions of this Agreement, and except that the obligations provided for in Sections 6.2(c), 8.2(a), 8.2(b) and 10.1 hereof shall survive any such termination.

ARTICLE IX
SURVIVAL OF REPRESENTATIONS; INDEMNIFICATION

9.1 SURVIVAL OF REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND AGREEMENTS. The representations and warranties of the parties contained in this Agreement shall survive the Closing through and including the 12-month anniversary of the Closing Date; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that (a) the representations and warranties contained in Sections 4.4 (Ownership of the Shares), 4.18 (Taxes), 4.22 (Certain Fees), 5.1 (Organization and Authority of Buyer) and 5.7 (Certain Fees) shall survive the Closing until the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations and (b) the covenants and agreements of the parties contained in this Agreement which by their terms require performance after the Closing Date shall survive until sixty (60) days after the end of the period of performance thereunder (in each case, as applicable, the "INDEMNITY PERIOD"); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that any obligations under Sections 9.2 and 9.3 shall not terminate with respect to any Damages as to which the Person to be indemnified shall have given notice (stating in reasonable detail the basis of the claim for indemnification) to the indemnifying party in accordance with Section 9.4 before the termination of the applicable Indemnity Period.

9.2 SELLER'S AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, from and after the Closing, Seller shall indemnify and hold harmless Buyer and its directors, officers, employees, Affiliates, controlling persons, agents and representatives and their successors and assigns (collectively, the "BUYER INDEMNITEES") from and against all liability, demands, claims, actions or causes of action, assessments, losses, damages, costs and expenses (including the reasonable fees and expenses of attorneys and experts) (collectively "DAMAGES") asserted against or incurred by any Buyer Indemnitee, and pay to the applicable Buyer Indemnitee, the amount of all Damages, whether or not involving a third party claim, resulting from or arising out of (i) any breach or inaccuracy in any representation or warranty made by Seller under this Agreement, or (ii) any breach or violation of any covenant or agreement made in this Agreement by Seller.

9.3 BUYER'S AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, from and after the Closing, Buyer shall indemnify and hold harmless Seller and its directors, officers, employees, Affiliates, controlling persons, agents and representatives and their successors and assigns (collectively, the "SELLER INDEMNITEES") from and against all Damages asserted against or incurred by any Seller Indemnitee, and pay to the applicable Seller Indemnitee the amount of all Damages, whether or not involving a third party claim, resulting from or arising out of (i) any breach or inaccuracy in any representation or warranty made by Buyer under this Agreement, or (ii) a breach or violation of any covenant or agreement made in this Agreement by Buyer.

9.4 NOTICE OF CLAIMS.

(a) Upon obtaining knowledge of any Damages, the party entitled to indemnification (the "INJURED PARTY") shall promptly deliver written notice (a "NOTICE OF CLAIM") to the party liable for such indemnification (the "INDEMNIFYING PARTY") which Notice of Claim shall set forth in reasonable detail and to the extent then known the basis of the claim for Damages and, to the extent reasonably practicable, a reasonable estimate of the amount thereof. The failure of an Injured Party to timely deliver a Notice of Claim to the Indemnifying Party shall not release the Indemnifying Party from its indemnity obligations under this Article IX, except to the extent that the Indemnifying Party is materially prejudiced in its ability to defend such claim.

(b) The Injured Party and Indemnifying Party shall attempt for not less than 30 days to negotiate a mutually satisfactory resolution of the matter set forth in a Notice of Claim. In the event such parties are not able to agree on a mutually satisfactory resolution, either party may seek to resolve the dispute by litigation in any court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with the provision of Section 10.8 hereof.

9.5 GENERAL LIMITATIONS; EXCLUSIVE REMEDY.

(a) Each Indemnifying Party shall be obligated to indemnify the Injured Party only for those claims giving rise to Damages as to which the Injured Party has given to the Indemnifying Party written notice thereof prior to the end of the applicable Indemnity Period.

(b) The provisions of this Article IX shall constitute the exclusive remedy for money damages of the parties with respect to any and all Damages resulting from or arising out of any breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or other provision of this Agreement, or otherwise resulting from or arising out of the transactions contemplated hereby and which may be asserted on or after the Closing (other than any claim relating to fraud).

