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**FORM 10-K**

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO

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**DATAWATCH CORPORATION**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

DELAWARE  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

02-0405716  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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(Address and telephone number of principal executive office)

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:

Common Stock \$0.01 PAR VALUE  
(Title of Class)

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(Name of Exchange on which Registered)

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT: NONE

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

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

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

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

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

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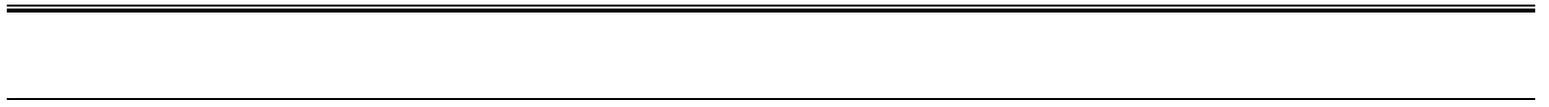
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on the closing price of the registrant's common stock on March 31, 2015, the last business day of the Company's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, as reported by the NASDAQ Capital Market was \$62,019,385.

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value, outstanding as of November 9, 2015 was 11,641,453.

**Documents Incorporated By Reference**

Registrant intends to file a definitive Proxy Statement pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days of the end of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. Portions of such Proxy Statement are incorporated by reference in Part III of this report.



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**ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K**

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## **PART I**

### **Item 1. BUSINESS**

#### **GENERAL**

Datawatch Corporation (NASDAQ-CM: DWCH) (“Datawatch”, “We”, “Us”, “Our”) provides self-service data preparation and visual data discovery software that optimizes multiple sources and a variety of data – regardless of its variety, volume, or velocity – delivering next generation analytics to reveal valuable insights for improving business. Its ability to integrate structured, unstructured, and semi-structured sources like reports, PDF files and EDI streams with real-time streaming data into visually rich analytic applications allows users to dynamically discover key factors that impact any operational aspect of their business. We believe this ability to perform visual discovery against multiple sources and a variety of data sets Datawatch apart in the Big Data and visualization markets. Organizations of every size, worldwide use Datawatch products, including 99 of the Fortune 100. Datawatch is headquartered in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, with offices in New York, London, Stockholm, Singapore, and Manila, and with partners and customers in more than 100 countries worldwide.

Datawatch is a Delaware corporation, formed in 1986, with executive offices located at 271 Mill Road, Quorum Office Park, Chelmsford, MA 01824 and our telephone number is (978) 441-2200. Periodic reports, proxy statements and other information are available to the public, free of charge, on our website, [www.datawatch.com](http://www.datawatch.com), as soon as reasonably practicable after they have been filed with the SEC and through the SEC’s website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Such reports, proxy statements and other information may be obtained by visiting the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549 or by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

#### **OUR MARKET**

We sell and compete in the data preparation and visualization market, which is an emerging and fast growing segment of the overall business analytics space. The analytics market has evolved over the past several years from large systems implemented and managed by IT, to more agile, self-service systems owned and operated by the various business functions.

The self-service data preparation market addresses the needs of business users who are creating and analyzing data without IT intervention. Users need to access, clean and blend data from a wide variety of systems before it can be visualized. It is estimated that up to 80% of user time is spent preparing data versus analyzing data.

The visual data discovery market continues to evolve with new requirements that make Datawatch a more relevant player in this market. While ease of use is still a critical factor in the adoption of visualization technologies, the types of use cases that organizations are applying these technologies to have changed. To support these new use cases visual data discovery technologies are evolving from products to platforms that deal with not only the development of visualizations, but also the acquisition, preparation, automation and management of any source of data to be used in visual data discovery applications. Datawatch’s extensive experience in these areas has allowed us to take on these challenges and deliver high value results to our customers in these mission critical use cases. Two use cases that have dramatically changed how visualization technologies are used are the emergence of the internet of things (“IoT”), specifically the industrial internet, and the expanded use of enterprise content management sources as data in visualization applications.

#### **The Internet of Things (IoT)**

With billions of connected “smart objects” generating information from everything from toasters to jet engines, and that number set to grow to over 50 billion devices by 2020 according to the Industrial Internet Consortium, the IoT promises to change the way businesses view everything from their customers to every aspect of their operations. While there is unlimited potential for the use of data from the IoT, the area that holds the highest value is in the use of data from the industrial internet – the monitoring and management of equipment, logistical information and supply chain related to industries such as energy, transportation, manufacturing and health care. To leverage this type of information, organizations will require a visual data discovery platform that can ingest, prepare and blend high velocity in-motion data from these sensors with business data that provides historical perspective and context to this information. We believe that Datawatch is unique in its ability to provide this capability coupled with a self-service end-user design experience and that this combination will place Datawatch at the forefront of this growing market, opening up partnership opportunities with key IoT infrastructure providers.

## **Enterprise Content Management (ECM)**

For years, organizations have stored vast amounts of unstructured and semi-structured content in enterprise content management (“ECM”) systems. While some of this data was stored originally as a result of compliance requirements, many organizations are now looking to do more with that information to better understand their businesses or to utilize Big Data sources to drive decisions within their businesses. Traditional enterprise content management systems are not equipped to do much more than search and retrieve documents. Their inability to take any action against the returned information is a significant limitation. By including Datawatch as part of the solution, ECM systems can be transformed from simple search technologies into “search-to-action” solutions, providing better analytical information to users. This information can be included as another data source in Next Generation Analytics applications, thus providing even greater insight to organizations’ operations.

While IoT and ECM based visual data discovery solutions are only two of many examples of changes in the market that are driving new requirements for visual data discovery vendors, they are not alone. An increase in the use of NoSQL data and other multi-structured sources coupled with the desire for a more manageable and governed deployment of visualization solutions are also driving additional changes in industries such as capital markets, government, retail, and telecommunications. With Datawatch’s Managed Analytics Platform, we believe that we are positioned to become a leader in the enterprise class of visualization applications.

## **OUR PRODUCTS**

Datawatch provides a Managed Analytics Platform that brings together self-service data preparation and visual data discovery. Its software bridges the gap between the ease that business user’s demand and the automation and governance needed by IT. Datawatch’s product portfolio allows users to service their own analytical needs at their personal desktop and then expand the deployment of these visual data discovery applications to others in their departments or across the enterprise as the need for access to these high value analytical applications spreads.

Our principal product line of Managed Analytics Platform solutions includes the following products:

### **Datawatch Monarch™ — Self-Service Data Preparation**

Datawatch Monarch is a self-service data preparation tool to explore, manipulate and merge new data sources. With Datawatch Monarch, users can bring all the data that is needed to manage the business to life, whether that information is stored in structured sources like databases, or in less conventional places like unstructured or semi-structured EDI streams, PDF files, reports, or text files.

### **Datawatch Designer™ - Visually Design, Discover and Explore New Insights**

Datawatch Designer lets users quickly start asking questions to see hidden patterns, spot problems and identify missed opportunities without programming or scripting. Our in-memory analytics engine enables on-the-fly aggregations and intuitive navigation and integration of data from virtually any data source. With a simple drag-and-drop interface, users can set up hierarchies and filters in their dashboards to make it easier to spot outliers and to see how different subsets of data correlate with each other. Datawatch Designer provides a range of specialized visualizations designed specifically to make analyzing streaming data, time series data and historical data, more impactful. Integrated data preparation capabilities and pre-built connectors make it simple to access and combine information from any data source, including data streams from message brokers and complex event processing engines.

## **Datawatch Server™ - Securely Share, Govern and Visualize Throughout the Organization**

To fully exploit the power of optimized information, organizations must ensure that all information is easily available to users of all types. Datawatch Server is used to automate the data preparation process, manage and govern access, and visualize information from any data source that can be modeled via the Datawatch Monarch or Datawatch Designer products.

## **Datawatch Report Mining Server™ - Unlocking the Power of Content**

Datawatch's Report Mining Server ("RMS") is a web-based report analytics solution that integrates with any existing enterprise content management system such as Datawatch Report Manager On-Demand, IBM Content Manager On-Demand, Microsoft SharePoint, Hyland OnBase, ASG Mobius ViewDirect and others. Datawatch RMS opens up the corporate data locked in content management systems, static reports and business documents, enabling dynamic business-driven analysis of information using Datawatch Designer or other productivity tools with no user programming.

## **OUR SERVICES**

Datawatch complements its core products with a range of services to ensure successful deployment and usage of our self-service data preparation and visual data discovery software. This includes educational services for customers and partners implementing and learning about the platform, maintenance and support, and professional services to provide in-depth technical assistance for software implementations.

**Educational Services** - Datawatch Educational Services offers a number of training choices to customers and partners to support the knowledge and skills development needed to take advantage of their investment in our self-service data preparation and visual data discovery software. We offer an array of live and virtual classroom instruction, including private onsite classes. Courses include training on all aspects of our platform, from beginning model building basics to the deployment of sophisticated dashboards sourced from data harvested by our platform.

**Professional Services** - To assist customers in achieving rapid time-to-value, Datawatch has established a professional services team. This team supports customers and partners with more in-depth technical consulting and best practices about our platform including advanced modeling, application design, implementation and configuration and process optimization.

**Customer Support** - Datawatch's customers pay for one year of software maintenance and support with their purchase of our software license platform and have the option to annually renew their maintenance agreements. These annual maintenance agreements provide customers the right to receive software updates on a when-and-if available basis, maintenance releases and patches, and access to telephone support services. The maintenance agreement also allows access to an on-line user forum where experienced users from around the world can share their tips and tricks.

Datawatch has determined that it has only one operating segment. See Note 12 to our accompanying consolidated financial statements for information about our revenue by geographic operations.

## **MARKETING, SALES AND DISTRIBUTION STRATEGY**

We market and sell our products and services through our direct sales force, a distribution channel and an indirect sales channel comprised of a global partner network. Our direct sales force consists of professional sales and pre-sales personnel who typically have several years of experience selling and demonstrating enterprise software solutions. Our distribution channel is predominantly for our Datawatch Monarch product and consists of a two-tier reselling network in North America and single-tier resellers in the rest of the world. Our global partner network brings significant technological and industry expertise, as well as added geographic presence, that enable us to reach customer organizations around the world. These indirect sales channels often help to shorten sales cycles with prospective customers.

Our global partner network includes strategic, geographic and product-specific resellers. These partners are typically authorized to sell licenses, implement and, in some instances, provide first line support for our software products. Additionally, we work with global, national and local system integrators, implementation partners and referral partners who may sell licenses and provide complementary skills, domain or industry experience, as well as geographic coverage.

Our global partner network also includes original equipment manufacturer (“OEM”) partners and value-added reseller (“VAR”) partners who use our technologies as an embedded or bundled add-on features in their products and services. Typically, OEM and VAR partners include software companies, SaaS vendors and information providers. More broadly, this category includes any organization seeking to leverage Datawatch products to access and analyze semi-structured and unstructured data for use in an existing or new product or in a service offering. We invest both development and business resources to ensure that Datawatch products are optimized and certified for leading technology platforms, allowing our customers to benefit from these expanded solutions with seamless integration.

We support our global partner network based on three fundamental principles:

- enable partners through sales training, demonstration training, technical support and education;
- market with and for partners through lead generation programs, customer marketing and awareness; and,
- position and sell Datawatch products with effective sales tools and sales support.

As of September 30, 2015, our global partner network was comprised of more than 100 partners worldwide. No one customer accounted for more than 10% of our total revenue in fiscal 2015. One distribution partner, Lifeboat Distribution (“Lifeboat”), accounted for 15% and 20% of total revenue for the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Other than this customer, no other customer accounted for more than 10% of our total revenue in fiscal 2014 or 2013. Our agreement with Lifeboat expired in early 2015 and, to manage the transition, we have refocused part of our Inside Sales Team to manage and pursue the book of business previously handled by Lifeboat.

Prior to the expiration of our agreement, we offered Lifeboat the ability to return slow-moving and obsolete versions of our products for credit. Based on our historical experience relative to products sold to distributors, we believe that our exposure to such returns was minimal. While the agreement was in place, we recorded a provision for such estimated returns in our accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Our software products are sold under warranty against certain defects in material and workmanship for a period of 30 days from the date of purchase. We also offer a 30 day money-back guarantee on our Datawatch Monarch product sold directly to end-users. To date, we have not experienced any significant product returns under our money-back guarantee.

We focus our marketing efforts on generating qualified sales leads for our direct sales force and our global partners, increasing brand awareness, communicating our positioning in the market and promoting product advantages. We rely on a variety of marketing initiatives including internet-based marketing campaigns, user group meetings, trade shows, our website, industry research, public relations and advertising. In addition, we work closely with a number of our global partners on co-marketing and lead generation initiatives in an effort to broaden our marketing reach.

Our revenues from outside of the United States are primarily the result of sales through the direct sales force of our wholly-owned subsidiaries, Datawatch International Limited, which is located in the United Kingdom and its subsidiaries which are located in Germany, Singapore and Australia, and Panopticon Software AB, which is located in Sweden, as well as through international resellers. Such international sales represented 21%, 17% and 13% of our total revenue for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Further geographic information is included in Note 12, “Segment Information and Revenue by Geographic Location,” to the consolidated financial statements located in Part II, Item 8, of this Form 10-K.

## OUR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS

We believe that timely development of new products and enhancements to our existing products are essential to maintain strong positions in our markets. We intend to continue to invest significant amounts in research and product development to ensure that our products meet the current and future demands of our markets as well as to take advantage of evolving technology trends.

Our product managers work closely with developers, whether independent or in-house, to define product specifications. The initial concept for a product originates from this cooperative effort. The developer is generally responsible for coding the development project. Our product managers maintain close technical control over the products, giving us the freedom to designate which modifications and enhancements are most important and when they should be implemented. The product managers and their staff work in parallel with the developers to produce printed documentation, on-line help files, tutorials and installation software. In some cases, we may choose to subcontract a portion of this work on a project basis to third-party suppliers under contracts. Our personnel also perform extensive quality assurance testing for all products and coordinate external beta test programs.

Datawatch products have been developed through in-house software development, by offshore software development companies hired under contract or by acquisition. We maintain source code and full product control for these products, which include Datawatch Monarch, Datawatch Designer, Datawatch Server, Datawatch Software Developers Kit, Datawatch Report Mining Server and Datawatch Report Manager On-Demand.

Our total engineering and product development expense was \$8.9 million, \$9.1 million and \$3.9 million for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

## OUR COMPETITION

The differentiated technology underlying Datawatch's self-service data preparation and visual data discovery software enables us to compete within the broader, highly competitive, business analytics market and specifically the data visualization market. While we believe that there is no single competitor that addresses the full range of capabilities of our software, we face competition from several companies that are offering, or soon may offer, products that compete with portions or aspects of our software.

Competitors can be classified into four broad categories:

- Large software companies, including suppliers of traditional business intelligence products that provide one or more capabilities that are competitive with our products, such as IBM, Microsoft, Oracle and SAP.
- New and emerging vendors focused on data preparation, such as Informatica, Alteryx, Paxata and Trifacta.
- Business analytics vendors focused on data visualization, such as Tableau, Qlik Technologies, and TIBCO Spotfire.
- Independent vendors that focus on extracting specific data formats or sources such as machine data, data in content management systems, EDI, XBRL, HTML and PDFs. These competitors include Splunk, Actuate (Xenos) and Informatica, among others.

We believe that generally, we compete favorably with respect to these companies and competitive offerings; however, some of our current competitors and potential competitors have advantages over us, including:

- longer operating histories,
- significantly greater financial, technical, marketing or other resources,
- stronger brand and business user recognition, and
- broader global distribution and presence.

Competition in our industry is likely to intensify as current competitors expand their product lines and as new competitors enter the market.

## **OUR EMPLOYEES**

As of November 9, 2015, we had 157 full-time and 7 contract, temporary or part-time employees, including 70 engaged in marketing and sales; 29 engaged in product consulting, training and technical support; 41 engaged in product management, development and quality assurance; and 24 providing general, administrative, accounting, IT and software production and warehousing functions.

## **OTHER BUSINESS CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Product Protection**

We rely on a combination of trade secrets, copyright and trademark laws, nondisclosure and other contractual agreements, and technical measures to protect our rights in our products. Additionally, on June 30, 2015, we applied with the United States Patent and Trademark Office for patent protection for our proprietary systems and methods for automatically generating tables using auto-generated templates. Despite these precautions, unauthorized parties may attempt to copy aspects of our products or to obtain and use information that we regard as proprietary. We believe that, because of the rapid pace of technological change in the software industry, the legal protections for our products are less significant than the knowledge, ability and experience of our employees and developers, the frequency of product enhancements and the timeliness and quality of our support services. We believe that none of our products, trademarks, and other proprietary rights infringes on the proprietary rights of third parties, but there can be no assurance that third parties will not assert infringement claims against us in the future.

### **Backlog**

Our software products are generally shipped within three business days of receipt of an order. Accordingly, we do not believe that backlog for our product is a meaningful indicator of future business. We do maintain a backlog of services commitments primarily related to Datawatch Server and Datawatch Report Manager On-Demand business. While this services backlog will provide future revenue to Datawatch, we believe that it is not a meaningful indicator of future business.

## **Item 1A. RISK FACTORS**

We do not provide forecasts of our future financial performance. However, from time to time, information provided by us or statements made by our employees may contain “forward looking” information that involves risks and uncertainties. In particular, statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K that are not historical facts (including, but not limited to statements contained in “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K relating to liquidity and capital resources) may constitute forward looking statements and are made under the safe harbor provisions of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We caution readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made. We disclaim any obligation, except as specifically required by law and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to publicly update or revise any such statements to reflect any change in our expectations or in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statements may be based, or that may affect the likelihood that actual results will differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. Our actual results of operations and financial condition have varied and may in the future vary significantly from those stated in any forward looking statements. Factors that may cause such differences include, without limitation, the risks, uncertainties and other information discussed below and within this Annual Report on Form 10-K, as well as the accuracy of our internal estimates of revenue and operating expense levels. The following discussion of our risk factors should be read in conjunction with the financial statements contained herein and related notes thereto. Such factors, among others, may have a material adverse effect upon our business, results of operations and financial condition.

## **Risks Relating to our Business**

### ***We Have Recently Recorded Substantial Impairment Charges in Fiscal 2015. Any Future Impairments of Our Assets Could Negatively Impact Our Results of Operations .***

Non-amortizing intangible assets, including goodwill, are tested for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. An impairment test is also required for other long-lived assets if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Examples of events or changes in circumstances indicating that the carrying value of such intangible assets may not be recoverable could include a significant adverse long term outlook; unanticipated competition or the introduction of disruptive technology; failure of an anticipated product or product line; testing for recoverability in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 360-10 *Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets* ; loss of key personnel; or a more-likely-than-not expectation that a significant portion of the company will be sold or otherwise disposed of. During the first quarter of fiscal 2015, the Company recorded an impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets in the amount of \$32.0 million, related to assets obtained in the acquisition of Panopticon Software AB (“Panopticon”), as a result of revenue shortfalls and operational changes in the sales organization, as well as a sustained decline in our share price. Any future impairment of goodwill, other intangible assets, or other long-lived assets, and the performance issues underlying any such impairment, could have a negative impact on our profitability and financial results.

### ***A Weak Global Economy and Softening in the Computer Software Market May Result in Decreased Revenues or Lower Revenue Growth Rates***

The growth and profitability of our business depends on the overall demand for computer software and services, particularly in the financial services markets and other markets in which we compete. Tighter credit and negative financial news that may result from challenging economic conditions worldwide and, in the U.S., have an adverse effect on capital spending by corporations, including the demand for computer software. Because our sales are primarily to major corporate customers, poor economic conditions may soften the demand for computer software and services which may result in decreased revenues, lower revenue growth rates and reduced profitability. In addition, a weak global economy may result in longer sales cycles, reduced, deferred or cancelled orders, or greater than anticipated uncollectible accounts receivables. In a weakened economy, we cannot be assured that we will be able to effectively promote future growth in our software and services revenues or operate profitability.