(c) Seller's obligations to indemnify the Buyer Indemnitees pursuant to Section 9.2 hereof with respect to a breach of a representation, warranty, covenant or agreement (excluding the covenants and agreements set forth in Sections 2.3, 3.2 and 6.9(a)) contained in this Agreement are subject to the following limitations:

(i) No indemnification shall be made by Seller unless the aggregate amount of Damages exceeds \$2,000,000 and, in such event, indemnification shall be made by Seller from first dollar provided that such limitation shall not apply to Damages related to breaches of Sections 4.2 (Authorization), 4.3 (Common Stock), 4.4 (Ownership of the Shares) or 4.18 (Taxes);

(ii) In no event shall Seller's aggregate obligation to indemnify the Buyer Indemnitees exceed 20% of the Purchase Price, PROVIDED that such aggregate obligation shall not apply to Damages related to breaches of Sections 4.2 (Authorization), 4.3 (Common Stock), 4.4 (Ownership of the Shares) or 4.18 (Taxes).

(d) The amount of any Damages that may be subject to indemnification hereunder shall be reduced by any amount actually recovered by an Injured Party under insurance policies with respect to such Damages.

(e) Solely for purposes of calculating any Damages hereunder as a result of any breach or inaccuracy in any representation or warranty or breach or violation of any covenant or agreement made in this Agreement, any materiality or Material Adverse Effect qualifications in the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements shall be disregarded.

9.6 THIRD PARTY INDEMNIFICATION.

(a) If the Injured Party settles or compromises any third-party claims, or initiates action which is for the purpose in whole or in part of causing a claim to be asserted, prior to giving a Notice of Claim to the Indemnifying Party, the Indemnifying Party shall be released from its indemnity obligation.

(b) With respect to any action or any claim set forth in a Notice of Claim relating to a third-party claim, the Indemnifying Party may defend, in good faith and at its expense, any such claim or demand, and the Injured Party, at its expense, shall have the right, but not the obligation, to participate in (but not control) at its expense in the defense of any such third-party claim so long as (i) the Indemnifying Party shall have acknowledged in writing to the relevant Injured Party its obligation to indemnify such Injured Party as provided hereunder, (ii) the third-party claim involves primarily money damages and (iii) the Indemnifying Party conducts the defense of the third-party claim actively and diligently. So long as the Indemnifying Party is defending any such third-party claim, the Injured Party shall not settle or compromise such third-party claim without the consent of the Indemnifying Party. If such claim is settled by the Injured Party without the Indemnifying Party's consent, the Injured Party shall be deemed to have waived all rights hereunder for money damages arising out of such claim. The Indemnifying Party may settle or compromise such third-party claim without the consent of the Injured Party, if the settlement or compromise involves only the payment of monetary damages and included in such settlement or compromise as an unconditional term thereof is the delivery to Injured Party of a written release from all liability in respect of such third-party claim. Otherwise, the Indemnifying Party may not settle or compromise such third-party claim without the consent of the Injured Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Injured Party shall make available to the Indemnifying Party or its representatives all records and other materials reasonably required for use in contesting any third-party claim. The Injured Party shall cooperate fully with the Indemnifying Party in the defense of all such claims.

(c) If the Indemnifying Party fails to assume the defense of any such third-party claims, within thirty (30) days after receipt of a Notice of Claim (or such shorter period of time that the Injured Party may be required to respond to any suit or governmental action), the Injured Party shall have the right to undertake the defense, settle or compromise any such third-party claim at the risk and expense of the Indemnifying Party, subject to the right of the Indemnifying Party to assume the defense of such claim at any time prior to settlement, compromise or final determination thereof. The failure of the Indemnifying Party to respond in writing to the aforesaid notice of the Injured Party with respect to such third-party claim within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof shall be deemed an election not to defend same. The Indemnifying Party will not, however, be responsible for any Damages if and to the extent that they arise from action taken or omitted to be taken by the Injured Party in bad faith, fraudulently, negligently or as a result of a breach of this Agreement by the Injured Party.

9.7 INDEMNITY PAYMENTS. Except as provided by applicable law, for Tax purposes any indemnification payments shall be treated as adjustments to purchase price.

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 FEES AND EXPENSES. Except as otherwise provided herein, each of Seller, on the one hand, and Buyer, on the other hand, shall pay all fees and expenses incurred by, or on behalf of, such party in connection with, or in anticipation of, this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including fees and expenses of attorneys, accountants and financial advisors, except any fees or expenses incurred to obtain the third party consents, approvals, waivers and notices set forth in SECTION 7.3(F) OF THE DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE shall be borne by Seller. In addition, each of Seller, on the one hand, and Buyer, on the other hand, shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party from and against any and all claims or liabilities for financial advisory and finders' fees incurred by reason of any action taken by such party or otherwise arising out of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement by any person claiming to have been engaged by such party.