### ***Our Dependence on our Principal Products, our Failure to Develop Enhanced or New Products and our Concentration of Customers within the Financial Sector May Have a Material Adverse Effect on our Business, Financial Condition or Results of Operations***

Our future financial performance will depend in part on the successful introduction of new and enhanced versions of these products and development of new versions of these and other products and subsequent customer acceptance of such new and enhanced products. We are primarily dependent on our ability to successfully market and sell our self-service data preparation and visual data discovery products. Currently customers in the financial sector, and particularly in capital markets, comprise a significant portion of our customer base. Any factor adversely affecting the financial sector and capital markets in particular could adversely affect sales of our products within such sector, which could have a material adverse effect on us.

***Fluctuations in Quarterly Operating Results Could Have a Material Adverse Effect on our Business, Financial Condition or Results of Operations***

Our future operating results could vary substantially from quarter-to-quarter because of uncertainties and/or risks associated with such matters as current economic conditions, technological change, competition, delays in the introduction of new products or product enhancements, and market acceptance of those new products and product enhancements, and general market trends. In addition, as we focus on increasing enterprise sales to large customers, the timing of significant orders may cause fluctuations in quarterly operating results. Large enterprise sales arrangements often involve multiple elements and may require more complex accounting than the sales transactions we have entered into in the past, which also makes projecting future operating results more difficult. Historically, we have operated with minimal backlog of orders because our software products are generally shipped as orders are received. As a result, net sales in any quarter are substantially dependent on orders booked and shipped in that quarter. Further, any increases in sales under our subscription sales model or cloud offering could result in decreased revenues over the short term. Because our staffing and operating expenses are based on anticipated revenue levels and a high percentage of our costs are fixed in the short-term, small variations in the timing of revenues can cause significant variations in operating results from quarter-to-quarter. In addition, at September 30, 2015, we had \$0.1 million of unrecognized compensation costs related to options, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 0.56 years and \$5.5 million of unrecognized compensation costs related to RSUs, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.7 years, which costs will have a negative effect on our profitability on a GAAP reporting basis. Because of these factors, we believe that period-to-period comparisons of our results of operations are not necessarily meaningful and should not be relied upon as indications of future performance. We can give no assurance that we will not experience such variations in operating results in the future or that such variations will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

***The Sales Cycle for our Enterprise Products is Long and Unpredictable, Particularly with Respect to Large Customers, and our Sales Efforts Require Considerable Time and Expense***

Our operating results may fluctuate, in part, because of the resource intensive nature of our sales efforts, the length and variability of the sales cycle of our enterprise software licensing offerings and the short-term difficulty in adjusting our operating expenses. Our operating results depend in part on sales to large customers and conversions of users that have downloaded the desktop version of our Datawatch Monarch software into enterprise customers. The length of our sales cycle, from initial evaluation to delivery of and payment for the software license, varies substantially from customer to customer. It is difficult to predict exactly when, or even if, we will make a sale with a potential customer or if a user that has licensed desktop versions of our Datawatch Monarch software will upgrade to a larger server license. As a result, large individual sales may, in some cases, occur in quarters subsequent to those we anticipate, or not at all. The loss or delay of one or more large transactions in a quarter could impact our operating results for that quarter and any future quarters for which revenue from that transaction is delayed. As a result of these factors, it is difficult for us to forecast our revenues accurately in any quarter. Because a substantial portion of our expenses are relatively fixed in the short-term, our operating results will suffer if revenues fall below our expectations in a particular quarter, which could cause the price of our common stock to decline.

***If we are Unable to Attract New Customers and Expand Sales to Existing Customers, our Growth Could be Slower than we Expect and our Business May Be Harmed.***

Our future growth depends in part upon increasing our customer base. Our ability to achieve significant growth in revenues in the future will depend, in large part, upon the effectiveness of our marketing efforts, both domestically and internationally, and our ability to attract new customers. If we fail to attract new customers and maintain and expand those customer relationships, our revenues will grow more slowly than expected and our business operations and financial results will be harmed.

Our future growth also depends upon expanding sales of our products to and renewing license and maintenance agreements with existing customers. In particular, part of our sales strategy is to leverage our desktop Monarch data preparation product to drive enterprise sales of our managed analytics platform. In order for us to improve our operating results, it is important that our existing customers make additional significant purchases of our products. If our customers do not purchase additional licenses or capabilities, our revenues may grow more slowly than expected, may not grow at all or may decline. Our customers' renewal rates may decline or fluctuate as a result of a number of factors, including their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with our products or services, our pricing or pricing structure, the pricing or capabilities of products or services offered by our competitors, the effects of economic conditions, or reductions in our customers' spending levels. If our customers do not renew their agreements with us, or renew on terms less favorable to us, our revenues may decline and our business operations and financial results may be harmed.

***The Markets for our Self-Service Data Preparation and Data Visualization Products are Emerging and May Not Grow***

Because the market for our self-service data preparation and visual data discovery products are still emerging, it is difficult to predict customer adoption and renewal rates, customer demand for our enterprise software licenses, the size and growth rate of these markets, the entry of competitive products or the success of existing competitive products. Any expansion in our markets depends on a number of factors, including the cost, performance and perceived value associated with such software licenses. If the markets for our enterprise software licenses do not achieve widespread adoption or there is a reduction in demand for software in these markets caused by a lack of customer acceptance, technological challenges, competing technologies and products, decreases in corporate spending, weakening economic conditions, or otherwise, it could result in reduced customer orders, early terminations, reduced renewal rates or decreased revenues, any of which would adversely affect our business operations and financial results.

***Dependence on New Product Introductions and New Product Delays or Defects Could Have a Material Adverse Effect on our Business***

The markets for data preparation and visual data discovery products is evolving rapidly. Growth in our business depends in substantial part on the continuing introduction of new products, to address the emerging needs of this market. The length of product life cycles depends in part on end-user demand for new or additional functionality in our products and our ability to update our products to meet such demands. If we fail to accurately anticipate the demand for, or encounter any significant delays in developing or introducing, new products or additional functionality in our products, there could be a material adverse effect on our business. Our product life cycles can also be affected if suppliers of software systems with which we interact introduce new or changed functionality within their products. Our failure to anticipate the introduction of additional functionality in products developed by such suppliers could have a material adverse effect on our business. In addition, our competitors may introduce products with more features and lower prices than our products. Such increase in competition could adversely affect the life cycles of our products, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Software products, whether developed internally or licensed from third parties, may contain undetected errors or failures when first introduced or as new versions are released. There can be no assurance that, despite testing by us and by current and potential end-users, errors will not be found in new products after commencement of commercial shipments, resulting in loss of or delay in market acceptance. Any failure by us to anticipate or respond adequately to changes in technology and customer preferences, or any significant delays in product development or introduction, could have a material adverse effect on our business.

***A Significant Percentage of our Total Revenue is Subject to Risks Associated with International Sales***

In the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, international sales accounted for 21%, 17% and 13%, respectively, of our total revenue. We anticipate that international sales will continue to account for a significant, and perhaps increasing, percentage of our total revenue. A significant portion of our total revenue will therefore be subject to risks associated with international sales, including deterioration of international economic conditions, unexpected changes in legal and regulatory requirements, changes in tariffs, currency exchange rates and other import or export controls, political and economic instability, possible effects of war and acts of terrorism, difficulties in accounts receivable collection, difficulties in managing distributors or representatives, difficulties in staffing and managing international operations, difficulties in protecting our intellectual property overseas, seasonality of sales and potentially adverse foreign tax consequences.

### ***Future Acquisitions May be Difficult to Integrate, Disrupt our Business, Dilute Stockholder Value or Divert Management Attention***

In the future, we could acquire additional products, technologies or businesses, or enter into joint venture arrangements, for the purpose of complementing or expanding our business and to address the need to develop new products. Integrating the operations of an acquired company, product or business successfully or otherwise realizing the anticipated benefits of an acquisition, including additional revenue opportunities, involves a number of challenges and risks. The failure to meet these integration challenges could seriously harm our results of operations, and the market price of our common stock may decline as a result. Realizing the benefits of an acquisition will depend in part on the integration of technology, operations, personnel and sales activity of the two companies. These integration activities are complex and time - consuming, and we may encounter unexpected difficulties or incur unexpected costs, including:

- challenges in combining product offerings, including integration of the underlying technology, and sales and marketing activities;
- our inability to achieve the cost savings and operating synergies anticipated in the transaction, which would prevent us from achieving the positive earnings gains expected as a result of the transaction;
- diversion of management attention from ongoing business concerns to integration matters;
- difficulties in consolidating and rationalizing information technology platforms and administrative infrastructures;
- complexities in managing a larger and more geographically dispersed company than before the completion of transaction;
- difficulties in the assimilation of personnel and the integration of two business cultures;
- challenges in demonstrating to our customers and to customers of the acquired company that the transaction will not result in adverse changes in product and technology offerings, customer service standards or business focus; and
- possible cash flow interruption or loss of revenue as a result of change of ownership transitional matters.

### ***There May be Limitations on the Effectiveness of our Controls***

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires that management report annually on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting and identify any material weaknesses in our internal control and financial reporting environment. If management identifies any material weaknesses, their correction could require remedial measures which could be costly and time-consuming. In addition, the presence of material weaknesses could result in financial statement errors which in turn could require us to restate our financial statements. Any identification by us or our independent registered public accounting firm of material weaknesses, even if quickly remedied, could damage investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports, which could affect our stock price and potentially subject us to litigation.

The continuous process of maintaining and adapting our internal controls and complying with Section 404 is expensive and time-consuming, and requires significant management attention. We cannot be sure that our internal control measures will continue to provide adequate control over our financial processes and reporting and ensure compliance with Section 404. Any failure by us to comply with Section 404 could subject us to a variety of administrative sanctions and harm our reputation, which could reduce our stock price.

### ***We Face Significant Competition in the Software Industry***

Our self-service data preparation and visual data discovery products compete with other companies in the Big Data and business analytics market. These markets are highly competitive and include companies such as Tableau Software, TIBCO Spotfire (a subsidiary of TIBCO Software Inc.), Qlik Technologies, Inc, Informatica, Alteryx, Paxata and Trifacta, as well as larger technology companies such as IBM, SAP, MicroStrategy, Inc., SAS and Oracle. Many of the competitors in these markets have longer operating histories, greater name recognition and substantially greater financial, marketing and technological resources than we do. No assurance can be given that our business will have the resources required to compete successfully in the future. In addition, many of these competitors have strong relationships with current and potential customers and extensive knowledge of the business analytics industry. As a result, they may be able to respond more quickly to new or emerging technologies and changes in customer requirements. If we are unable to compete successfully against current and future competitors, the business, results of operations and financial condition of the combined business would be harmed. In addition, competitive pressures or other factors may result in significant price erosion that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

Maintaining and enhancing the Datawatch brand and our reputation is critical to our relationships with our customers and channel partners and to our ability to attract new customers and channel partners. We believe that the importance of our brand recognition and reputation will continue to increase as competition in our market continues to develop. The failure to maintain or enhance our brand recognition or reputation would likely adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***Our Success is Dependent on Proprietary Software Technology***

Our success is dependent upon proprietary software technology. We do not currently own patents on any such technology and we rely principally on a combination of trade secrets, copyright and trademark laws, nondisclosure and other contractual agreements and technical measures to protect our rights to such proprietary technology. Additionally, on June 30, 2015, we applied with the United States Patent and Trademark Office for patent protection for our proprietary systems and methods for automatically generating tables using auto-generated templates. Despite such precautions, there can be no assurance that such steps will be adequate to deter misappropriation of such technology.

***Our Use of Open Source Software Could Negatively Affect our Ability to Sell our Products and Subject us to Possible Litigation.***

We use open source software in our products and expect to continue to use open source software in the future. We may face claims from others claiming ownership of, or seeking to enforce the terms of, an open source license, including by demanding release of the open source software, derivative works or our proprietary source code that was developed using such software. These claims could also result in litigation, require us to purchase costly licenses or require us to devote additional research and development resources to change our products, any of which would have a negative effect on our business and operating results. In addition, if the license terms for the open source code change, we may be forced to re-engineer our products or incur additional costs. Finally, we cannot assure that we have incorporated additional open source software in our products in a manner that is consistent with our current policies and procedures.

***We May be Subject to Intellectual Property Rights Claims by Third Parties, Which are Extremely Costly to Defend, Could Require us to Pay Significant Damages and Could Limit our Ability to use Certain Technologies.***

Companies in the software and technology industries, including some of our current and potential competitors, own large numbers of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets and frequently enter into litigation based on allegations of infringement or other violations of intellectual property rights. We may receive notices that claim we have misappropriated, misused or infringed other parties' intellectual property rights, and, to the extent we gain greater market visibility, we face a higher risk of being the subject of intellectual property infringement claims, which is not uncommon with respect to the business analytics software market.

There may be third-party intellectual property rights, including issued or pending patents that cover significant aspects of our technologies or business methods. Any intellectual property claims, with or without merit, could be very time-consuming, could be expensive to settle or litigate and could divert our management's attention and other resources. These claims could subject us to significant liability for damages, potentially including treble damages if we are found to have willfully infringed patents or copyrights. Such claims could also result in our having to stop using technology found to be in violation of a third party's rights or to seek a license to use such technology, which may not be available on reasonable terms or may require us to pay significant royalties, increasing our operating expenses. As a result, we may need to develop alternative non-infringing technology, which could require significant effort and expense. If we cannot license or develop technology for any infringing aspect of our business, we would be forced to limit or stop sales of our software and may be unable to compete effectively. Any of these outcomes would adversely affect our business operations and financial results.

***Government Regulation of the Internet and e-commerce and of the International Exchange of Certain Technologies is Subject to Possible Unfavorable Changes, and our Failure to Comply with Applicable Regulations Could Harm our Business and Operating Results***

As Internet commerce continues to evolve, increasing regulation by federal, state or foreign governments becomes more likely. For example, increased regulation is likely in the area of data privacy, and laws and regulations applying to the solicitation, collection, processing or use of personal or consumer information could affect our customers' ability to use and share data, potentially reducing demand for our products and services. In addition, taxation of products and services provided over the Internet or other charges by government agencies or by private organizations for accessing the Internet may also be imposed. Any regulation imposing greater fees for Internet use or restricting the exchange of information over the Internet could result in reduced growth or a decline in the use of the Internet and could diminish the viability of our Internet-based services, which could harm our business and operating results.

***We May Not be Able to Hire and Retain Highly Skilled Employees, Which Could Affect our Ability to Compete Effectively Because our Business is Technology-Based***

Qualified personnel are in great demand throughout the software industry. Our success depends, in large part, upon our ability to attract, train, motivate and retain highly skilled employees, particularly technical personnel and product development and professional services personnel, sales and marketing personnel and other senior personnel. Our failure to attract and retain the highly trained technical personnel that are integral to our product development, professional services and sales and marketing teams may limit the rate at which we can generate sales and develop new products or product enhancements. We have hired a number of key executives during the past three years, including our Chief Financial Officer, Chief Revenue Officer and key executives in sales, marketing, finance and human resources functions. A loss of these personnel or other changes in key management could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

***Evolving Regulation of Corporate Governance and Public Disclosure May Result in Additional Expenses and Continuing Uncertainty***

Changing laws, regulations and standards relating to corporate governance and public disclosure, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and related SEC regulations as well as the listing standards of the NASDAQ Stock Market, have created and are continuing to create uncertainty for public companies. We continually evaluate and monitor developments with respect to new and proposed rules and cannot predict or estimate the amount of the additional costs incurred or the timing of such costs. These new or changed laws, regulations and standards are subject to varying interpretations, in many cases due to their lack of specificity, and as a result, their application in practice may evolve over time as new guidance is provided by regulatory and governing bodies. This could result in continuing uncertainty regarding compliance matters and higher costs necessitated by ongoing revisions to disclosure and governance practices. We are committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance and public disclosure. As a result, we have invested resources to comply with evolving laws, regulations and standards. This investment has resulted and may continue to result in increased general and administrative expenses and a diversion of management time and attention from revenue-generating activities to compliance activities. If our efforts to comply with new or changed laws, regulations and standards differ from the activities intended by regulatory or governing bodies due to ambiguities related to practice, regulatory authorities may initiate legal proceedings against us and we may be harmed.

***The Failure of Indirect Distribution Channels Could Have a Material Adverse Effect on our Operating Results***

We sell a significant portion of our products through distributors, value-added resellers, OEMs and other business partners, none of which are under our direct control. Sales to indirect distribution channels accounted for 40%, 44% and 45%, of total sales for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Our agreement with Lifeboat expired in early 2015 and, to manage the transition, we have refocused part of our Inside Sales Team to manage and pursue the book of business previously handled by Lifeboat. The loss of major distributors or resellers of our products, or a significant decline in their sales, could have a material adverse effect on our operating results. We actively seek to develop new distributor and reseller relationships on the basis of their business credentials and their ability to add value through expertise in specific vertical markets or application programming expertise, although there can be no assurance that we will be able to attract or retain qualified distributors or resellers or that the distributors or resellers will be able to effectively sell our products. In addition, we may rely on resellers to provide post-sales service and support, and any deficiencies in such service and support could adversely affect our business.

***Failure to Maintain an Adequate Sales Returns Reserve Could Have a Material Adverse Effect on our Financial Position and Results of Operations***

Revenue from the sale of all our software products (when separately sold) is generally recognized at the time of shipment. We estimate and maintain reserves for potential future product returns from distributors based on our experience and history with our various distributors and resellers. While actual returns have historically been within the range estimated by management, future actual results could differ from the reserve for sales returns recorded, and this difference could have a material effect on our financial position and results of operations. As of September 30, 2015, we had no distributors.

***Our Subscription Sales Model for our Enterprise Products Could Result in Decreased or Delayed Revenues and Cash Flows***

We sell our enterprise products through the sale of perpetual licenses and through a subscription pricing model. The subscription pricing model allows customers to use our products at a lower initial cost of software acquisition when compared to the more traditional perpetual license sale. Although the subscription sales model is designed to increase the number of enterprise solutions sold and also reduce dependency on short-term sales by building a recurring revenue stream, it introduces increased risks for us primarily associated with the timing of revenue recognition and reduced cash flows. The subscription model delays revenue recognition when compared to the typical perpetual license sale and also, as we allow termination of certain subscriptions with 90 days' notice, it could result in decreased revenue for solutions sold under the model if we experience a high percentage of subscription cancellations following the first 12 months of the subscription. Further, as amounts due from customers are invoiced over the life of the subscription, there are delayed cash flows from subscription sales when compared to perpetual license sales.

***If our Security Measures are Breached or Other Unauthorized Access to Customer Data is Otherwise Obtained, our Software May be Perceived as not being Secure, Customers May Reduce the Use of or Stop Using our Software, and we May Incur Significant Liabilities***

Our software, when installed on our customer's premises, may involve the storage and transmission of customer data, and security breaches could result in the loss of this information, litigation, indemnity obligations and other liability. While we have taken steps to protect the confidential information that we have access to, including confidential information we may obtain through our customer support services or customer usage of our products, we do not have the ability to monitor or review the content that our customers store, and therefore, we have no direct control over the substance of that content. Therefore, if customers use our software for the transmission or storage of personally identifiable information and our security measures are breached as a result of third-party action, employee error, malfeasance or otherwise, our reputation could be damaged, our business may suffer, and we could incur significant liability. Because techniques used to obtain unauthorized access or sabotage systems change frequently and generally are not identified until they are launched against a target, we may be unable to anticipate these techniques or to implement adequate preventative measures. Further, while we have taken steps to maintain compliance with laws and regulations relating to privacy and data security, including the adoption of internationally recognized standards of data protection and security, the loss, retention or misuse of certain information and/or alleged violations of such laws and regulations may expose us to significant liability. Any or all of these issues could negatively impact our ability to attract new customers and increase engagement by existing customers, cause existing customers to elect to not renew their subscriptions, or subject us to third-party lawsuits, regulatory fines or other action or liability, thereby adversely affecting our financial results.

### ***We May Require Additional Capital to Grow our Business, and Our Financing Arrangements Expose us to Interest Rate and Default Risk***

Our business may require additional capital to operate and expand. We have historically relied upon cash generated from operations and bank credit lines to satisfy our capital needs and finance growth. If we determine in the future to make significant investments in our business, including by acquiring assets or businesses from third parties, we may attempt to raise additional funds by securing additional debt financing or selling equity securities in either the public or the private markets. As the financial markets change and new regulations come into effect, the cost of acquiring financing and the methods of financing may change. We may not be able to obtain additional debt or equity financing on favorable terms, if at all. In February 2014, we raised \$57.5 million through a public offering of 2,018,250 shares of our common stock. If we raise additional equity financing, our security holders may experience significant dilution of their ownership interests and the value of shares of our common stock could decline. If we engage in debt financing, we may be required to accept terms that restrict our ability to incur additional indebtedness, force us to maintain specified liquidity or other ratios or restrict our ability to make acquisitions. Our inability to do any of the foregoing could reduce our ability to compete successfully and adversely affect our results of operations. Changes in our credit rating or other market factors may increase our interest expense or other costs of capital, or capital may not be available to us on acceptable terms to fund our needs.

### ***Catastrophic Events May Adversely Affect Our Business***

Our company is a highly automated business which relies on our network infrastructure and enterprise applications, internal technology systems and website for development, marketing, operational, support and sales activities. A disruption or failure of these systems in the event of a major storm, earthquake, fire, telecommunications failure, cyber-attack, terrorist attack or other catastrophic event could cause system interruptions, reputational harm, delays in our product development and loss of critical data and could affect our ability to sell and deliver products and services and other critical functions of our business.

### **Risks Relating to an Investment in our Common Stock**

#### ***The Market Price of our Stock Has Been and May Continue to Be Volatile***

As has recently been the case with the stocks of high technology companies, the market price of our common stock has been, and may continue to be, volatile. Our stock price may be adversely affected by many factors, including:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our operating results, including those resulting from changes in accounting rules;
- increased competition;
- general market conditions;
- announcements of technical innovations;
- new products or services offered by us, our suppliers or our competitors;
- expenses or other difficulties associated with assimilating companies acquired by us;
- changes in the mix of sales channels;
- the timing of significant customer orders;
- changes in estimates or recommendations by securities analysts of our future financial performance, failure to obtain analyst coverage of our common stock or our failure to achieve analyst earnings estimates;
- the issuance of additional shares to obtain financing or for acquisitions;
- our compliance with SEC and NASDAQ rules and regulations, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002;

- trading volume of our common stock;
- the timing of stock sales under 10b5-1 plans or otherwise by our shareholders in the future; and
- political instability, natural disasters, war and/or events of terrorism.

Even though we do not presently provide forecasts of our future financial performance, any shortfall in revenue or earnings from the levels anticipated by securities analysts or investors could have an immediate and significant adverse effect on the market price of our common stock in any given period. In addition, the stock market has from time to time experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations, which have particularly affected the market price for many high technology companies and which, on occasion, have appeared to be unrelated to the operating performance of such companies. Finally, to maintain our stock listing with NASDAQ, we must be in compliance with NASDAQ Marketplace Rules. If we are not able to maintain compliance with these rules, and if our common stock does not qualify for, or is subsequently delisted from, the NASDAQ Capital Market, investors may have difficulty converting their investment into cash efficiently. The price of our common stock and the ability of holders to sell such stock would be adversely affected.

***Because We do Not Expect to Pay Dividends on Our Common Stock, Stockholders Will Benefit from an Investment in our Common Stock Only if it Appreciates in Value***

We have never paid cash dividends on our common stock and have no present intention to pay any dividends in the future. We are not profitable and may not earn sufficient revenue to meet all operating cash needs for at least several years, if at all. As a result, we intend to use all available cash and liquid assets in the development of our business. Any future determination about the payment of dividends will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our earnings, if any, our capital requirements, our operating and financial conditions and on such other factors as our board of directors may deem relevant. As a result, the success of an investment in our common stock will depend upon any future appreciation in its value. There is no guarantee that our common stock will appreciate in value or even maintain the price at which stockholders have purchased their shares.

***Sales of a Substantial Number of Shares of Our Common Stock in the Public Market by Us or by Existing Stockholders, or the Perception that they may Occur, Could Cause our Stock Price to Decline.***

Insiders presently hold a significant percentage of our stock, and our shares are thinly traded in the public market. Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock by us or by our stockholders, announcements of the proposed sales of substantial amounts of our common stock or the perception that substantial sales may be made, could cause the market price of our common stock to decline. We may issue additional shares of our common stock in follow-on offerings to raise additional capital or in connection with acquisitions or corporate alliances and we plan to issue additional shares to our employees and directors in connection with their services to us. Any issuance of additional common stock will dilute the ownership interest of existing common shareholders. All of the currently outstanding shares of our common stock are freely tradable under federal and state securities laws, except for shares held by our employees, directors, officers and certain greater than five percent shareholders, which may be subject to volume limitations. Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market could occur at any time and could reduce the market price of our common stock.

***We Can Issue Shares of Preferred Stock that May Adversely Affect the Rights of Holders of Our Common Stock***

Our certificate of incorporation authorizes us to issue up to 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock with designations, rights, and preferences determined from time to time by our board of directors. Accordingly, our board of directors is empowered, without stockholder approval, to issue preferred stock with dividend, liquidation, conversion, voting or other rights superior to those of holders of our common stock. For example, an issuance of shares of preferred stock could:

- adversely affect the voting power of the holders of our common stock;
- make it more difficult for a third party to gain control of us;

- discourage bids for our common stock at a premium;
- limit or eliminate any payments that the holders of our common stock could expect to receive upon our liquidation; or
- otherwise adversely affect the market price or our common stock.

***If Securities or Industry Analysts Publish Research or Reports About Our Business, or if they Change their Recommendations Regarding Our Stock, the Price of Our Stock and Trading Volume Could Decline***

The trading market for our common stock is influenced by the research reports and opinions that are published about our business. If the analysts that cover us fail to publish reports in a regular manner, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which could cause a significant and prolonged decline in our stock price due to lack of investor awareness. Furthermore, if one or more analysts downgrade our stock or comment negatively about our prospects or the prospects of other companies operating in our industry, our stock price could decline significantly.

***Our Governing Documents and Delaware Law may Discourage the Potential Acquisition of Our Business and Adversely Affect the Rights of our Common Stock***

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that may make the acquisition of our company more difficult without the approval of our board of directors. In addition, we are subject to anti-takeover provisions of Delaware law. These provisions may deter or discourage takeover attempts and other changes in control of us not approved by our board of directors. If potential acquirers are deterred, you may lose an opportunity to profit from a possible acquisition premium in our stock price.

**Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

Not applicable.

**Item 2. PROPERTIES**

Datawatch is currently headquartered in 14,683 square feet of leased office space in Chelmsford, Massachusetts pursuant to a sublease agreement executed on June 17, 2011. The sublease expires in June 2016. The aggregate rent expense for the remaining term of the sublease is \$0.1 million. In addition to rent, the sublease requires us to pay certain taxes, insurance and operating costs related to the leased facility based on our pro-rata share of such costs. On June 23, 2015, the Company executed a lease agreement for a new corporate headquarters in Bedford, Massachusetts. The lease is for 20,360 square feet commencing November 1, 2015 and ending on October 31, 2022 with a monthly expense of \$42,000. The Company anticipates moving into the new facility during the second quarter of fiscal 2016. In conjunction with entering into the new lease, the Company was required to deposit \$0.2 million into a restricted cash account as collateral for a Letter of Credit, which is included under the caption “ Other long-term assets ” in our consolidated balance sheets, for the period ended September 30, 2015.

We also maintain sales and development offices in the U.S., and international sales, administrative and development offices in the U.K., Singapore and Sweden. In addition, we maintain a software development and testing facility in the Philippines.

**Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

We are occasionally involved in legal proceedings and other claims arising out of our operations in the normal course of business. We are not party to any litigation that we believe will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

**Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

## PART II

### Item 5. MARKET FOR THE REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS

#### Market Information

Our common stock is listed and traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol DWCH. The range of high and low closing prices during each fiscal quarter for the last two fiscal years is set forth below:

<b>For the Year Ended</b> <b>September 30, 2015</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	
	<b>High (\$)</b>	<b>Low (\$)</b>
4th Quarter	7.02	4.73
3rd Quarter	8.10	6.39
2nd Quarter	8.70	5.37
1st Quarter	11.14	8.38

<b>For the Year Ended</b> <b>September 30, 2014</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	
	<b>High (\$)</b>	<b>Low (\$)</b>
4th Quarter	15.80	10.25
3rd Quarter	28.07	12.20
2nd Quarter	34.69	26.01
1st Quarter	37.85	27.40

#### Holders

There were 87 shareholders of record as of November 9, 2015. We believe that the number of beneficial holders of common stock is 2,735. The last reported sale of our common stock on November 9, 2015 was at \$5.97.

#### Dividends

We have not paid any cash dividends and it is anticipated that none will be declared in the foreseeable future. We intend to retain future earnings, if any, to provide funds for the operation, development and expansion of our business.

#### Equity Plan Information

The following table provides information about the Common Stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options, warrants and rights under all of our existing equity compensation plans as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, including the 1996 Stock Plan, the Company's 2006 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (the "2006 Plan") and the Company's Second Amended and Restated 2011 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (the "2011 Plan"). The 1996 Stock Plan, the 2006 Plan and the 2011 Plan have previously been approved our stockholders. The 1996 Stock Plan was terminated on December 9, 2006 and no further grants may be made under it.

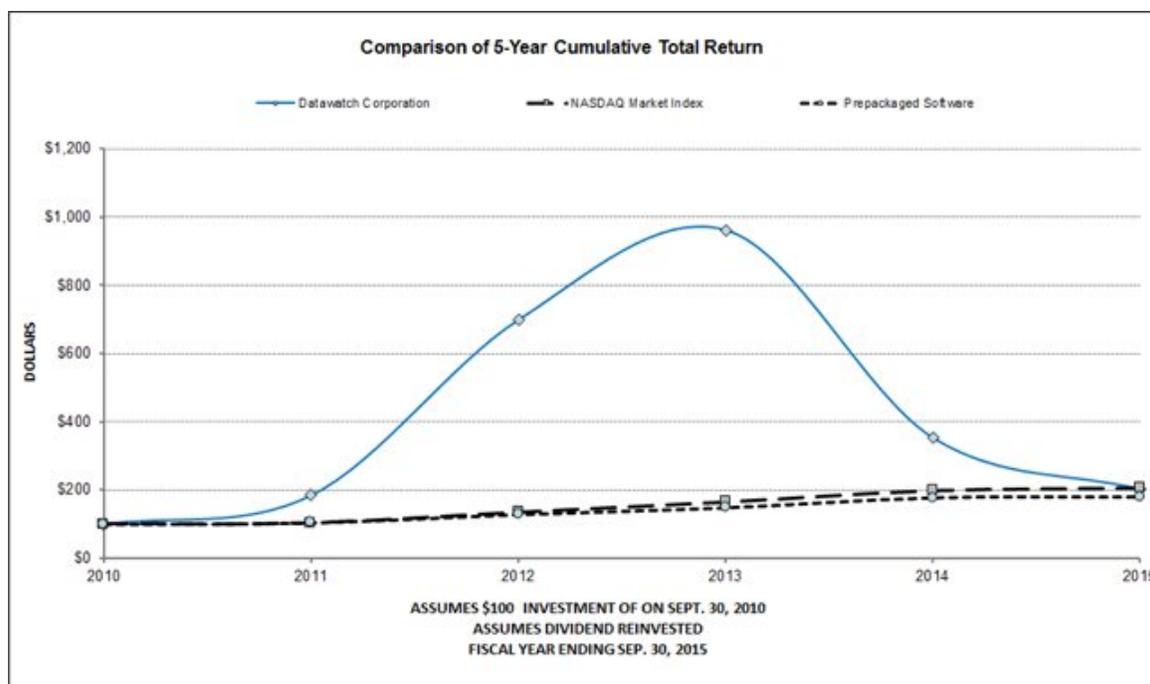
Plan Category	Number of Securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights(1)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights(2)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	875,875	\$ 6.15	483,172
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	-		-
Total	875,875		483,172

(1) Of these shares, 710,875 were granted under the 2011 Plan, 150,000 were granted under the 2006 Plan and 15,000 were granted under the 1996 Stock Plan. As of September 30, 2015, 483,172 shares remained available for grant under the 2011 Plan.

(2) Weighted-average exercise prices do not include restricted stock units as these do not contain exercise prices.

### Stock Performance Graph

The following graph compares the yearly change in the cumulative total stockholder return on the Company's Common Stock during the period from September 30, 2010 through September 30, 2015, with the cumulative total return on (i) an SIC Index that includes all organizations in the Company's Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 7372-Prepackaged Software (the "SIC Code Index") and (ii) the Media General Market Weighted Nasdaq Index Return (the "Nasdaq Market Index"). The comparison assumes that \$100 was invested on October 1, 2010 in the Company's Common Stock and in each of the foregoing indices and assumes reinvestment of dividends, if any.



The stock price performance shown on the graph and in the table above is not necessarily indicative of future price performance. Information used in the graph and table was obtained from Zacks Investment Research, a source believed to be reliable, but the Company is not responsible for any errors or omissions in such information.

## **Item 6. SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA**

The following table sets forth selected consolidated financial data for the periods indicated. The selected consolidated financial data for and as of the end of the years in the five-year period ended September 30, 2015 are derived from our consolidated financial statements. The information set forth below should be read in conjunction with “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and the Consolidated Financial Statements and notes which appear elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### **Statements of Operations Data:**

<b>Years Ended September 30,</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>				
Revenue	\$ 30,221	\$ 35,087	\$ 30,296	\$ 26,006	\$ 17,885
Costs and Expenses	82,663	56,752	34,113	24,463	17,818
(Loss) Income from Operations	(52,442)	(21,665)	(3,817)	1,543	67
Net (Loss) Income	\$ (49,787)	\$ (22,383)	\$ (4,197)	\$ 1,034	\$ 132
(Loss) Earnings per Common Share:					
Basic	\$ (4.38)	\$ (2.24)	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.02
Diluted	\$ (4.38)	\$ (2.24)	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.02

### **Balance Sheet Data:**

<b>September 30,</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>				
Total Assets	\$ 58,931	\$ 103,597	\$ 68,914	\$ 22,805	\$ 13,134
Working Capital	\$ 31,328	\$ 44,876	\$ 4,112	\$ 4,041	\$ 5,423
Long-term Obligations	\$ 461	\$ 1,238	\$ 3,594	\$ 3,448	\$ 288
Shareholders’ Equity	\$ 45,542	\$ 90,910	\$ 51,375	\$ 9,694	\$ 6,342

## **Item 7. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion and analysis is qualified by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, our consolidated financial statements which appear elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### **GENERAL**

#### **Introduction**

We are engaged in the design, development, marketing, distribution and support of business computer software primarily for the self-service data preparation and visual data discovery markets to allow organizations to access, analyze and visualize information in a more meaningful fashion. The Datawatch Managed Analytics Platform is an enterprise solution that bridges the gap between the ease-of-use and agility that business users demand together with the scalability, automation and governance needed by IT.

We offer our enterprise products through perpetual licenses and subscription pricing models. Subscriptions automatically renew unless terminated with 90 days’ notice following the first year of the subscription term. The subscription arrangement includes software, maintenance and unspecified future upgrades including major version upgrades. During fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, subscription revenues were approximately \$0.7 million, \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million, respectively.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In the preparation of financial statements and other financial data, management applies certain accounting policies to transactions that, depending on judgments made by management, can result in different outcomes. In order for a reader to understand the following information regarding our financial performance and condition, an underlying understanding of those accounting policies is important. Certain of those policies are comparatively more important to our financial results and condition than others. The policies that we believe are most important for a reader's understanding of the financial information provided in this report are described below.

### Revenue Recognition and Allowance for Bad Debts

We license our software products directly to end-users and indirectly to end-users, through value-added resellers, strategic partners and distributors. Sales to indirect distribution channels accounted for 40%, 44% and 45%, of total sales for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Revenue from the sale of all software products (when separately sold) is generally recognized at the time of shipment, provided there are no uncertainties surrounding product acceptance, the fee is fixed or determinable, collectability is reasonably assured, persuasive evidence of the arrangement exists and there are no significant obligations remaining. Our software product offerings do not require customization. Our software products can be installed and used by customers on their own with little or no configuration required. Multi-user licenses marketed by us are sold as a right to use the number of licenses, and the license fee revenue is recognized upon delivery of all software required to satisfy the number of licenses sold. Upon delivery, the licensing fee is payable without further delivery obligations by us.

Our software products are generally sold in multiple element arrangements which may include software licenses, professional services, educational services and customer support. In such multiple element arrangements, we apply the residual method in determining revenue to be allocated to the software license. In applying the residual method, we deduct from the sale proceeds the vendor specific objective evidence ("VSOE") of fair value of the professional services, educational services and customer support in determining the residual fair value of the software license. The VSOE of fair value of the services and customer support is based on the amounts charged for these elements when sold separately. Professional services include advanced modeling, application design, implementation and configuration and process optimization with revenue recognized as the services are performed. These services are generally delivered on a time and materials basis, are billed on a current basis as the work is performed, and do not involve modification or customization of the software or any other unusual acceptance clauses or terms. Customer support is typically provided under a maintenance agreement which provides technical support and rights to unspecified software maintenance updates and bug fixes on a when-and-if available basis. Revenue from customer support services is deferred and recognized ratably over the period of support (generally one year). Such deferred amounts are recorded as part of deferred revenue in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

We also license our enterprise software using a subscription model. At the time a customer enters into a binding agreement to purchase a subscription, the customer is invoiced annually in advance and an account receivable and deferred revenue are recorded. Beginning on the date the software is installed at the customer site and available for use by the customer, and provided that all other criteria for revenue recognition are met, the deferred revenue amount is recognized ratably over the period the service is provided. The subscription arrangement includes software, maintenance and unspecified future upgrades including major version upgrades on a when-and-if available basis. The subscription renewal rate is the same as the initial subscription rate.

Our software products are sold under warranty against certain defects in material and workmanship for a period of 30 days from the date of purchase. We also offer a 30 day money-back guarantee on our Datawatch Monarch product sold directly to end-users.

We maintain allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of customers to make required payments. We analyze accounts receivable and the composition of the accounts receivable aging, historical bad debts, customer creditworthiness, current economic trends, foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and changes in customer payment terms when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. Based upon the analysis and estimates of the collectability of our accounts receivable, we record an increase in the allowance for doubtful accounts when the prospect of collecting a specific account receivable becomes doubtful. Actual results could differ from the allowances for doubtful accounts recorded, and this difference may have a material effect on our financial position and results of operations. Our allowance for doubtful accounts was \$0.1 million as of September 30, 2015 and 2014.

## Income Taxes

We have deferred tax assets primarily related to net operating loss carryforwards and tax credits that expire at different times through 2035 or have an unlimited carryforward. At September 30, 2015, we had U.S. federal tax loss carryforwards of \$41.5 million, expiring at various dates through 2035, including \$0.2 million resulting from an acquisition undertaken during 2004 which are subject to additional annual limitations as a result of the changes in ownership, and \$26.2 million in state tax loss carryforwards, which also expire at various dates through 2034. Included in the Federal and state net operating loss carryforwards are \$8.2 million of tax deductions from share-based compensation, which will be recorded as additional paid-in capital when realized. We have federal research and development credits of \$0.7 million that begin to expire in 2021 and state credits of \$0.4 million that expire at various dates through 2029. In addition, we have the following foreign net operating loss carryforwards: U.K. losses of \$7.0 million with no expiration date, Australia losses of \$3.2 million with no expiration date, Germany losses of \$2.2 million with no expiration date, Singapore losses of \$3.0 million with no expiration date, and Sweden losses of \$9.6 million with no expiration date.