10.2 FURTHER ASSURANCES. From time to time after the Closing Date, at the reasonable request of another party hereto and at the expense of the party so requesting, each of the parties hereto shall execute and deliver to such requested party such documents and take such other action as such requesting party may reasonably request in order to consummate more effectively the transactions contemplated hereby. Seller shall not, in connection therewith or as a result thereof, incur any legal liability beyond that provided for in this Agreement.

10.3 NOTICES. All notices, requests, demands, waivers and other communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be given by any of the following methods: (a) personal delivery; (b) facsimile transmission; (c) registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested; or (d) overnight delivery service. Notices shall be sent to the appropriate party at its address or facsimile number given below (or at such other address or facsimile number for such party as shall be specified by notice given hereunder):

If to Buyer to:

c/o NICE-Systems Ltd.
8 Hapnina Street POB 690
Ra'anana 43107 Israel
Attention: General Counsel
Facsimile: (972) 9-743-3520

with a copy to:

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
200 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10166-0193
Attention: Barbara L. Becker
Facsimile: (212) 351-6202
Telephone: (212) 351-4062

If to Seller to:

Tekelec
5200 Paramount Parkway
Morrisville, NC 27560
Attn: General Counsel
Facsimile: (919) 461-6845
Telephone: (919) 460-5500

with a copy to:

Bryan Cave LLP
120 Broadway, Suite 300
Santa Monica, CA 90401
Attn: Katherine F. Ashton
Facsimile: (310) 576-2200
Telephone: (310) 576-2100

All such notices, requests, demands waivers and communications shall be deemed received upon (i) actual receipt thereof by the addressee, (ii) actual delivery thereof to the appropriate address or (iii) in the case of facsimile transmission, upon transmission thereof by the sender and issuance by the transmitting machine of a confirmation slip that the number of pages constituting the notice have been transmitted without error.

10.4 SEVERABILITY. Should any provision of this Agreement for any reason be declared invalid or unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any of the other provisions of this Agreement, which remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and the application of such invalid or unenforceable provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

10.5 BINDING EFFECT; ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement and all of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder shall be assigned, directly or indirectly, including by operation of law, by any party hereto without the prior written consent of the other party hereto; provided however that Buyer may assign its rights and obligations hereunder to any subsidiary of Buyer. In the event that Buyer exercises its right to assign this Agreement, Buyer shall deliver an executed guarantee to Seller in the form of Exhibit C hereto.

10.6 NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of Seller, and its successors and permitted assigns, with respect to the obligations of Buyer under this Agreement, and for the benefit of Buyer, and its respective successors and permitted assigns, with respect to the obligations of Seller, under this Agreement, and this Agreement shall not be deemed to confer upon or give to any other third party any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action or other right, except for the parties entitled to the benefits of Sections 6.8(c), 9.2 and 9.3.

10.7 INTERPRETATION.

(a) The article and section headings contained in this Agreement are solely for the purpose of reference, are not part of the agreement of the parties and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

(b) The parties have participated substantially in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement and agree that no ambiguity herein should be construed against the draftsman.

10.8 JURISDICTION AND CONSENT TO SERVICE. Each of Seller and Buyer (a) agrees that any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement may be brought solely in the state courts having competent jurisdiction within the County of New York in the State of New York or Federal courts having competent jurisdiction within the southern district of New York; (b) consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of each such court in any suit, action or proceeding relating to or arising out of this Agreement; (c) waives any objection which it may have to the laying of venue in any such suit, action or proceeding in any such court; and (d) agrees that service of any court paper may be made in such manner as may be provided under applicable laws or court rules governing service of process.

10.9 ATTORNEYS' FEES. In the event that litigation arises in connection with enforcement of any provision of this Agreement, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, in addition to any other relief to which it may be deemed entitled.

10.10 GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York (regardless of the laws that might otherwise govern under applicable principles of conflicts of laws thereof) as to all matters, including but not limited to matters of validity, construction, effect, performance and remedies.