Significant judgment is required in determining our provision for income taxes, the carrying value of deferred tax assets and liabilities and the valuation allowance recorded against net deferred tax assets. Factors such as future reversals of deferred tax assets and liabilities, projected future taxable income, changes in enacted tax rates and the period over which our deferred tax assets will be recoverable are considered in making these determinations. We do not believe the deferred tax assets in all of our jurisdictions, with the exception of Sweden, are more likely than not to be realized and therefore a full valuation allowance has been provided against the deferred tax assets in the U.S., U.K., Australia, Germany, and Singapore at September 30, 2015 and 2014. Management evaluates the realizability of the deferred tax assets quarterly and, if current economic conditions change or future results of operations are better than expected, future assessments may result in us concluding that it is more likely than not that all or a portion of the deferred tax assets are realizable. If this conclusion were reached, the valuation allowance against deferred tax assets would be reduced resulting in a tax benefit being recorded for financial reporting purposes. Total net deferred tax assets subject to the full valuation allowance were \$20.3 million as of September 30, 2015.

We follow the accounting guidance for uncertain tax positions. The comprehensive model addresses the financial statement recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in income tax returns. In accordance with these requirements, we first determine whether a tax authority would “more likely than not” sustain our tax position if it were to audit the position with full knowledge of all the relevant facts and other information. For those tax positions that meet this threshold, we measure the amount of tax benefit based on the largest amount of tax benefit that we have a greater than 50% chance of realizing in a final settlement with the relevant authority. Those tax positions failing to qualify for initial recognition are recognized in the first interim period in which they meet the more likely than not standard, or are resolved through negotiation or litigation with the taxing authority, or upon expiration of the statute of limitations. We maintain a cumulative risk portfolio relating to all of our uncertainties in income taxes in order to perform this analysis, but the evaluation of our tax positions requires significant judgment and estimation in part because, in certain cases, tax law is subject to varied interpretation, and whether a tax position will ultimately be sustained may be uncertain. The actual outcome of our tax positions, if significantly different from our estimates, could materially impact the financial statements.

At October 1, 2012, we had a cumulative tax liability of \$0.2 million related to foreign tax exposure. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, we increased our uncertain tax liability by \$0.2 million. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, we decreased our uncertain tax liability by \$18,000 due to the statute of limitations expiring and the effective settlement of uncertain tax liabilities. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, we decreased our uncertain tax liability by \$0.1 million due to the statute of limitations expiring. This results in a cumulative tax liability of \$0.3 million at September 30, 2015. These amounts have been recorded in other long-term liabilities in our accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

We recorded measurement period adjustments to goodwill for the Panopticon Software AB and Panopticon Software, Inc. acquisitions as the result of additional information obtained during the measurement period which ended August 28, 2014. During the fourth quarter of the fiscal year-ended September 30, 2014, we completed our pre-acquisition tax returns for Panopticon Software AB and Panopticon Software, Inc. Upon completion of these filings, we were able to finalize our assessment of acquired deferred tax assets and recorded a decrease of \$0.4 million to goodwill offset by an increase in the tax assets. The net increase in tax assets includes an increase of \$0.4 million related to the deferred tax asset for net operating losses of Panopticon Software AB and a decrease of \$18,000 related to the pre-acquisition income tax payable of Panopticon Software, Inc. Accordingly, the prior period has been retrospectively adjusted for such measurement period adjustments.

#### Software Development Costs

We capitalize certain software development costs as well as purchased software upon achieving technological feasibility of the related products. Software development costs incurred and software purchased prior to achieving technological feasibility are charged to engineering and product development expense as incurred. Commencing upon initial product release, capitalized costs are amortized to cost of software licenses using the straight-line method over the estimated life of the product (which approximates the ratio that current gross revenues for a product bear to the total of current and anticipated future gross revenues for that product), which is generally nine to eighteen months. During fiscal year 2015, no software development costs were capitalized as there were no significant costs incurred during the period after technological feasibility was established and the time in which the product became available for general release. During fiscal year 2014, the Company capitalized \$0.3 million of software development costs and during fiscal year 2013, the Company capitalized \$0.4 million of software development costs.

#### Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of identifiable net assets of acquired businesses. Indefinite-lived intangibles are intangible assets whose useful lives are indefinite in that their lives extend beyond the foreseeable horizon – that is, there is no foreseeable limit on the period of time over which they are expected to contribute to the cash flows of the reporting entity. We account for these items in accordance with ASC 350 *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other*, under which goodwill and intangible assets having indefinite lives are not amortized but instead are reviewed annually, or more frequently as a result of an event or change in circumstances, for possible impairment with impaired assets written down to fair value.

We review goodwill and intangible assets annually during the fourth quarter and more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that the asset may be impaired, such as a significant reduction in cash flows associated with the asset. Should the fair value of our long-lived assets decline because of reduced operating performance, market declines, or other indicators of impairment, a charge to operations for impairment may be necessary. During the first quarter of fiscal 2015, the Company identified several events, that when combined, were determined to require an interim impairment test. As a result, the Company recognized a non-cash, pre-tax impairment charge of \$21.7 million for goodwill and \$10.3 million for long-lived assets (other than goodwill). See Note 2 to our accompanying consolidated financial statements for information about our impairment of goodwill and intangible assets.

On August 28, 2013, we acquired all of the outstanding shares of Panopticon Software, AB and subsidiaries (“Panopticon”), a privately held Swedish company specializing in the delivery of real-time visual data discovery solutions, for a purchase price of \$42.8 million paid primarily in shares of Datawatch common stock. In addition, \$1.0 million of total acquisition costs were incurred in fiscal year 2013 and are included in general and administrative expense in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations. The internally developed technology asset of Panopticon is being amortized to cost of software licenses using the straight-line method over the estimated life of the asset, which is seven and one-half years. Other intangible assets consist of customer relationships which is amortized to sales and marketing expense, developed technology which is amortized to cost of software licenses and trade name which is amortized to general and administrative expense. The values allocated to customer relationships, developed technology and trade name are amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated life of the related asset. Goodwill and assembled workforce are considered indefinite-lived intangibles and are not amortized but instead are tested for tested for impairment annually or more frequently if changes in circumstances or the occurrence of events indicate possible impairment.

We recorded measurement period adjustments to goodwill for the Panopticon Software AB and Panopticon Software, Inc. acquisitions as the result of additional information obtained during the measurement period which ended August 28, 2014. During the fourth quarter of the fiscal year-ended September 30, 2014, we completed our pre-acquisition tax returns for Panopticon Software AB and Panopticon Software, Inc. Upon completion of these filings, we were able to finalize our assessment of acquired deferred tax assets and recorded a decrease of \$0.4 million to goodwill offset by an increase in the tax assets. The net increase in tax assets includes an increase of \$0.4 million related to the deferred tax asset for net operating losses of Panopticon Software AB and a decrease of \$18,000 related to the pre-acquisition income tax payable of Panopticon Software, Inc. Accordingly, fiscal 2013 has been retrospectively adjusted for such measurement period adjustments.

There was no amortization of software development costs for fiscal 2015. The intangible asset amounts amortized to cost of software licenses totaled \$0.6 million and \$0.1 million for fiscal 2014 and 2013, respectively. Intangible asset amounts amortized to sales and marketing expense totaled \$0.3 million, \$0.6 million and \$0.2 million for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Intangible asset amounts amortized to general and administrative expense totaled \$48,000 for both fiscal years 2015 and 2014 and totaled \$4,000 for fiscal year 2013. There were no intangible assets amortized to interest expense for fiscal 2015. Intangible asset amounts amortized to interest expense totaled \$0.1 million and \$33,000 for fiscal 2014 and 2013, respectively.

#### Share-Based Compensation

We recognize share-based compensation expense in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles which require that all share-based awards, including grants of employee stock options and restricted stock units, be recognized in the financial statements based on their fair value at date of grant.

We recognize the fair value of share-based awards over the requisite service period of the individual awards, which generally equals the vesting period. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, we recorded share-based compensation expense of \$4.7 million, of which \$0.2 million pertains to options. At September 30, 2015, we had \$0.1 million of unrecognized compensation costs related to options which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 0.56 years. In order to determine the fair value of stock options on the date of grant, we apply the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. Inherent in this model are assumptions related to expected stock-price volatility, option life, risk-free interest rate and dividend yield. While the risk-free interest rate and dividend yield are less subjective assumptions, typically based on factual data derived from public sources, the expected stock-price volatility and option life assumptions require a greater level of judgment which makes them critical accounting estimates.

We use an expected stock-price volatility assumption that is based on historical volatilities of the underlying stock which are obtained from public data sources. We believe this approach results in a reasonable estimate of volatility. There were no stock options granted during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015 or 2014. For the stock option grants issued during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, we used volatility of 72.95% based upon the historical volatility at the time of issuance.

With regard to the expected option life assumption, we consider the exercise behavior of past grants and model the pattern of aggregate exercises. Patterns are determined on specific criteria of the aggregate pool of optionees including the reaction to vesting, realizable value and short-time-to-maturity effect. For the stock option grants issued during the year ended September 30, 2013, we used an expected option life assumption of 5 years.

With regard to the forfeiture rate assumption, we review historical voluntary turnover rates. For the stock option grants issued during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, we used an annual estimated forfeiture rate of 10%. Additional expense will be recorded if the actual forfeiture rate is lower than estimated, and a recovery of prior expense will be recorded if the actual forfeiture rate is higher than estimated.

We also periodically grant awards of restricted stock units (“RSUs”) to each of our non-employee directors and some of our employees on a discretionary basis pursuant to our stock compensation plans. Each RSU entitles the holder to receive, at the end of each vesting period, a specified number of shares of our common stock. Each RSU vests at the rate of 33.33% on each of the first through third anniversaries of the grant date. Additionally, some of the RSUs are subject to a further vesting condition that our common stock must trade at prices greater than certain minimum per share prices on a national securities exchange for a period of twenty consecutive days prior to the fourth or fifth anniversary of the grant date depending on the grant. For such RSUs, we apply the Monte Carlo option-pricing model for determining the fair value on the date of grant. There were no such RSUs issued during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015 or 2014. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, we recorded share-based compensation expense of \$4.5 million related to RSUs. At September 30, 2015, we had \$5.5 million of unrecognized compensation costs related to RSUs, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.7 years.

## **OVERVIEW**

We believe that we have the opportunity to become the leading provider of self-service data preparation solutions. Among our current challenges in realizing that opportunity are the development of a robust channel of distribution partners, finding new customers to capitalize on the self-service data preparation opportunity and expanding license revenue with our largest existing Monarch and data visualization customers.

Our total revenue for fiscal 2015 was \$30.2 million, a 14% decrease from revenue of \$35.1 million in fiscal 2014, although revenue performance for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 represented a continued sequential improvement quarter to quarter, continuing a trend we saw beginning earlier in the fiscal year. While overall we believe that our cash position remains strong, our cash and cash equivalent balance at the end of fiscal year was down \$12.5 million to \$35.2 million as compared to the end of fiscal 2014. In addition, during the first quarter of fiscal 2015, we recorded an impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets in the amount of \$32.0 million, related to assets obtained in the acquisition of Panopticon, as a result of revenue shortfalls, operational changes in the sales organization as well as a sustained decline in our share price. Any future impairment of goodwill, other intangible assets, or other long-lived assets could have a negative impact on our profitability and financial results.

During fiscal 2015, we announced several new strategic initiatives including the transition of our business and sales approach to one that emphasizes what we view as the higher value differentiation of our complete managed analytics platform and places more focus on the potential offered by our Monarch customer base, investing more in a ‘high velocity’ inside selling model and shifting our partner program to a centralized global model. In connection with these initiatives, we reduced our investment in legacy solutions, realigned international operations and rebalanced our investments to match the go-to-market model. The restructuring resulted in a workforce reduction of 21%, across all functional areas of the company and is expected to reduce our annualized total operating expenses by \$6.5 million.

The disruptions caused by these strategic initiatives negatively impacted our performance during the year as compared to the prior year, however, we are beginning to see positive signs that we are improving our sales execution, expanding our market awareness and producing meaningful innovation to our product platform.

### **Sales execution**

The fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 was our third consecutive quarter in which we sequentially increased our revenue. Our fourth quarter revenue increased \$0.2 million, or 3%, over our third quarter revenue, which increased \$0.3 million, or 4%, over our second quarter revenue, which increased \$0.5 million, or 7%, over our first quarter revenue. In addition, we increased our deferred revenue balance by \$1.1 million, or 15%, compared to the prior year, which was driven by license deferred revenue. The increase in deferred revenue was primarily the result of a shift in our pricing policy to a subscription based model for our smaller sized Monarch orders.

### **Market awareness**

During fiscal 2015, we expanded our partner channel with several new Original Equipment Manufacturers, or “OEM” agreements, which are a critical element of our long-term strategic growth plan. In April 2015, Dell Software announced a partnership with Datawatch to OEM our visualization capabilities directly into its Statistica advanced analytics platform. We also closed new OEM deals with Lipper, Fincad and FlexTrade, and extended existing OEM deals with Bloomberg and NASDAQ. For the first time, we were included in Gartner’s *Magic Quadrant for Business Intelligence and Analytics Platforms*. For the third straight year, we were selected as a “Trend-Setting Product” by KMWorld Magazine and for the second consecutive year, we were included in the CRN’s Big Data 100. Most encouraging, our enhanced data preparation capabilities have reinvigorated existing partners and expanded our partner pipeline with prospects whose solutions require complementary data preparation.

### Innovation to product platform

On June 30, 2015, we released Monarch version 13. The new product release significantly extends the range of data sources that we address and provides a simple point-and-click interface built on top of our most powerful data preparation engine. This release allows a user to immediately visualize prepared data not just in Datawatch Designer, but in other popular BI and advanced analytic tools such as Dell Statistica, Tableau, Qlik, IBM Watson Analytics, Tibco Spotfire, SAS, SAP Lumira, Excel and many others.

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth certain statements of operations data as a percentage of total revenues for the periods indicated. The data has been derived from our accompanying consolidated financial statements. The operating results for any period should not be considered indicative of the results expected for any future period.

	Years Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
REVENUE:			
Software licenses	51%	59%	64%
Maintenance	45	37	32
Professional services	4	4	4
Total revenues	100%	100%	100%
COSTS AND EXPENSES:			
Cost of software licenses	10%	11%	8%
Cost of maintenance and services	10	10	8
Sales and marketing	89	89	61
Engineering and product development	29	26	13
General and administrative	28	26	22
Impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets	106	-	-
Total costs and expenses	166%	162%	112%
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	(66)%	(62)%	(12)%
Interest expense	-%	(1)%	(2)%
Other income (expense)	-	(2)	1
Foreign currency transaction loss	-	-	-
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	(66)%	(65)%	(13)%
Income tax benefit	9	1	-
NET LOSS	(57)%	(64)%	(13)%

*Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2015 as Compared to  
Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014*

**Total Revenues**

	Years Ended September 30,		Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
	2015	2014		
Software licenses	\$ 15,304	\$ 20,627	\$ (5,323)	(26)%
Maintenance	13,529	12,845	684	5
Professional services	1,388	1,615	(227)	(14)
Total revenue	<u>\$ 30,221</u>	<u>\$ 35,087</u>	<u>\$ (4,866)</u>	<u>(14)%</u>

*Software license revenue.* During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, we transitioned our business and sales approach to one that emphasizes what we view as the higher value differentiation of our complete managed analytics platform and places more focus on the potential offered by our Monarch customer base, investing more in a ‘high velocity’ inside selling model and shifting our partner program to a centralized global model. The disruption associated with this realignment of our focus was the primary driver of the \$5.3 million decrease in software license revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 as compared to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, we implemented a new pricing policy which requires a subscription based model for smaller sized Monarch orders. As a result of this policy change, we increased our license deferred revenue by \$0.9 million over the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

*Maintenance revenue.* The \$0.7 million increase in maintenance revenue was primarily driven by strong renewal bookings of both enterprise and desktop software.

*Professional services.* Professional services revenue decreased \$0.2 million, as a result of changes in selling approach which previously required professional services to be included on all Enterprise deals.

**Total Costs and Expenses**

	Years Ended September 30,		Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
	2015	2014		
Cost of software licenses	\$ 3,002	\$ 4,013	\$ (1,011)	(25)%
Cost of maintenance and services	3,122	3,351	(229)	(7)
Sales and marketing	27,037	31,133	(4,096)	(13)
Engineering and product development	8,894	9,074	(180)	(2)
General and administrative	8,599	9,181	(582)	(6)
Impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets	32,009	-	32,009	100
Total costs and expenses	<u>\$ 82,663</u>	<u>\$ 56,752</u>	<u>\$ 25,911</u>	<u>46%</u>

*Cost of software licenses.* The \$1.0 million decrease was primarily due to lower amortization expense. Our amortization of capitalized development costs pertaining to a prior release of our Datawatch Monarch and Datawatch Server products which were fully amortized as of September 30, 2014 decreased \$0.6 million. In addition, amortization of acquired intangibles decreased by \$0.6 million due to the reduction in carrying value of the asset as a result of the impairment charge recorded during the first fiscal quarter. These decreases in amortization expense were offset by a \$0.2 million increase in royalties paid.

*Cost of maintenance and services.* Costs of maintenance and services decreased \$0.2 million as a result of a \$0.6 million decrease in employee related expenses resulting from a 28% decrease in maintenance and services headcount due to the restructuring efforts that occurred during fiscal 2015 and a shift to a web enabled, on-line approach to the delivery of training, which were offset by a \$0.4 million increase in restructuring charges.

*Sales and marketing expenses.* The \$4.1 million decrease in sales and marketing expenses was comprised of a decrease in sales expense of \$0.9 million and a decrease in marketing expense of \$3.2 million. The decreased sales expense results from decreases of \$1.4 million of share-based compensation and \$0.5 million in employee-related costs attributable to a 15% decrease in sales headcount resulting from the restructuring efforts, and a \$0.2 million decrease in amortization which resulted from the reduction in the carrying value of intangibles due to the impairment charges recorded during the fiscal year. These decreases were partially offset by a \$0.6 million increase in professional services and a \$0.4 million increase in restructuring charges. The marketing decrease was primarily driven by the restructuring effort which reduced marketing headcount by 36% and resulted in (i) an increase of \$0.4 million of restructuring charges offset by a \$1.9 million decrease in marketing and promotional expenses compared to fiscal 2014 resulting from expenses incurred during 2014 in connection with the redesign of our website and a decrease in other marketing materials as we refocus our lead generation programs, (ii) a \$0.8 million decrease in share-based compensation, and (iii) a \$0.5 million decrease in other employee related costs. In addition, consulting costs decreased \$0.4 million.

*Engineering and product development expenses.* The \$0.2 million decrease was driven mainly by a \$1.2 million decrease in share-based compensation resulting from a 32% decrease in engineering and product development headcount associated with the restructuring efforts, which were offset by an increase of \$0.3 million in restructuring costs. In addition, consulting costs increased \$0.5 million and facility related expenses increased \$0.3 million driven by an increased focus on product development to support ongoing development of our managed analytics platform.

*General and administrative expenses.* The \$0.6 million decrease is mainly the result of a \$0.5 million decrease in external consulting costs, offset by a \$0.1 million increase in employee related costs as we phased out the use of consultants by hiring employees. In addition, we incurred \$0.2 million in restructuring charges, which were offset by a \$0.3 million decrease in share-based compensation.

*Impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets.* In fiscal 2015, we recorded goodwill and long-lived assets impairment charges of \$21.7 million and \$10.3 million, respectively, as a result of performing an interim impairment review as required under ASC 350 *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other*. The write-down of the long-lived assets will have a favorable effect on the statements of operations from reduced future intangible amortization expense.

***Other income (expense)***

	<b>Years Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>		
Interest expense	\$ -	\$ (406)	\$ (406)	(100)%
Other income (expense)	\$ 9	\$ (755)	\$ (764)	(101)%
Foreign currency transaction loss	\$ (78)	\$ (76)	\$ 2	3%

*Interest expense.* There was no interest expense for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. Interest expense of \$0.4 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 represents primarily interest expense related to our \$4.0 million subordinated notes with a private investment company and borrowings under a \$2.0 million revolving credit facility with a bank, each of which were paid off in full and terminated during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

*Other income (expense).* There was a minimal amount of other income for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. Other expense for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 of \$0.8 million was primarily due to a loss on extinguishment of debt recorded as a result of paying down the \$2.0 million subordinated note with a private investment company. The loss represented the unamortized debt discount on the subordinated note.

*Foreign currency transactions loss.* The foreign currency loss for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 was attributable to fluctuation of the British pound sterling and other foreign currencies we transact in.

***Benefit for income taxes***

	<b>Years Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>		
Income tax benefit	\$ 2,724	\$ 519	\$ 2,205	425%

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, we recorded a tax benefit of \$2.7 million, primarily related to the change in the deferred tax liability in Sweden as a result of impairing non-goodwill intangibles and amortization, losses generated in Sweden, estimated state taxes, return to provision adjustments, reduction to uncertain tax positions, and accruing interest on uncertain tax positions. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, we recorded a tax benefit of \$0.5 million, primarily related to losses generated in Sweden, estimated state taxes, return to provision adjustments, and accrued interest and penalties on uncertain tax positions.

*Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014 as Compared to  
Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013*

***Total Revenues***

	<b>Years Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>		
Software licenses	\$ 20,627	\$ 19,430	\$ 1,197	6%
Maintenance	12,845	9,700	3,145	32
Professional services	1,615	1,166	449	39
Total revenue	<u>\$ 35,087</u>	<u>\$ 30,296</u>	<u>\$ 4,791</u>	<u>16%</u>

*Software license revenue.* Software license revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 was \$20.6 million, or 59%, of total revenue, as compared to \$19.4 million, or 64%, of total revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. This represents an increase of \$1.2 million, or 6%, from the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The increase in software license revenue consisted of an increase of \$1.2 million in Visual Data Discovery. We attribute the increase in software license revenue to products acquired in connection with our acquisition of Panopticon Software, AB (Panopticon), discussed in Note 3 in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

*Maintenance revenue.* Maintenance revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 was \$12.8 million, or 37%, of total revenue, as compared to \$9.7 million, or 32%, of total revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. This represents an increase of \$3.1 million, or 32%, from the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The increase in maintenance revenue consisted of an increase of \$3.3 million in Visual Data Discovery solutions which was partially offset by a decrease of \$0.1 million in Business Service Management Solutions. We attribute the increase in maintenance revenue to maintenance renewals of Datawatch Monarch primarily driven by a broader customer base interested in being current with support and maintenance to be eligible for upgrades as well as new maintenance subscriptions and renewals attributable to products acquired in connection with our acquisition of Panopticon.

*Professional services.* Professional services revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 was \$1.6 million, or 4%, of total revenue, as compared to \$1.2 million, or 4%, of total revenue, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. This represents an increase of \$0.4 million, or 39%, from the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The increase in professional services revenue consisted of an increase of \$0.5 million in Visual Data Discovery solutions offset by a decrease of \$29,000 in Business Service Management Solutions. The increase in professional services was primarily attributable to professional services being sold in connection with our Datawatch Server product offerings.

### *Costs and Operating Expenses*

	Years Ended September 30,		Increase	Percentage Change
	2014	2013		
Cost of software licenses	\$ 4,013	\$ 2,505	\$ 1,508	60%
Cost of maintenance and services	3,351	2,440	911	37
Sales and marketing	31,133	18,482	12,651	68
Engineering and product development	9,074	3,893	5,181	133
General and administrative	9,181	6,793	2,388	35
Total costs and operating expenses	<u>\$ 56,752</u>	<u>\$ 34,113</u>	<u>\$ 22,639</u>	<u>66%</u>

*Cost of software licenses.* Cost of software licenses for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 was \$4.0 million, or 19%, of software license revenues, as compared to \$2.5 million, or 13%, of software license revenues for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The increase in cost of software licenses of \$1.5 million was primarily due to a full year of software amortization of acquired intellectual property resulting from our acquisition of Panopticon as well as amortization of capitalized development costs pertaining to the latest release of our Visual Data Discovery products. Also contributing to the year over year increase were royalty costs associated with a new OEM partnership.

*Cost of maintenance and services.* Cost of maintenance and services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 was \$3.4 million, or 23%, of maintenance and services revenue, as compared to \$2.4 million, or 22%, of maintenance and services revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The increase of \$0.9 million was primarily due to increased headcount and corresponding employee related costs resulting from investments made in our services organization.

*Sales and marketing expenses.* Sales and marketing expenses for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 were \$31.1 million, or 89%, of total revenue, as compared to \$18.5 million, or 61%, of total revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The increase in sales and marketing expenses of \$12.7 million, or 68%, is comprised of an increase in sales expense of \$8.1 million and an increase in marketing expense of \$4.5 million. The increased sales expense resulted from a full year of wages, share-based compensation expense and other employee-related costs primarily attributable to increased headcount resulting from the acquisition of Panopticon. Other contributing costs associated with the year over year increase in sales expense included a full year of amortization of acquired intangible assets and rent expense resulting from the acquisition of Panopticon. The marketing increase was primarily comprised of trade show, professional services and advertising costs associated with branding and marketing activities surrounding our go to market strategy of moving from a desktop sales company to an enterprise sales company, our continued expansion into the Visual Data Discovery marketplace and the acquisition and integration of Panopticon. Increases in employee-related costs primarily attributable to increased headcount resulting from the acquisition of Panopticon also contributed to the overall marketing expense increase when compared to last year.

*Engineering and product development expenses.* Engineering and product development expenses were \$9.1 million, or 26%, of total revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 as compared to \$3.9 million, or 13%, of total revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The increase in engineering and product development expenses of \$5.2 million, or 133%, was primarily attributable to a full year of wages, share-based compensation and other employee-related costs due to increased headcount resulting from the acquisition of Panopticon, as well as an increased focus on product development to support our efforts of moving from a desktop sales company to an enterprise sales company when compared to last year. Increases in consulting also contributed to the increase in engineering and product development expenses.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses were \$9.2 million, or 26%, of total revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 as compared to \$6.8 million, or 22%, of total revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The increase in general and administrative expenses of \$2.4 million, or 35%, was primarily attributable to full year of wages, share-based compensation and other employee-related costs associated with additional headcount resulting from the acquisition of Panopticon. In addition, higher external consulting costs and facilities expenditures offset by a decrease in acquisition fees related to the acquisition of Panopticon contributed to the overall increase in general and administrative expenses when compared to last year.

***Other income (expense)***

	<b>Years Ended</b>		<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>September 30,</b>			
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>		
Interest expense	\$ (406)	\$ (682)	\$ (276)	(40)%
Other income (expense)	\$ (755)	\$ 255	\$ 1,010	(396)%
Foreign currency transaction loss	\$ (76)	\$ (41)	\$ 35	85%

*Interest expense.* Interest expense for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 of \$0.4 million represents primarily interest expense related to a \$2.0 million subordinated note with a private investment company, a \$2.0 million long term note with a bank resulting from the refinancing of our original debt with the private investment company and the borrowings under a \$2.0 million revolving credit facility with the same bank. Interest expense of \$0.7 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 represents primarily interest expense related to our \$4.0 million subordinated notes with a private investment company and borrowings under a \$2.0 million revolving credit facility with a bank. These financings were issued in connection with our acquisition of the intellectual property underlying our Datawatch Monarch and Datawatch Server product offerings in fiscal 2012 and were paid off in full and terminated during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014.

*Other income (expense).* Other expenses for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 of \$0.8 million represented primarily a loss on extinguishment of debt recorded as a result of paying down the \$2.0 million subordinated note with a private investment company. The loss of \$0.8 million represented the unamortized debt discount on the subordinated note. Other income for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 of \$0.2 million is primarily related to the reversal of cumulative translation adjustments resulting from the dissolution of the Datawatch Europe entity.

*Foreign currency transactions loss.* Loss on foreign currency transactions for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 was \$0.1 million as compared to a loss of \$41,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The foreign currency loss for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 was primarily attributable to fluctuation of the British pound sterling and other foreign currencies we transact in.

## Benefit for income taxes

	Years Ended September 30,		Increase	Percentage Change
	2014	2013		
Income tax benefit	\$ 519	\$ 88	\$ 431	490%

For the year ended September 30, 2014 the company recorded an income tax benefit of \$0.5 million as compared to an income tax benefit of \$0.1 million for the year ended September 30, 2013. The income tax benefit for the year ended September 30, 2014 was comprised primarily of a foreign tax benefit of \$0.5 million, a state tax provision of \$20,000 and a benefit for uncertain tax positions relative to U.S., state, and foreign tax of \$18,000. The income tax benefit for the year ended September 30, 2013 was comprised primarily of a foreign tax benefit.

## OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS, CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

We lease various facilities and equipment in the U.S. and overseas under non-cancelable operating leases that expire through 2022. The lease agreements generally provide for the payment of minimum annual rentals, pro rata share of taxes, and maintenance expenses. Rental expense for all operating leases was \$1.0 million for both fiscal years 2015 and 2014, and rental expense for all operating leases was \$0.5 million for fiscal year 2013. Certain of our facility leases include options to renew.

On June 23, 2015, we entered into a facility lease in Bedford, MA for our new corporate headquarters. The lease is for 20,360 square feet commencing November 1, 2015 and ending on October 31, 2022 with a monthly expense of \$42,000. We anticipate moving into the new facility during the second quarter of fiscal 2016. In conjunction with entering into the lease, we were required to deposit \$0.2 million into a restricted cash account as collateral for a Letter of Credit, which is included under the caption "Other long-term assets" in our consolidated balance sheets, for the year ended September 30, 2015.

As of September 30, 2015, our contractual obligations include minimum rental commitments under non-cancelable operating leases, debt obligations and other long-term liabilities related to uncertain tax positions as follows (in thousands):

Contractual Obligations:	Total	Less than			More than
		1 Year	1 – 3 Years	3 – 5 Years	5 Years
Operating Lease Obligations	\$ 4,278	\$ 630	\$ 1,243	\$ 1,191	\$ 1,214
Other long-term liabilities	\$ 269	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 269

Royalty expense included in cost of software licenses was \$0.6 million, \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Our software products are sold under warranty against certain defects in material and workmanship for a period of 30 days from the date of purchase. If necessary, we would provide for the estimated cost of warranties based on specific warranty claims and claim history. However, we have never incurred significant expense under our product or service warranties. As a result, we believe our exposure related to these warranty agreements is minimal. Accordingly, there are no liabilities recorded for warranty claims as of September 30, 2015.

We enter into indemnification agreements in the ordinary course of business. Pursuant to these agreements, we generally agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and reimburse the indemnified party for losses suffered or incurred by the indemnified party, generally our customers, in connection with any patent, copyright or other intellectual property infringement claim by any third party with respect to our products. The term of these indemnification agreements is generally perpetual. The maximum potential amount of future payments we could be required to make under these indemnification agreements is unlimited. We have never incurred costs to defend lawsuits or settle claims related to these indemnification agreements. As a result, we believe our exposure related to these agreements is minimal. Accordingly, we have no liabilities recorded for these potential obligations as of September 30, 2015.

Certain of our agreements also provide for the performance of services at customer sites. These agreements may contain indemnification clauses, whereby we will indemnify the customer from any and all damages, losses, judgments, costs and expenses for acts of our employees or subcontractors resulting in bodily injury or property damage. The maximum potential amount of future payments we could be required to make under these indemnification agreements is unlimited; however, we have general and umbrella insurance policies that would enable us to recover a portion of any amounts paid. We have never incurred costs to defend lawsuits or settle claims related to these indemnification agreements. As a result, we believe our exposure related to these agreements is minimal. Accordingly, we have no liabilities recorded for these potential obligations as of September 30, 2015.

As permitted under Delaware law, we have agreements with our directors whereby we will indemnify them for certain events or occurrences while the director is, or was, serving at our request in such capacity. The term of the director indemnification period is for the later of ten years after the date that the director ceases to serve in such capacity or the final termination of proceedings against the director as outlined in the indemnification agreement. The maximum potential amount of future payments we could be required to make under these indemnification agreements is unlimited; however, our director and officer insurance policy would enable us to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. As a result of our insurance policy coverage, we believe our exposure related to these indemnification agreements is minimal. Accordingly, we have no liabilities recorded for these potential obligations as of September 30, 2015.

## **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

We believe that our current cash balances and cash generated from operations will be sufficient to meet our cash needs for working capital and anticipated capital expenditures for at least the next twelve months. At September 30, 2015, we had \$35.2 million of cash and cash equivalents as compared to \$47.7 million as of September 30, 2014, a decrease of \$12.5 million. \$1.0 million of cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2015 was located in foreign banks.

At September 30, 2015, we had working capital of \$31.3 million as compared to \$44.9 million as of September 30, 2014. We do not anticipate additional cash requirements to fund growth or the acquisition of additional complementary technology or businesses. However, if in the future, such expenditures are anticipated or required, we may seek additional financing by issuing equity or obtaining credit facilities to fund such requirements. There can be no assurance that we will be able to issue additional equity or obtain a new or expanded credit facility at attractive prices or rates, or at all.

We had a net loss of \$49.8 million, \$22.4 million and \$4.2 million for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. During the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, \$11.9 million and \$11.0 million of cash was used in our operating activities, respectively. During the year ended September 30, 2013, \$2.4 million of cash was provided by our operations. During fiscal year 2015, the main use of cash in operations was net loss adjusted for depreciation and amortization, share-based compensation expense, deferred income taxes and the impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets as well as the increase in prepaid expenses and other assets, offset by an increase in deferred revenue. During fiscal year 2014, the main use of cash from operations was net loss adjusted for depreciation and amortization and share-based compensation expense, as well as decreases in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities offset by increases in accounts receivable and prepaid expenses and other assets.

Net cash used in investing activities for the year ended September 30, 2015 of \$0.5 million was related to the purchase of property and equipment. Net cash used in investing activities for the year ended September 30, 2014 of \$0.5 million is attributable to increases in capitalized software development costs and purchases of property and equipment.

On February 19, 2014, we completed a public offering of 2,018,250 shares of common stock at a price to the public of \$28.50 per share. The number of shares we sold includes the underwriters' full exercise of their over-allotment option of 263,250 shares. Net proceeds from the offering, after underwriting discounts and expenses, were \$53.6 million.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the year ended September 30, 2015 of \$0.1 million was related to the proceeds from the issuance of common stock upon the exercise of outstanding stock options previously awarded under equity compensation plans. Net cash provided by financing activities for the year ended September 30, 2014 was \$49.0 million and was primarily attributable to the public offering completed on February 19, 2014 offset by the repayments of debt and repayments on the line of credit.

On March 30, 2012, we entered into a Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement with a private investment company. The terms of the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement included a \$4.0 million subordinated note and warrants for 185,000 shares of our common stock. As of September 30, 2014, we had paid down all amounts owed under the subordinated note and the note and the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement had been terminated, except with respect to the outstanding warrants.

On March 30, 2012, we entered into a Loan and Security Agreement (“Loan Agreement”) with a bank which established a \$2.0 million revolving line of credit facility and borrowed \$1.5 million under the Loan Agreement on that date. On August 15, 2013, we entered into an amendment to this agreement which provided for an advance (“Term Loan Advance”) of \$2.0 million which was used to reduce our outstanding obligations to the private investment company as described above. After repayment, the Term Loan Advance cannot be re-borrowed. As of September 30, 2014, we had paid down all amounts owed under the revolving credit facility and the Term Loan Advance, and such facilities and the Loan Agreement had been terminated.

We believe that our current operations have not been materially impacted by the effects of inflation.

## **RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606). The ASU is the result of a joint project by the FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) to clarify the principles for recognizing revenue and to develop a common revenue standard for GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) that would: remove inconsistencies and weaknesses, provide a more robust framework for addressing revenue issues, improve comparability of revenue recognition practices across entities, jurisdictions, industries, and capital markets, improve disclosure requirements and resulting financial statements, and simplify the presentation of financial statements. The core principle of the new guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. On July 9, 2015, the FASB voted to delay the effective date of the new revenue standard by one year, but to permit entities to choose to adopt the standard as of the original effective date. We are currently assessing the impact of this guidance.

We have considered all other recently issued accounting pronouncements and do not believe the adoption of such pronouncements will have a material impact on our accompanying consolidated financial statements.

## **Item 7(A). QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

### *Derivative Financial Instruments, Other Financial Instruments, and Derivative Commodity Instruments*

At September 30, 2015, we did not participate in or hold any derivative financial instruments or commodity instruments. We hold no investment securities that possess significant market risk.

### *Primary Market Risk Exposures*

Our primary market risk exposure is foreign currency exchange rate risk. International revenues and expenses are generally transacted by our foreign subsidiaries and are denominated in local currency. 21%, 17% and 13% of our revenues for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively, were from our foreign subsidiaries. In addition, 16%, 22% and 19% of our operating expenses for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013 respectively, were from our foreign subsidiaries.

We are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk inherent in conducting business globally in several currencies, of which the most significant to our operations has historically been the British Pound. Our exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations has been and is expected to continue to be modest due to the fact that the operations of our international subsidiaries are almost exclusively conducted in their respective local currencies, and dollar advances to our international subsidiaries, if any, are usually considered to be of a long-term investment nature. Accordingly, the majority of currency movements are reflected in our other comprehensive income (loss). Foreign currency translation losses arising during fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$0.4 million, \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. There are, however, certain situations where we will invoice customers in currencies other than our own. Such gains or losses from operating activity, whether realized or unrealized, are reflected in foreign currency transaction (losses) gains in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and were losses of \$0.1 million for both years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 and losses of \$41,000 for the year ended September 30, 2013.

**Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

The following consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto of Datawatch Corporation and the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms thereon are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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## REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRMS

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Datawatch Corporation and Subsidiaries

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Datawatch Corporation and Subsidiaries (“the Company”) as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive loss, shareholders’ equity and cash flows for the years then ended. We also have audited the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013. The Company’s management is responsible for these financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and an opinion on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting 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 and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit of the financial statements included 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. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

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

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

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013.

/s/ RSM US LLP

RSM US LLP  
Boston, Massachusetts  
November 13, 2015

REPORT OF MARCUM, LLP INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To Board of Directors and Shareholders of Datawatch Corporation  
Chelmsford, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive loss, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows of Datawatch Corporation (the "Company") for the year ended September 30, 2013. 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 audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit 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, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the results of the Company's operations and its cash flows for the year ended September 30, 2013, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Effective October 1, 2012, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board issued ASU No. 2011-05, *Comprehensive Income* (Topic 220).