10.11 SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE. The parties acknowledge and agree that any breach of the terms of this Agreement would give rise to irreparable harm for which money damages would not be an adequate remedy and accordingly the parties agree that, in addition to any other remedies, each shall be entitled to enforce the terms of this Agreement by a decree of specific performance without the necessity of proving the inadequacy of money damages as a remedy.

10.12 ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, the Confidentiality Agreement and the Disclosure Schedule and other documents referred to herein or delivered pursuant hereto which form a part hereof constitute the entire agreement among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all other prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, between the parties or any of them with respect to the subject matter hereof.

10.13 AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION AND WAIVER. This Agreement may be amended, modified or supplemented at any time by written agreement of Seller and Buyer. Any failure of Seller or Buyer to comply with any term or provision of this Agreement may be waived, with respect to the Buyer, on the one hand, by Seller, and with respect to Seller, on the other hand, by Buyer, by an instrument in writing signed by or on behalf of the appropriate party, but such waiver of failure to insist upon strict compliance with such term or provision shall not operate as a waiver of, or estoppel with respect to, any subsequent or other failure to comply.

10.14 COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

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(signatures appear on next page)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

SELLER:

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By: /s/ William H. Everett

Name: William H. Everett

Title: Senior Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

BUYER:

NICE-SYSTEMS LTD.

By: /s/ Haim Shani

Name: Haim Shani

Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Ran Oz

Name: Ran Oz

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO
ASSET PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO ASSET PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT (this "AMENDMENT NO. 2") is made and entered into as of March 27, 2006, by and between Dictaphone Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Dictaphone"), and NICE Systems Inc., a Delaware corporation ("BUYER"), in connection with that certain Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of April 11, 2005, by and among Buyer and Dictaphone, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement dated as of May 31, 2005 between Dictaphone and Buyer (as so amended, the "Agreement").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11.12 thereof, the Agreement may be amended only by a written agreement signed by Buyer and Dictaphone; and

WHEREAS, Buyer and Dictaphone are desirous of further amending the Agreement as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. DEFINED TERMS

All capitalized terms used in this Amendment No. 2 and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings assigned thereto in the Agreement.

2. FINAL ADJUSTMENT TO PURCHASE PRICE; CLOSING BALANCE SHEET

(a) Pursuant to Section 2.5(b) of the Agreement, and without limiting the Buyer's rights under Article 9 of the Agreement, Dictaphone will pay to Buyer the sum of Two-Million Dollars (US\$2,000,000.00) (such sum being the "FINAL ADJUSTMENT AMOUNT") as a final adjustment (decrease) to the Purchase Price under the Agreement, to be considered as such for accounting and all Tax purposes. Such Final Adjustment Amount shall be paid by deduction from the Indemnification Escrowed Funds in accordance with Section 4 of this Amendment No. 2. In addition, the parties agree that Buyer shall be entitled to all previously undistributed interest and other investment income earned with respect to the Indemnification Escrowed Funds.

(b) Dictaphone will deliver to Buyer as promptly as practicable following the date hereof (and in any event, no later than April 15, 2006), an audited Closing Balance Sheet that reflects a Net Adjusted Working Capital Level that is less than \$0.00 by an amount which is equal to the Final Adjustment Amount. Buyer and Dictaphone hereby acknowledge and agree that upon payment of the Final Adjustment Amount, all obligations and rights of either party under Section 2.5(b)(iv) and (v) of the Agreement are terminated, PROVIDED THAT Buyer shall retain all rights under Article 9 except as modified by this Amendment No. 2.

3. INDEMNIFICATION MODIFICATIONS.

(a) Buyer hereby waives any rights to indemnification by Dictaphone or any successor or assign of Dictaphone arising from Section 9.1(b). The parties agree that this waiver shall not reduce or impair Buyer's ability to pursue remedies or implement any procedure contemplated in Article 9 with respect to indemnification claims arising from Section 9.1(a) or Section 9.1(c).

(b) Dictaphone hereby waives any rights to indemnification by Buyer or any successor or assign of Buyer arising from Section 9.2(b). The parties agree that this waiver shall not reduce or impair Dictaphone's or any successor or assign of Dictaphone's ability to pursue remedies or implement any procedure contemplated in Article 9 with respect to indemnification claims arising from Section 9.2(a) or Section 9.2(c).