/s/ Marcum LLP

Marcum LLP  
Boston, Massachusetts  
December 17, 2013

**DATAWATCH CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(In thousands, except share amounts)

	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,162	\$ 47,668
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts and sales returns of \$106 and \$63 as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively	7,081	7,024
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,013	1,633
Total current assets	44,256	56,325
Property and equipment, net	614	400
Acquired intellectual property, net	3,981	11,057
Other intangible assets, net	1,270	7,090
Goodwill and indefinite-lived assets	6,685	28,383
Deferred tax asset, net	1,839	239
Other long-term assets	286	103
Total assets	<u>\$ 58,931</u>	<u>\$ 103,597</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,546	\$ 925
Accrued expenses	2,656	2,884
Deferred revenue	8,452	7,401
Deferred tax liability, current	274	239
Total current liabilities	12,928	11,449
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:</b>		
Deferred revenue, long-term	192	105
Deferred tax liability, noncurrent	-	798
Other long-term liabilities	269	335
Total long-term liabilities	461	1,238
Total liabilities	13,389	12,687
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 6)</b>		
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>		
Common stock, par value \$0.01; authorized: 20,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding: 11,640,097 shares and 11,625,851 shares, respectively, as of September 30, 2015 and 11,289,098 shares and 11,057,858 shares, respectively, as of September 30, 2014	116	114
Additional paid-in capital	139,732	134,960
Accumulated deficit	(92,191)	(42,404)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,975)	(1,620)
	45,682	91,050
Less treasury stock, at cost, 14,246 shares	(140)	(140)
Total shareholders' equity	45,542	90,910
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 58,931</u>	<u>\$ 103,597</u>

*See accompanying notes to these consolidated financial statements.*

**DATAWATCH CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Years Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>REVENUE:</b>			
Software licenses	\$ 15,304	\$ 20,627	\$ 19,430
Maintenance	13,529	12,845	9,700
Professional services	1,388	1,615	1,166
Total revenues	<u>30,221</u>	<u>35,087</u>	<u>30,296</u>
<b>COSTS AND EXPENSES:</b>			
Cost of software licenses	3,002	4,013	2,505
Cost of maintenance and services	3,122	3,351	2,440
Sales and marketing	27,037	31,133	18,482
Engineering and product development	8,894	9,074	3,893
General and administrative	8,599	9,181	6,793
Impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets	32,009	-	-
Total costs and expenses	<u>82,663</u>	<u>56,752</u>	<u>34,113</u>
<b>LOSS FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>(52,442)</u>	<u>(21,665)</u>	<u>(3,817)</u>
Interest expense	-	(406)	(682)
Other income (expense)	9	(755)	255
Foreign currency transaction loss	(78)	(76)	(41)
<b>LOSS FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	<u>(52,511)</u>	<u>(22,902)</u>	<u>(4,285)</u>
Income tax benefit	2,724	519	88
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<u>\$ (49,787)</u>	<u>\$ (22,383)</u>	<u>\$ (4,197)</u>
Net loss per share – basic:	<u>\$ (4.38)</u>	<u>\$ (2.24)</u>	<u>\$ (0.63)</u>
Net loss per share – diluted:	<u>\$ (4.38)</u>	<u>\$ (2.24)</u>	<u>\$ (0.63)</u>
Weighted-average shares outstanding – basic	<u>11,368</u>	<u>9,998</u>	<u>6,634</u>
Weighted-average shares outstanding – diluted	<u>11,368</u>	<u>9,998</u>	<u>6,634</u>

*See accompanying notes to these consolidated financial statements.*

**DATAWATCH CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**  
(In thousands)

	Years Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
Net loss	\$ (49,787)	\$ (22,383)	\$ (4,197)
Other comprehensive loss:			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(355)	(342)	(162)
Comprehensive loss	\$ (50,142)	\$ (22,725)	\$ (4,359)

*See accompanying notes to these consolidated financial statements.*

**DATAWATCH CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
(In thousands, except share amounts)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Treasury Stock		Total
	Shares	Amount				Shares	Amount	
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012	6,372,465	\$ 64	\$ 26,710	\$ (15,824)	\$ (1,116)	(14,246)	\$ (140)	\$ 9,694
Issuance of common stock and equivalents in connection with the acquisition of Panopticon AB	2,169,941	22	42,622	-	-	-	-	42,644
Exercise of stock options	67,000	2	196	-	-	-	-	198
Vesting of restricted stock	185,617	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dissolution of DWE subsidiary	-	-	(125)	-	-	-	-	(125)
Share-based compensation expense	-	-	3,323	-	-	-	-	3,323
Translation adjustments	-	-	-	-	(162)	-	-	(162)
Net loss	-	-	-	(4,197)	-	-	-	(4,197)
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013	8,795,023	88	72,726	(20,021)	(1,278)	(14,246)	(140)	51,375
Issuance of common stock	2,018,250	20	53,608	-	-	-	-	53,628
Exercise of stock options	42,709	6	173	-	-	-	-	179
Vesting of restricted stock	433,116	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share-based compensation expense	-	-	8,446	-	-	-	-	8,446
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation awards	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	7
Translation adjustments	-	-	-	-	(342)	-	-	(342)
Net loss	-	-	-	(22,383)	-	-	-	(22,383)
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014	11,289,098	114	134,960	(42,404)	(1,620)	(14,246)	(140)	90,910
Exercise of stock options	18,000	-	52	-	-	-	-	52
Vesting of restricted stock	332,999	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Share-based compensation expense	-	-	4,733	-	-	-	-	4,733
Translation adjustments	-	-	(13)	-	(355)	-	-	(368)
Net loss	-	-	-	(49,787)	-	-	-	(49,787)
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015	<u>11,640,097</u>	<u>\$ 116</u>	<u>\$ 139,732</u>	<u>\$ (92,191)</u>	<u>\$ (1,975)</u>	<u>(14,246)</u>	<u>\$ (140)</u>	<u>\$ 45,542</u>

*See accompanying notes to these consolidated financial statements.*

**DATAWATCH CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(In thousands)

	Years Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net loss	\$ (49,787)	\$ (22,383)	\$ (4,197)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	2,857	4,237	2,293
Share-based compensation expense	4,733	8,446	3,323
Non-cash interest expense	-	187	191
Loss on extinguishment of debt	-	795	-
Deferred income taxes	(2,667)	(523)	(83)
Impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets	32,009	-	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(162)	(414)	(1,457)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(607)	(540)	(315)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	456	(1,092)	2,181
Deferred revenue	1,237	295	456
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(11,931)</u>	<u>(10,992)</u>	<u>2,392</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Gain on disposition of investment	-	-	(374)
Net cash received from acquisition of Panopticon	-	-	383
Capitalized software development costs	-	(250)	(440)
Purchases of property and equipment	(490)	(276)	(152)
Increase in other assets	-	-	60
Cash used in investing activities	<u>(490)</u>	<u>(526)</u>	<u>(523)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs	-	53,628	-
Proceeds from issuance of note payable	-	-	2,000
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	52	179	198
Repayments of debt	-	(3,944)	(2,056)
Repayments of line of credit	-	(900)	-
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation awards	-	7	-
Capitalized debt issuance costs	-	(5)	(79)
Cash provided by financing activities	<u>52</u>	<u>48,965</u>	<u>63</u>
<b>EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>			
EQUIVALENTS	(137)	(91)	(342)
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(12,506)</b>	<b>37,356</b>	<b>1,590</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	<b>47,668</b>	<b>10,312</b>	<b>8,722</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD</b>	<b><u>\$ 35,162</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 47,668</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 10,312</u></b>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>			
Interest paid	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 169</u>	<u>\$ 481</u>
Income taxes paid	<u>\$ 39</u>	<u>\$ 122</u>	<u>\$ 38</u>

*See accompanying notes to these consolidated financial statements.*

**DATAWATCH CORPORATION**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1. NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Nature of Business**

Datawatch Corporation (the “Company” or “Datawatch”) designs, develops, markets and distributes business computer software products. The Company also provides services, including implementation and support of its software products, as well as training on their use and administration. The Company is subject to a number of risks including dependence on key individuals, competition from substitute products and larger companies and the need for successful ongoing development and marketing of products.

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation**

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Datawatch and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. In 2013, the Company dissolved one of its international subsidiaries, and recorded a gain on disposition of investment of \$0.4 million.

**Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and judgments, which are evaluated on an on-going basis, that affect the amounts and disclosures reported in the Company’s condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that it believes are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The most significant estimates and judgments include those related to revenue recognition, the allowance for doubtful accounts, sales returns reserve, valuation of share-based compensation awards, useful lives of property and equipment, and the valuation of long term assets including goodwill, intellectual property and intangibles, capitalized software development costs and deferred tax assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates and judgments.

The Company considers events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued to provide additional evidence relative to certain estimates or to identify matters that require additional disclosure.

**Revenue Recognition**

Datawatch software products are generally sold in multiple element arrangements which may include software licenses, professional services and post-contract customer support. The Company licenses its software products directly to end-users and indirectly to end-users through value added resellers and distributors. Sales to indirect distribution channels accounted for 40%, 44% and 45% of total sales for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The Company’s software product offerings do not require customization and can be installed and used by customers on their own with little or no configuration required. Multi-user licenses marketed by the Company are sold as a right to use the number of licenses, and the license fee revenue is recognized upon delivery of the software.

Revenue typically consists of software licenses, post-contract support (“PCS”) and professional services. Revenue from the sale of all software products is generally recognized at the time of shipment, provided there are no uncertainties surrounding product acceptance, the fee is fixed or determinable, collectability is reasonably assured, persuasive evidence of the arrangement exists and there are no significant obligations remaining. PCS is typically provided under a maintenance agreement which provides technical support and rights to unspecified software maintenance updates and bug fixes on a when-and-if available basis. Revenue from PCS agreements is deferred and recognized ratably over the term of the agreements, typically one year. Professional services include advanced modeling, application design, implementation and configuration and process optimization with revenue recognized as the services are performed. These services are generally delivered on a time and materials basis, billed on a current basis as the work is performed, and generally do not involve modification or customization of the software or any unusual acceptance clauses or provisions.

For multiple element arrangements, total fees are allocated to each of the undelivered elements based upon vendor specific objective evidence (“VSOE”) of their fair values, with the residual amount recognized as revenue for the delivered elements. The residual method of revenue recognition is used for multi-element arrangements when the VSOE of the fair value does not exist for one of the delivered elements, generally the software license. Under the residual method, the arrangement fee is recognized as follows: (1) the total fair value of the undelivered elements, as supported by VSOE, is deferred and subsequently recognized as such items are delivered or completed and (2) the difference between the total arrangement fee and the amount allocated to the undelivered elements is recognized as revenue related to the delivered elements. The Company has established VSOE of fair value of PCS from either contractually stated renewal rates or using the bell-shaped curve method. Additionally, VSOE of fair value of the professional services is based on the amounts charged for these elements when sold separately. VSOE calculations are routinely updated and reviewed.

The Company also licenses its enterprise software using a subscription model. At the time a customer enters into a binding agreement to purchase a subscription, the customer is invoiced for an initial 90 day service period and an account receivable and deferred revenue are recorded. Beginning on the date the software is installed at the customer site and available for use by the customer, and provided that all other criteria for revenue recognition are met, the deferred revenue amount is recognized ratably over the period the service is provided. The customer is then invoiced every 90 days and revenue is recognized ratably over the period of the subscription. The subscription arrangement includes software, maintenance and unspecified future upgrades including major version upgrades on a when-and-if available basis. The subscription renewal rate is the same as the initial subscription rate. Subscriptions can be cancelled by the customer at any time by providing 90 days prior written notice following the first year of the subscription term.

The Company’s software products are sold under warranty against certain defects in material and workmanship for a period of 30 days from the date of purchase. Revenue from the sale of software products to distributors and resellers is recognized at the time of shipment providing all other revenue recognition criteria are met and (i) the distributor or reseller is unconditionally obligated to pay for the products, including no contingency as to product resale, (ii) the distributor or reseller has independent economic substance apart from the Company, (iii) the Company is not obligated for future performance to bring about product resale, and (iv) the amount of future returns can be reasonably estimated. The Company’s experience and history with its distributors and resellers allows for reasonable estimates of future returns.

#### *Allowance for Doubtful Accounts*

The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of customers to make required payments. The Company analyzes accounts receivable and the composition of the accounts receivable aging, historical bad debts, customer creditworthiness, current economic trends and changes in customer payment terms when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. Actual results could differ from the allowances recorded, and this difference could have a material effect on the Company’s financial position and results of operations. Receivables are written off against these allowances in the period they are determined to be uncollectible.

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, changes to and ending balances of the allowance for doubtful accounts were as follows:

	September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
	(In thousands)		
Allowance for doubtful accounts balance - beginning of year	\$ 53	\$ 43	\$ 107
Additions to the allowance for doubtful accounts	111	18	-
Deductions against the allowance for doubtful accounts	(58)	(8)	(64)
Allowance for doubtful accounts balance - end of year	<u>\$ 106</u>	<u>\$ 53</u>	<u>\$ 43</u>

### *Sales Returns Reserve*

The Company maintains reserves for potential future product returns from distributors. The Company estimates future product returns based on its experience and history with the Company's various distributors and resellers as well as by monitoring inventory levels at such companies as described above. Adjustments are recorded as increases or decreases in revenue in the period of adjustment. Actual returns have historically been within the range estimated by management. Actual results could differ from the reserve for sales returns recorded, and this difference could have a material effect on the Company's financial position and results of operations. The Company's agreement with its sole distributor, Lifeboat, expired during the year ended September 30, 2015, and as a result, the Company determined that a reserve for future returns was no longer necessary.

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, changes to and ending balances of the sales returns reserve were as follows:

	September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
	(In thousands)		
Sales returns reserve balance - beginning of year	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 105
Additions to the sales returns reserve	-	24	-
Deductions against the sales returns reserve	(10)	(34)	(85)
Sales returns reserve balance - end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>

### *Software Development Costs*

The Company capitalizes certain software development costs as well as purchased software upon achieving technological feasibility of the related products. Costs that are incurred internally in researching and developing a computer software product are charged to expense until technological feasibility has been established for the product. Once technological feasibility is established, software development costs are capitalized until the product is available for general release to customers. Such capitalized costs are amortized to cost of software licenses straight-line over the estimated life of the product, generally nine to 18 months. The Company evaluates the realizability of the assets and the related periods of amortization on a regular basis. Judgment is required in determining when technological feasibility of a product is established as well as its economic life. During fiscal year 2015, there were no significant costs incurred during the period after technological feasibility was established and the time in which the product became available for general release. During fiscal year 2014, the Company capitalized \$0.3 million of software development costs and during fiscal year 2013, the Company capitalized \$0.4 million of software development costs.

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, amounts related to capitalized and purchased software development costs were as follows:

	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Capitalized and purchased software balance - beginning of year	\$ 350	\$ 30
Capitalized software development costs	250	440
Amortization of capitalized software development costs	(600)	(120)
Capitalized and purchased software balance - end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 350</u>

#### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash deposited with banks and highly liquid securities consisting of money market investments with original maturities of 90 days or less.

#### ***Concentration of Credit Risks and Major Customers***

Financial instruments, which potentially expose the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash, cash equivalents, and accounts receivable. The Company's cash is maintained with what management believes to be a high-credit quality financial institution. At times, deposits held at this bank may exceed the federally insured limits. Management believes that the financial institutions that hold the Company's deposits are financially sound and have minimal credit risk. Risks associated with cash and cash equivalents are mitigated by the Company's investment policy, which limits the Company's investing of excess cash into only money market mutual funds.

The Company licenses its products and services directly to end-users and indirectly to end-users through U.S. and non-U.S. distributors and other software resellers, under customary credit terms. The Company's agreement with Lifeboat expired in early 2015 and, to manage the transition, the Company has refocused part of its Inside Sales Team to manage and pursue the book of business previously handled by Lifeboat. No customer constitutes a significant portion (more than 10%) of revenues or accounts receivable for the year ended September 30, 2015. Other than Lifeboat, no other customer constitutes a significant portion of revenues or accounts receivable for any other periods presented. Lifeboat, accounted for 15% and 20% of total revenue for the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 respectively. Lifeboat accounted for 13% of total accounts receivable as of September 30, 2014. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and generally does not require collateral.

#### ***Deferred Revenue***

Deferred revenue consisted of the following at September 30:

	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Maintenance	\$ 7,594	\$ 7,154
License	981	108
Other	69	244
Total	<u>8,644</u>	<u>7,506</u>
Less: Long-term portion of deferred maintenance	<u>(192)</u>	<u>(105)</u>
Current portion of deferred revenue	<u>\$ 8,452</u>	<u>\$ 7,401</u>

Deferred revenue consists primarily of the unearned portion of customer support services provided by the Company to customers who purchased maintenance agreements for the Company's products. Maintenance revenues are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the maintenance period, generally 12 months.

Other deferred revenue consists of deferred professional services revenue generated from arrangements that are invoiced in accordance with the terms and conditions of the arrangement but do not meet all the criteria for revenue recognition and are, therefore, deferred until all revenue recognition criteria are met.

### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment consists of office equipment, furniture and fixtures, software and leasehold improvements, all of which are recorded at cost. Depreciation and amortization are provided using the straight-line method over the lesser of the estimated useful lives of the related assets or term of the related leases. Useful lives and lease terms range from three to seven years. Depreciation and amortization expense related to property and equipment was \$0.3 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

### **Long-Lived Assets**

Intangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable and an impairment loss is recognized when it is probable that the estimated cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset.

During fiscal 2015, as a result of an interim impairment test of goodwill and long-lived assets (see Note 2), the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$4.9 million for the intellectual property acquired from Panopticon and \$5.4 million for the customer lists acquired from Panopticon.

### **Long-Lived Assets: Acquired Intellectual Property**

Acquired intellectual property consists of software source code acquired in the Panopticon Software, AB (Panopticon) transaction (see Note 3) as well as source code acquired in prior years. The acquired intellectual property assets are being amortized to cost of software licenses using the straight-line method over the estimated life of the asset, ranging from five to seven and a half years.

Acquired intellectual property, net, were comprised of the following at September 30, 2015 and 2014:

<b>September 30, 2015</b>					
<b>Identified Intangible Asset</b>	<b>Weighted Average Useful Life (In years)</b>	<b>Initial Gross Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Impairment Charge</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net Carrying Amount</b>
Panopticon intellectual property	5	\$ 7,900	\$ (4,895)	\$ (1,599)	\$ 1,406
Monarch intellectual property	7.5	8,616	-	(6,041)	2,575
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 16,516</b>	<b>\$ (4,895)</b>	<b>\$ (7,640)</b>	<b>\$ 3,981</b>

<b>September 30, 2014</b>					
<b>Identified Intangible Asset</b>	<b>Weighted Average Useful Life (In years)</b>	<b>Initial Gross Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Impairment Charge</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net Carrying Amount</b>
Panopticon intellectual property	5	\$ 7,900	\$ -	\$ (1,142)	\$ 6,758
Monarch intellectual property	7.5	8,616	-	(4,317)	4,299
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 16,516</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (5,459)</b>	<b>\$ 11,057</b>

Amortization expense related to the acquired intellectual property assets for the years ended 2015, 2014 and 2013, was \$2.2 million, \$2.8 million and \$1.8 million, respectively.

The estimated future amortization expense related to the acquired intellectual property is as follows (in thousands):

**Fiscal Years Ending September 30,**

2016	\$	1,983
2017		1,112
2018		260
2019		259
2020		259
Thereafter		108
Total estimated future amortization expense	<u>\$</u>	<u>3,981</u>

***Long-Lived Assets: Other Intangible Assets***

Other intangible assets consist of internally developed software, trade names, patents and customer lists acquired through business combinations. Other intangible assets also include loan acquisition costs. The values allocated to these intangible assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the related asset.

Other intangible assets, net, were comprised of the following at September 30, 2015 and 2014:

<b>September 30, 2015</b>					
<b>Identified Intangible Asset</b>	<b>Weighted Average Useful Life (In years)</b>	<b>Initial Gross Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Impairment Charge</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net Carrying Amount</b>
Patents	20	\$ 160	\$ -	\$ (88)	\$ 72
Customer lists	14	8,990	(5,416)	(2,396)	1,178
Trade names	3	120	-	(100)	20
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$ 9,270</u>	<u>\$ (5,416)</u>	<u>\$ (2,584)</u>	<u>\$ 1,270</u>

<b>September 30, 2014</b>					
<b>Identified Intangible Asset</b>	<b>Weighted Average Useful Life (In years)</b>	<b>Initial Gross Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Impairment Charge</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net Carrying Amount</b>
Patents	20	\$ 160	\$ -	\$ (81)	\$ 79
Customer lists	14	8,990	-	(2,047)	6,943
Trade names	3	120	-	(52)	68
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$ 9,270</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,180)</u>	<u>\$ 7,090</u>

There was no amortization related to other intangible asset charged to cost of software licenses expense for fiscal 2015. Amortization expense related to other intangible asset charged to cost of software licenses totaled \$0.6 million and \$0.1 million for fiscal 2014 and 2013, respectively. Amortization expense related to other intangible asset charged to sales and marketing totaled \$0.3 million, \$0.6 million and \$0.2 million for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Amortization expense related to other intangible asset charged to general and administrative expense totaled \$48,000 for each of the two fiscal years 2015 and 2014 and totaled \$4,000 for the fiscal year 2013. There was no amortization related to other intangible asset charged to interest expense for fiscal 2015. Amortization expense related to other intangible asset charged to interest expense totaled \$0.1 million and \$33,000 for fiscal 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The estimated future amortization expense related to amortizing other intangible assets is as follows (in thousands):

**Fiscal Years Ending September 30,**

2016	\$	209
2017		92
2018		92
2019		92
2020		92
Thereafter		693
Total estimated future amortization expense	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,270</u>

***Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Assets***

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of identifiable net assets of acquired businesses. Indefinite-lived intangibles are intangible assets whose useful lives are indefinite in that their lives extend beyond the foreseeable horizon – that is there is no foreseeable limit on the period of time over which they are expected to contribute to the cash flows of the reporting entity. The Company accounts for these items in accordance with FASB's ASC 350 *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other*. This requires that goodwill and intangible assets having indefinite lives are not amortized but instead are reviewed annually, or more frequently as a result of an event or change in circumstances, for possible impairment with impaired assets written down to fair value. Goodwill and assembled workforce are considered indefinite-lived intangibles. During fiscal 2015, the Company identified several events, that when combined, were determined to require an interim impairment test. As a result, the Company recognized a non-cash, pre-tax impairment charge of \$21.7 million for the impairment of goodwill (see Note 2). The Company conducts its annual impairment test for goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets during the fourth quarter of each fiscal year. In 2015, the Company conducted its annual goodwill impairment test on July 31, 2015, noting no additional impairment to the amounts previously recorded earlier in fiscal 2015.

***Fair Value Measurements***

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable. The estimated fair values have been determined through information obtained from market sources and management estimates. The estimated fair value of certain financial instruments including cash equivalents, accounts receivable and account payable, approximate the carrying value due to their short-term maturity.

The fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities are measured using inputs from the three levels of fair value hierarchy which are as follows:

- Level 1 — Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 — Inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities; and
- Level 3 — Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The Company classified its cash equivalents, which primarily include money market mutual funds, of \$25.7 million and \$38.9 million as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

As of September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company's assets that are measured on a recurring basis include the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2015			September 30, 2014		
	Fair Value Measurement			Fair Value Measurement		
	Using Input Types			Using Input Types		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Assets:</b>						
Money market funds	\$ -	\$ 25,724	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,863	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ 25,724	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,863	\$ -

Non-financial assets such as goodwill and long-lived assets are also subject to non-recurring fair value measurements if they are deemed to be impaired. The impairment models used for nonfinancial assets depend on the type of asset and are accounted for in accordance with FASB's guidance on fair value measurement. The fair value measurements for these non-financial assets were calculated using a discounted cash flow approach, which includes unobservable inputs classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy. See Note 2 for additional discussion regarding the fair value methods used for these assets. The amount and timing of future cash flows was based on the Company's most recent operational forecasts. The Company uses the assistance of an independent consulting firm to develop valuation assumptions. See Note 2 for additional discussion regarding the impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets.

As of September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company's assets that are measured on a non-recurring basis include the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2015			September 30, 2014		
	Fair Value Measurement			Fair Value Measurement		
	Using Input Types			Using Input Types		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Assets:</b>						
Acquired intellectual property, net	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,981	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,057
Other intangible assets, net	-	-	1,270	-	-	7,090
Goodwill and indefinite-lived assets	-	-	6,685	-	-	28,383
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,936	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,530

## ***Income Taxes***

The provision for income taxes is based on the earnings or losses reported in the consolidated financial statements. The Company recognizes deferred tax liabilities and assets for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in the Company's financial statements or tax returns. Deferred tax liabilities and assets are determined based on the difference between the financial statement carrying amounts and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect in the years in which the differences are expected to reverse. The Company provides a valuation allowance against deferred tax assets if it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

The Company follows the accounting guidance for uncertain tax positions. This guidance clarifies the accounting for income taxes by prescribing the minimum threshold a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements. It also provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition.

## ***Net (Loss) Income Per Share***

Basic net (loss) income per common share is computed by dividing net (loss) income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period.

The following table details the derivation of weighted-average shares outstanding used in the calculation of basic and diluted net loss for each period (in thousands, except share data):

	Years Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
Net loss	\$ (49,787)	\$ (22,383)	\$ (4,197)
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding	11,368	9,998	6,634
Net loss per share	<u>\$ (4.38)</u>	<u>\$ (2.24)</u>	<u>\$ (0.63)</u>

As the Company was in a net loss position in fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, all common stock equivalents in the respective periods were anti-dilutive. As a result of being anti-dilutive, 259,424 shares, 11,059 shares and 524,289 shares for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively, were excluded in the calculation above.

## ***Foreign Currency Translations and Transactions***

The Company's foreign subsidiaries functional currency is their local currency. As a result, assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars at rates in effect at each balance sheet date. Revenues, expenses and cash flows are translated into U.S. dollars at average rates prevailing during the respective period. The related translation adjustments are reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity under the heading "Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss." Included in comprehensive loss are the foreign currency translation adjustments. Foreign currency translation losses arising during fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$0.4 million, \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million, respectively.

Gains and losses resulting from transactions that are denominated in currencies other than the applicable unit's functional currency are included in the operating results of the Company and were losses of \$0.1 million for both years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 and was a loss of \$41,000 for the year ended September 30, 2013.

### ***Advertising and Promotional Materials***

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and amounted to \$0.1 million, \$0.8 million and \$0.3 million in fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### ***Share-Based Compensation***

The Company recognizes the fair value of share-based awards over the requisite service period of the individual awards, which generally equals the vesting period. All of the Company's share-based awards are accounted for as equity instruments and there have been no liability awards granted. See additional share-based compensation disclosure in Note 9.

### ***Segment Information and Revenue by Geographic Location***

The Company has determined that it has only one reportable segment. The Company's chief operating decision maker, its Chief Executive Officer, does not manage any part of the Company separately, and the allocation of resources and assessment of performance is based solely on the Company's consolidated operations and operating results. See Note 12 for information about the Company's revenue by geographic operations.

### ***Guarantees and Indemnifications***

The Company's software products are sold under warranty against certain defects in material and workmanship for a period of 30 days from the date of purchase. The Company has never incurred significant expense under its product or service warranties and does not expect to do so in the future. As a result, the Company believes its exposure related to these warranty agreements is minimal. Accordingly, there are no liabilities recorded for warranty claims as of September 30, 2015 or 2014.

The Company enters into indemnification agreements in the ordinary course of business. Pursuant to these agreements, the Company agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and to reimburse the indemnified party for losses suffered or incurred by the indemnified party, generally its customers, in connection with any patent, copyright or other intellectual property infringement claim by any third party with respect to the Company's products. The term of these indemnification agreements is generally perpetual. The maximum potential amount of future payments the Company could be required to make under these indemnification agreements is unlimited. The Company has never incurred costs to defend lawsuits or settle claims related to these indemnification agreements. As a result, the Company believes its exposure related to these agreements is minimal. Accordingly, the Company has no liabilities recorded for these potential obligations as of September 30, 2015 or 2014.

Certain of the Company's agreements also provide for the performance of services at customer sites. These agreements may contain indemnification clauses, whereby the Company will indemnify the customer from any and all damages, losses, judgments, costs and expenses for acts of its employees or subcontractors resulting in bodily injury or property damage. The maximum potential amount of future payments the Company could be required to make under these indemnification agreements is unlimited; however, the Company has general and umbrella insurance policies that would enable it to recover a portion of any amounts paid. The Company has never incurred costs to defend lawsuits or settle claims related to these indemnification agreements. As a result, the Company believes its exposure related to these agreements is minimal. Accordingly, the Company has no liabilities recorded for these potential obligations as of September 30, 2015 or 2014.

As permitted under Delaware law, the Company has agreements with its directors whereby the Company will indemnify them for certain events or occurrences while the director is, or was, serving at the Company's request in such capacity. The term of the director indemnification period is for the later of ten years after the date that the director ceases to serve in such capacity or the final termination of proceedings against the director as outlined in the indemnification agreement. The maximum potential amount of future payments the Company could be required to make under these indemnification agreements is unlimited; however, the Company's director and officer insurance policy limits the Company's exposure and would enable it to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. As a result of its insurance policy coverage for directors, the Company believes its exposure related to these indemnification agreements is minimal. The Company has no liabilities recorded for these potential obligations as September 30, 2015 or 2014.

### ***Research and Development Costs***

Research and development costs are expensed as incurred to the extent the costs do not meet the capitalization requirements.

### ***Reclassifications***

Certain amounts in the prior period consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the reported net loss.

### ***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606). The ASU is the result of a joint project by the FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) to clarify the principles for recognizing revenue and to develop a common revenue standard for GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) that would: remove inconsistencies and weaknesses, provide a more robust framework for addressing revenue issues, improve comparability of revenue recognition practices across entities, jurisdictions, industries, and capital markets, improve disclosure requirements and resulting financial statements, and simplify the presentation of financial statements. The core principle of the new guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The ASU was initially to be effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. On July 9, 2015, the FASB voted to delay the effective date of the new revenue standard by one year, but to permit entities to choose to adopt the standard as of the original effective date. We are currently evaluating the effect that the updated standard will have on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

The Company has considered all other recently issued accounting pronouncements and does not believe the adoption of such pronouncements will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

## **NOTE 2. IMPAIRMENT OF GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of identifiable net assets of acquired businesses. Indefinite-lived intangibles are intangible assets whose useful lives are indefinite in that their lives extend beyond the foreseeable horizon – that is there is no foreseeable limit on the period of time over which they are expected to contribute to the cash flows of the reporting entity. The Company accounts for these items in accordance with ASC 350 *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other*, which requires that impairment testing for goodwill is performed at least annually at the reporting unit level. A reporting unit is an operating segment or one level below an operating segment (also known as a component). The Company has determined that it is comprised of only one reporting unit. We perform our annual impairment test as of July 31st. Goodwill is also tested for impairment between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. Examples of these events or circumstances include:

- A significant adverse long term outlook;
- Unanticipated competition or the introduction of a disruptive technology;
- Failure of an anticipated product or product line;
- The testing for recoverability under ASC 360-10 *Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets* of a significant asset group;
- A loss of key personnel; and
- An expectation that a significant portion of the Company will be sold or otherwise disposed of.

The impairment test for goodwill uses a two-step approach. Step one compares the fair value of the reporting unit to its carrying value including goodwill. If the carrying value exceeds the fair value, there is a potential impairment and step two must be performed. Step two compares the carrying value of the reporting unit's goodwill to its implied value (i.e., the fair value of the reporting unit less the fair value of the unit's assets and liabilities, including identifiable intangible assets). If the carrying value of goodwill exceeds its implied value, the excess is recorded as an impairment.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2015, the Company identified several events, that when combined, were determined to require an interim impairment test. These events consisted of a material decrease in revenue compared to prior year and compared to the prior quarter which resulted in a decision to pre-release earnings information; necessary operational changes within the Sales Organization which drove a shift in our sales approach, and a sustained decrease in share price.

Under Step 1 of the impairment test the Company determined fair value based on discounted cash flows using an income approach with the multi-period excess earnings method which estimates the fair value of the asset by discounting the future projected excess earnings associated with the asset to present value as of the valuation date. Based on the analysis, it was determined that the carrying value of the Company including goodwill exceeded the fair value, requiring us to perform Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test to measure the amount of impairment loss, if any.

The Company then performed Step 2 of the impairment test, noting fair value of the long-lived assets (other than goodwill) of \$3.0 million, was less than the carrying amount of those assets and, as a result, recorded a non-cash, pre-tax impairment charge of \$10.3 million during the first fiscal quarter of 2015. The Company then determined the implied value of goodwill was \$6.7 million, which was less than its carrying value and, as a result, the Company recognized a non-cash, pre-tax charge of \$21.7 million during the first quarter. These impairment charges are included under the caption "Impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets" in our consolidated statements of operations.

The valuation methods utilized to value the long-lived assets and the goodwill discussed above are based on the amount and timing of expected future cash flows and growth rates and include a determination of an appropriate discount rate. The cash flows utilized in the discounted cash flow analyses were based on financial forecasts developed internally by management. Estimating future cash flows requires significant judgment and projections may vary from the cash flows eventually realized. Determining the fair value using a discounted cash flow method requires significant estimates and assumptions, including market conditions, discount rates, and long-term projections of cash flows. The Company's estimates are based upon historical experience, current market trends, projected future volumes and other information. The Company believes that the estimates and assumptions underlying the valuation methodology are reasonable; however, different estimates and assumptions could result in a different estimate of fair value. In estimating future cash flows, the Company relies on internally generated projections for a defined time period for revenue and operating profits, including capital expenditures, changes in net working capital, and adjustments for non-cash items to arrive at the free cash flow available to invested capital. Where applicable, a terminal value utilizing a constant growth rate of cash flows is used to calculate a terminal value after the explicit projection period. The future projected cash flows for the discrete projection period and the terminal value are discounted at a risk adjusted discount rate to determine the fair value of the reporting unit.

The measurement period adjustments to goodwill for the Panopticon Software AB and Panopticon Software, Inc. acquisitions (see Note 3) resulted from additional information obtained during the measurement period which ended August 28, 2014. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2014, the Company completed its pre-acquisition tax returns for Panopticon Software AB and Panopticon Software, Inc. Upon completion of these filings, the Company was able to finalize its assessment of acquired deferred tax assets and recorded a decrease of \$0.4 million to goodwill offset by an increase in the tax assets. The net increase in tax assets includes an increase of \$0.4 million related to the deferred tax asset for net operating losses of Panopticon Software AB and a decrease of \$18,000 related to the pre-acquisition income tax payable of Panopticon Software, Inc. Accordingly, the Company retrospectively adjusted its balance sheet as of September 30, 2014 to reflect these measurement period adjustments.

The following table presents the changes in the carrying amount of our goodwill as of September 30, 2015 (in thousands):

Balance at September 30, 2013	\$	28,772
Measurement period adjustment		(389)
Balance at September 30, 2014		28,383
Goodwill impairment		(21,698)
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$	<u>6,685</u>

### NOTE 3. ACQUISITION

The Company acquired all of the outstanding shares of Panopticon Software, AB and subsidiaries (“Panopticon”), a privately held Swedish company specializing in the delivery of real-time visual data discovery solutions, under a stock purchase agreement dated June 14, 2013, which closed on August 28, 2013. As a result of this transaction, the Company acquired technologies to enable it to expand its product platform and increase its addressable market. The Company accounted for this acquisition in accordance with ASC 805 *Business Combinations*. The purchase consideration included \$0.2 million in seller financing pertaining to the Company’s direct acquisition of Panopticon’s U.S. subsidiary, Panopticon Software, Inc. and 2,083,710 Datawatch common shares. Also, the Company issued 86,231 restricted stock units to certain Panopticon employees, which were fully vested as of February 28, 2014. Total fair value of the consideration of common stock issued was \$42.6 million (\$23.12 per share) at closing. The Company has allocated the cost to acquire Panopticon to its identifiable tangible and intangible assets and liabilities, with the remaining amount classified as goodwill.

The table below summarizes the estimated fair value of net assets acquired and net liabilities acquired in the Panopticon transaction and reflects adjustments made in the period after the acquisition date to the amounts initially recorded in 2013 (the “measurement period adjustments”).

	<u>Amount</u>
Current assets	\$ 1,318
Property, plant and equipment	2
Other intangible assets	15,220
Goodwill	28,383
Obligations under deferred revenue	(189)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(756)
Deferred income taxes	(1,159)
Fair value of net assets acquired	\$ 42,819
Less:	
Common stock issued	\$ (42,644)
Seller financing	(175)
Cash and cash equivalents acquired	(383)
Net cash provided by acquisition	<u>\$ 383</u>

Fair value of intangible assets was determined using a combination of the income approach and the cost approach and relief from royalty method. As the acquisition was a stock acquisition, the goodwill recognized will not be deductible for tax purposes. In addition, the Company incurred \$1.0 million of acquisition related costs in fiscal 2013 and these costs are included in general and administrative expense in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

Management is responsible for the valuation of net assets acquired and considered a number of factors, including valuations and appraisals, when estimating the fair values and estimated useful lives of acquired assets and liabilities.

The intangible assets, excluding goodwill and assembled workforce, are being amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated lives as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Estimated Lives</b>
Customer Relationships	\$ 7,200	15.0 years
Developed Technology	7,900	7.5 years
Trade Name	120	2.5 years
Total intangible assets	<u>\$ 15,220</u>	

The following unaudited pro forma financial information reflects the combined results of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, assuming that Panopticon was acquired at the beginning of the fiscal period. This information does not necessarily reflect the results of operations that would have occurred had the acquisitions taken place at the beginning of the period, and is not necessarily indicative of the results which may be obtained in the future (in thousands, except per share data):

	<b>September 30, 2013</b>
Total revenue	\$ 33,271
Net loss	\$ (6,542)
Net loss per share	
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.79)
Number of weighted-average shares	
Basic and diluted	<u>8,322</u>

#### NOTE 4. ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accrued expenses consisted of the following at September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Royalties and commissions	\$ 999	\$ 1,158
Payroll and related expenses	693	747
Professional fees and consulting	368	551
Other	596	428
Total	<u>\$ 2,656</u>	<u>\$ 2,884</u>

## NOTE 5. FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

### *Revolving Line of Credit and Term Note*

In connection with the acquisition of intellectual property underlying its Datawatch Monarch and Datawatch Server products, on March 30, 2012, the Company entered into a \$2.0 million revolving credit facility with Silicon Valley Bank (“SVB”), pursuant to a Loan and Security Agreement with SVB. On March 30, 2012, the Company borrowed \$1.5 million under this revolving credit facility. The revolving line of credit under the SVB facility terminated on March 29, 2014. On that date, the principal amount of all advances then outstanding under the revolving line and all unpaid interest thereon were due and payable. As of September 30, 2014, the Company had paid down all amounts owed under the revolving credit facility and the facility and the SVB agreement had been terminated.

In connection with the first amendment to the MCRC agreement (discussed in the following section under the caption “Subordinated Note and Warrants”), on August 15, 2013, the Company entered into an amendment to the SVB agreement which provided for an advance (“Term Loan Advance”) of \$2.0 million which was used to reduce the outstanding obligations to MCRC. After repayment, the Term Loan Advance cannot be re-borrowed. As of September 30, 2014, the Company had paid down all amounts owed under the term loan advance and the SVB agreement had been terminated.

### *Subordinated Note and Warrants*

Also in connection with the intellectual property acquisition on March 30, 2012, the Company entered into a Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement with Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (“MCRC”), the terms of which included a \$4.0 million subordinated note and warrants for 185,000 shares of the Company’s common stock. The subordinated note issued to MCRC had a maturity date of February 28, 2019, with interest due monthly on the unpaid principal amount of the note at the rate of 10% per annum in arrears. The subordinated note also contained interest rate premiums on any optional redemption of principal payments during the first three years of the note agreement. Additionally, beginning on March 31, 2014 and on the last day of each month thereafter until the maturity date, the Company would have made principal payments of \$0.1 million per month.