4. RELEASE OF ESCROW. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 2.7(a) of the Agreement or Section 4(b) of the Escrow Agreement, the parties hereto agree that the Final Adjustment Amount shall be paid out from the Indemnification Escrowed Funds to the Buyer or its designee, and the remaining \$1,000,000 of the Indemnification Escrowed Funds shall be paid to Dictaphone or its designee. The parties further agree that all previously undistributed interest and other investment income earned with respect to the Indemnification Escrowed Funds shall be paid to the Buyer or its designee. Within five (5) Business Days following the delivery to Buyer by Dictaphone of the Closing Balance Sheet contemplated by Section 2(b) of this Amendment No. 2, the parties hereto shall execute and deliver to the Escrow Agent a Joint Written Direction in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to effectuate the agreed payments. Any fees and expenses of the Escrow Agent shall be borne equally by the parties as provided in Section 10 of the Escrow Agreement.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

This Amendment No. 2 may not be modified or amended, or any of its terms or provisions (or the breach thereof) waived, except by an agreement in writing executed by the parties to this Amendment No. 2. This Amendment No. 2 shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York applicable to contracts to be carried out wholly within such State. The headings of the paragraphs of this Amendment No. 2 are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to constitute a part nor to affect the meaning or interpretation of any provisions of this Amendment No. 2. This Amendment No. 2 may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all of which together shall be one and the same instrument. Delivery of a counterpart by facsimile shall be as effective as delivery of an original counterpart.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Buyer and Dictaphone have caused this Amendment No. 2 to be duly executed and delivered, all as of the day and year first above written.

BUYER:

NICE SYSTEMS INC.

By: /s/ Ran Oz

Name: Ran Oz
Title: CFO

DICTAPHONE:

DICTAPHONE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Scott Bloom

Name: Scott Bloom
Title: EVP

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Significant Subsidiaries

The following is a list of all of our significant subsidiaries, including the name, country of incorporation or residence, the proportion of our ownership interest in each and, if different, the proportion of voting power held by us.

Name of Subsidiary	Country of Incorporation or Residence	Percentage of Ownership Interest	Percentage of Voting Power (if Different from Ownership Interest)
Nice Systems Inc.	United States	100%	--
NICE Systems GmbH	Germany	100%	--
NICE Systems Canada Ltd.	Canada	100%	--
NICE CTI Systems UK Ltd.	United Kingdom	100%	--
STS Software Systems (1993) Ltd.	Israel	100%	--
NICE APAC Ltd.	Hong Kong	100%	--
NiceEye BV	Netherlands	100%	--
NiceEye Ltd.	Israel	100%	--
Nice Systems S.A.R.L	France	100%	--
Racal Recorders Systems Ltd.	United Kingdom	100%	--
Nice Interactive Solutions India Private Ltd.	India	100%	--
Nice Japan Ltd.	Japan	100%	--
Nice Systems Latin America, Inc.	United States	100%	--
Nice Systems (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	100%	--
Nice Systems Australia PTY Ltd.	Australia	100%	--
Nice Switzerland AG	Switzerland	100%	--
Fast Video Security GmbH	Germany	100%	--
Fast Video Security (UK) Ltd.	United Kingdom	100%	--

CONSENT OF REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Registration Nos. 333-11842, 333-9352, 333-11154, 333-13686, 333-11112 and 333-11113) and on Form F-3 (Registration Nos. 333-12996, 333-12350, 333-109766 and 333-127883) of our report dated February 8, 2006, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of NICE-Systems Ltd. included in this Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Tel-Aviv, Israel
May 17, 2006

/s/ KOST FORER GABBAY & KASIERER

KOST FORER GABBAY & KASIERER
A Member of Ernst & Young Global

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

I, Haim Shani, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of NICE-Systems Ltd.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and we have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 17, 2006

By: /s/ Haim Shani

Haim Shani, Chief Executive Officer

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

I, Ran Oz, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of NICE-Systems Ltd.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and we have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 17, 2006

By: /s/ Ran Oz

Ran Oz, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES–OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 20–F of NICE–Systems Ltd. (the “Company”) for the year ended December 31, 2005 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), the undersigned, Haim Shani, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and

- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

May 17, 2006

By: /s/ Haim Shani

Haim Shani, Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES–OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 20–F of NICE–Systems Ltd. (the “Company”) for the year ended December 31, 2005 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), the undersigned, Ran Oz, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and

- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

May 17, 2006

By: /s/ Ran Oz

Ran Oz, Chief Financial Officer