On August 15, 2013, the Company entered into the first amendment to the MCRC agreement which provided for a one-time redemption of \$2.0 million in principal amount, together with interest, at a rate of 10% per annum, due on the amount redeemed through the date of redemption, and a premium equal to 3% of the principal amount. On August 15, 2013, the Company exercised its one-time redemption right and made a payment of \$2.0 million to pay down the principal, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$23,000 and premium in the amount of \$0.1 million. This amendment was accounted for as a modification per ASC 470-50, *Debt Modifications and Extinguishment*, therefore the third party direct costs incurred in completing the modification were expensed. As of September 30, 2014, the Company had paid down all amounts owed under the subordinated note and the note and the MCRC agreement had been terminated except with respect to the outstanding warrants.

The warrants issued to MCRC are exercisable at any time prior to February 28, 2019 at an exercise price per share of \$11.54, which is equal to the average closing price of the Company’s common stock for the 45 trading days prior to the issuance of the warrants on March 30, 2012. The number of shares issuable upon exercise of the warrants is subject to adjustment in connection with stock splits and other events impacting the Company’s common stock generally, however, the warrants do not provide the holder with any anti-dilution or price protection. The Company has reviewed the warrant terms and has concluded that pursuant to ASC 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity*, the warrants should be classified as equity.

The Company accounted for the borrowing under the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement in accordance with the guidance prescribed in ASC 470-20, *Accounting for Convertible Debt and Debt Issued with Stock Purchase Warrants*. In accordance with ASC 470-20, the relative fair value of the stock purchase warrants is considered an Original Issue Discount (“OID”) which is required to be amortized over the life of the note as interest expense with a corresponding credit to notes payable. The relative fair value of the warrants on March 30, 2012, as determined under the ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, was \$1.1 million which is included in additional paid-in capital in the Company’s accompanying consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

During the year ended September 30, 2014, as a result of paying off the subordinated note, the Company recorded a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$0.8 million which represented the unamortized debt discount on the subordinated note and was recorded as other expense within the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

Interest expense related to the warrants during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 was \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively.

## NOTE 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

### *Leases*

The Company leases various facilities and equipment in the U.S. and overseas under non-cancelable operating leases which expire at various dates through 2022. The lease agreements generally provide for the payment of minimum annual rentals, pro-rata share of taxes and maintenance expenses. Rental expense for all operating leases was \$1.0 million for both fiscal years 2015 and 2014, and rental expense for all operating leases was \$0.5 million for the year ended September 30, 2013. Certain of the Company's facility leases include options to renew.

As of September 30, 2015, future minimum rental commitments under non-cancelable operating leases are as follows (in thousands):

<b><u>Years Ending September 30,</u></b>		
2016	\$	630
2017		628
2018		615
2019		615
2020		576
Thereafter		1,214
Total future minimum lease payments	\$	<u>4,278</u>

### *Royalties*

Royalty expense included in cost of software licenses was \$0.6 million, \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Minimum royalty obligations were insignificant for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013.

### *Contingencies*

From time to time, the Company is subject to claims and may be party to actions that arise in the normal course of business. The Company is not party to any litigation that management believes will have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

## NOTE 7. RESTRUCTURING CHARGES

During fiscal 2015, the Company initiated restructuring plans to (i) lower expense structure by reducing the investment in legacy solutions and the realignment of international operations, primarily impacting engineering and product development, and (ii) to further reduce the workforce across all functional areas of the Company in an effort to rebalance investments to match the go-to-market model. The planned actions began during the first fiscal quarter and continued during the second fiscal quarter when the remaining employees impacted by the plans were notified. The Company completed all restructuring actions associated with this plan during fiscal year 2015, and recorded restructuring charges of \$1.8 million during the year ended September 30, 2015 related to workforce reductions including severance and related benefit costs. No additional amounts are expected to be incurred in future periods.

The following table presents the changes in the accrual for restructuring charges, which is included under the caption “Accrued expenses” in our consolidated balance sheets, as of September 30, 2015 (in thousands):

Balance at September 30, 2014	\$	-
Restructuring charges		1,786
Payments		(1,555)
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$	<u>231</u>

The following table presents restructuring charges included in our consolidated statements of operations (in thousands):

		<b>Year Ended September 30, 2015</b>
Cost of maintenance and services	\$	401
Sales and marketing		804
Engineering and product development		345
General and administrative		236
	\$	<u>1,786</u>

#### NOTE 8. INCOME TAXES

Loss from operations before income taxes consists of the following for the years ended September 30:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Domestic	\$ (45,812)	\$ (17,533)	\$ (2,139)
Foreign	<u>(6,699)</u>	<u>(5,369)</u>	<u>(2,146)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (52,511)</u>	<u>\$ (22,902)</u>	<u>\$ (4,285)</u>

The benefit for income taxes consisted of the following for the years ended September 30:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	(In thousands)		
<b>Current:</b>			
Federal	\$ (53)	\$ (8)	\$ (4)
State	(4)	12	(1)
	<u>(57)</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>(5)</u>
<b>Deferred:</b>			
Federal	5,975	(4,890)	(1,070)
State	853	(882)	(293)
Foreign	(3,221)	176	(83)
Change in valuation allowance	(6,274)	5,073	1,363
	<u>(2,667)</u>	<u>(523)</u>	<u>(83)</u>
<b>Total benefit</b>	<u>\$ (2,724)</u>	<u>\$ (519)</u>	<u>\$ (88)</u>

At September 30, 2015, the Company had U.S. federal tax loss carryforwards of \$41.5 million, expiring at various dates through 2035, including approximately \$0.2 million resulting from the an acquisition during 2004 which are subject to additional annual limitations as a result of the changes in ownership, and had approximately \$26.2 million in state tax loss carryforwards, which also expire at various dates through 2035. Included in the Federal and state net operating loss carryforwards are approximately \$8.2 million of tax deductions from share based compensation, which will be recorded as additional paid-in capital when realized. These loss carryforwards are available to reduce future federal, state and foreign taxable income but are subject to review and possible adjustment by the appropriate taxing authorities. The loss carryforwards, which may be utilized in any future period, may be subject to limitations based upon changes in the ownership of the Company's stock. Federal research and development credits of approximately \$0.7 million expire beginning in 2021. State research and development credits of approximately \$0.4 million expire at various years through 2029. In addition, the Company has the following net operating loss carryforwards: U.K. losses of approximately \$7.0 million with no expiration date, Australia losses of approximately \$3.2 million with no expiration date, Germany losses of approximately \$2.2 million with no expiration date, Singapore losses of approximately \$3.0 million with no expiration date, and Sweden losses of approximately \$9.6 million with no expiration date.

The components of the Company's net deferred tax assets are as follows at September 30:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	(In thousands)	
<b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>		
Prepaid expenses	\$ (271)	\$ (234)
Acquired intangibles	(688)	(3,108)
	<u>(959)</u>	<u>(3,342)</u>
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>		
Net operating loss carryforwards	19,044	13,063
Research and development credits	955	1,099
Alternative minimum tax credits	7	7
Accounts and notes receivable reserves	52	40
Depreciation and amortization	2,538	2,178
Other	265	221
	<u>22,861</u>	<u>16,608</u>
<b>Total</b>	21,902	13,266
<b>Valuation allowance</b>	<u>(20,337)</u>	<u>(14,064)</u>
<b>Deferred tax asset (liability), net</b>	<u>\$ 1,565</u>	<u>\$ (798)</u>

With the exception of Sweden, the valuation allowance relates to the Company's U.S. and foreign net operating losses and other deferred tax assets and is recorded based upon the uncertainty surrounding their realizability, as these assets can only be realized via profitable operations in the respective tax jurisdictions. The Company records a deferred tax asset or liability based on the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities, as measured by enacted tax rates assumed to be in effect when these differences reverse. In evaluating the Company's ability to recover its deferred tax assets, the Company considers all available positive and negative evidence including its past operating results, the existence of cumulative income in the most recent fiscal years, changes in the business in which the Company operates and its forecast of future taxable income. In determining future taxable income, the Company is responsible for assumptions utilized including the amount of federal, state and international pre-tax operating income, the reversal of temporary differences and the implementation of feasible and prudent tax planning strategies.

These assumptions require significant judgment about the forecasts of future taxable income and are consistent with the plans and estimates that the Company is using to manage the underlying business. Due to its history of losses over the past several years, the Company determined that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will not be realized in all of its jurisdictions with the exception of Sweden and a full valuation allowance has been recorded in the U.S., U.K., Australia, Germany, and Singapore.

The following table reconciles the Company's tax provision based on its effective tax rate to its tax provision based on the federal statutory rate of 34% for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (in thousands):

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Provision at federal statutory rate	\$ (17,853)	\$ (7,757)	\$ (1,457)
State, net of federal impact	(579)	(474)	(303)
Foreign income taxes	555	(642)	(268)
Valuation allowance increase	6,164	5,073	1,363
Return to provision adjustments	621	48	3
Foreign rate change	-	394	39
Stock-based compensation	946	1,103	316
NOL adjustment due to subsidiary liquidation	-	1,345	-
Acquisition costs	-	59	339
Change in uncertain tax positions	(67)	(386)	7
IRS Audit Adjustments	-	535	-
Goodwill and Intangible Asset Impairment	7,377	-	-
Other	112	183	(127)
<b>Benefit for income taxes</b>	<b>\$ (2,724)</b>	<b>\$ (519)</b>	<b>\$ (88)</b>

### ***Deferred Taxes***

The Company's deferred tax assets include net operating loss carry forwards and tax credits that expire at different times through 2035 or have an unlimited carry forward. Significant judgment is required in determining the Company's provision for income taxes, the carrying value of deferred tax assets and liabilities and the valuation allowance recorded against net deferred tax assets. Factors such as future reversals of deferred tax assets and liabilities, projected future taxable income, changes in enacted tax rates and the period over which the Company's deferred tax assets will be recoverable are considered in making these determinations. With the exception of Sweden, management does not believe the deferred tax assets are more likely than not to be realized and a full valuation allowance has been provided against the deferred tax assets in the U.S, U.K., Australia, Germany, and Singapore at September 30, 2015. The Company's Swedish subsidiary has recorded a \$1.6 million deferred tax asset as of September 30, 2015.

### ***Provision for Uncertain Tax Positions***

The Company applies the accounting requirements for uncertain tax positions which provide a comprehensive model for the financial statement recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in income tax returns.

In accordance with these requirements, the Company first determines whether a tax authority would “more likely than not” sustain its tax position if it were to audit the position with full knowledge of all the relevant facts and other information. For those tax positions that meet this threshold, the Company measures the amount of tax benefit based on the largest amount of tax benefit that the Company has a greater than 50% chance of realizing in a final settlement with the relevant authority. Those tax positions failing to qualify for initial recognition are recognized in the first interim period in which they meet the more likely than not standard, or are resolved through negotiation or litigation with the taxing authority, or upon expiration of the statute of limitations.

At September 30, 2015, the Company had a cumulative tax liability of \$0.3 million related to Federal, state, and foreign tax exposure that could result in cash payments. The Company decreased the tax liability by \$0.1 million during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. The decrease related to the statute of limitations expiring on U.S. and foreign uncertain tax positions. The Company does not expect its tax liability to change significantly during the next twelve months. The Company’s policy is to recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions as a component of income tax expense in its consolidated statements of operations. To date, the Company has accrued \$17,000 for interest and penalties associated with this liability.

The Company’s unrecognized tax benefits (before consideration of any valuation allowance) represent differences between tax positions taken by the Company in its various consolidated and separate worldwide tax returns and the benefits recognized and measured for uncertain tax positions. This amount also represents the amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would favorably affect the effective income tax rate in any future periods. The change in the unrecognized tax benefits during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 was as follows (in thousands):

Balance at September 30, 2013	\$	998
Reductions for prior year tax positions		(678)
Balance at September 30, 2014		320
Additions/Reductions for prior year tax positions		(68)
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$	<u>252</u>

In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to examination by taxing authorities throughout the world, including such jurisdictions as the United Kingdom, Germany, Singapore, Australia and the United States, and as a result, files numerous consolidated and separate income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state and foreign jurisdictions. The fiscal years ended September 30, 2012 through September 30, 2014 are generally still open to examination in the jurisdictions listed above. The Company was under audit by the Internal Revenue Service for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011. The audit was completed during the fourth quarter ended September 30, 2014 and resulted in the reduction of \$0.5 million related to research credits, AMT credits, and NOL carryforwards which had a full valuation. The Company did not have to make any cash payments as a result of this audit.

## NOTE 9. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company provides its employees, officers, consultants and directors with stock options, restricted stock units and other stock rights for common stock of the Company on a discretionary basis. All option and restricted stock unit grants are subject to the terms and conditions determined by the Compensation and Stock Committee of the Board of Directors, and generally vest over a three-year period beginning three months from the date of grant and expire either seven or ten years from the date of grant depending on the plan. Generally, options and other stock rights are granted at exercise prices not less than the fair market value at the date of grant. Share-based compensation expense for all share-based payment awards is measured based on the grant-date fair value of the award.

On January 20, 2006, the Company established the Datawatch Corporation 2006 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (the “2006 Plan”) which provides for the granting of both incentive stock options and non-qualified options, the award of Company common stock and opportunities to make direct purchases of Company common stock (collectively, “Stock Rights”), as determined by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors. Options pursuant to this plan were available to be granted through April 26, 2011 and vest as specified by the committee.

On April 26, 2011, the Company established the Datawatch Corporation 2011 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (the “2011 Plan”) which provides for the granting of both incentive stock options and non-qualified options, the award of restricted stock, restricted stock units, and any other equity-based interests (collectively, “Stock Rights”), as determined by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors. Options pursuant to this plan may be granted through April 25, 2021 and shall vest as specified by the committee.

The Company recognizes share-based compensation expense in accordance with U.S. GAAP which requires that all share-based awards, including grants of employee stock options, be recognized in the financial statements based on their fair value. The Company recognizes the fair value of share-based awards over the requisite service period of the individual awards, which generally equals the vesting period. All of the Company’s stock compensation awards are accounted for as equity instruments and there have been no liability awards granted.

The following table presents share-based compensation expenses included in our audited condensed consolidated statements of operations (in thousands):

	Years Ended		
	September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
	(In thousands)		
Cost of maintenance and services	\$ 63	\$ 143	\$ 17
Sales and marketing	3,110	5,243	2,206
Engineering and product development	417	1,585	442
General and administrative	1,143	1,475	658
	<u>\$ 4,733</u>	<u>\$ 8,446</u>	<u>\$ 3,323</u>

### *Stock Option Plans*

The Company estimates the fair value of each share-based award (except restricted stock units, which are discussed below) using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The Black-Scholes option valuation model incorporates assumptions as to stock price volatility, the expected life of options, a risk-free interest rate and dividend yield. The Company recognizes share-based compensation expense related to stock options on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of the award. All of the Company’s stock compensation awards are accounted for as equity instruments and there have been no liability awards granted. No options were granted under the stock option plans for the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was \$0.1 million, \$0.7 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. Total cash received from option exercises during the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 was \$0.1 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. There was no tax benefit realized from stock option exercised during the year ended September 30, 2015. The tax benefit realized from stock options exercised during the year ended September 30, 2014 was \$24,000. As of September 30, 2015, there was \$0.1 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock option arrangements, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 0.56 years. Many of the assumptions used in the determination of share-based compensation expense are judgmental and highly volatile.

The expected option life is based on historical trends and data. With regard to the expected option life assumption, the Company considers the exercise behavior of past grants and models the pattern of aggregate exercises. Patterns are determined on specific criteria of the aggregate pool of optionees including the reaction to vesting, realizable value and short-time-to-maturity effect. The Company determined the volatility for options granted using the historical volatility of the Company's common stock. The risk-free interest rate is based on a treasury instrument whose term is consistent with the expected life of the stock options. Dividend yield of zero is based on the fact that the Company has never paid cash dividends and has no present intention to pay cash dividends. Based on the Company's historical voluntary turnover rates, an annualized estimated forfeiture rate of 10% has been used in calculating the estimated cost. Additional expense will be recorded if the actual forfeiture rate is lower than estimated, and a recovery of prior expense will be recorded if the actual forfeiture rate is higher than estimated.

On April 22, 2014, the stockholders of the Company approved the adoption of the Company's Second Amended and Restated 2011 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (the "Amended 2011 Plan"), which amends the previous Amended and Restated 2011 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan to increase the shares authorized for issuance under such plan by 700,000 shares to 2,275,392 shares. At September 30, 2015, 483,172 shares were available for future issuance under the 2011 Plan.

The following table is a summary of combined activity for all of the Company's stock option plans:

	Number of Options	Weighted- Average Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted- Average Remaining Life (In years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (In thousands)
Outstanding, September 30, 2012	355,334	\$ 3.71	3.94	\$ 5,883
Granted	75,000	12.92	6.56	1,124
Canceled/Forfeited	(125)	2.79	0.05	3
Exercised	(67,000)	2.93	-	1,039
Outstanding, September 30, 2013	363,209	\$ 5.76	4.33	\$ 8,042
Granted	-	-	-	-
Canceled/Forfeited	-	-	-	-
Exercised	(42,709)	4.18	-	719
Outstanding, September 30, 2014	320,500	\$ 5.97	3.74	\$ 1,572
Granted	-	-	-	-
Canceled/Forfeited	-	-	-	-
Exercised	(18,000)	2.91	0.89	71
Outstanding, September 30, 2015	<u>302,500</u>	<u>\$ 6.15</u>	<u>2.86</u>	<u>\$ 446</u>
Exercisable, September 30, 2015	<u>283,741</u>	<u>\$ 5.70</u>	<u>2.75</u>	<u>\$ 446</u>
Unvested awards expected to vest, September 30, 2015	<u>16,883</u>	<u>\$ 12.92</u>	<u>4.56</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The following table presents weighted-average price and life information regarding options outstanding and exercisable at September 30, 2015:

Outstanding				Exercisable			
Exercise Prices	Number of Shares	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price		
\$3.46	150,000	2.37	\$ 3.46	150,000	\$ 3.46		
\$3.61	15,000	0.44	3.61	15,000	3.61		
\$4.97	50,000	2.57	4.97	50,000	4.97		
\$5.62	12,500	2.70	5.62	12,500	5.62		
\$12.92	75,000	4.56	12.92	56,241	12.92		
	<u>302,500</u>	<u>2.86</u>	<u>\$ 6.15</u>	<u>283,741</u>	<u>\$ 5.70</u>		

### Restricted Stock Units

The Company periodically grants awards of restricted stock units (“RSUs”) to each of its non-employee directors and some of its management team and employees on a discretionary basis pursuant to its stock compensation plans. Each RSU entitles the holder to receive, at the end of each vesting period, a specified number of shares of the Company’s common stock. The total number of RSUs unvested at September 30, 2015 was 655,798. Most RSUs vest at the rate of 33.33% on each of the first through third anniversaries of the grant date. Included in the total number of RSUs unvested at September 30, 2015 are certain RSUs that are subject to a further vesting condition that the Company’s common stock must trade at a price greater than the following market prices per share on a national securities exchange for a period of twenty consecutive days on or prior to certain anniversaries of the grant date as follows:

	Number of Unvested RSUs
\$17.50 per share prior to five years of the grant date	* 30,000
\$17.50 per share prior to three years of the grant date	* 29,668
\$20.00 per share prior to four years of the grant date	* 833
\$22.50 per share prior to three years of the grant date	* 33,334
\$22.50 per share prior to two and one-half years of the grant date	* 14,336
No further trading vesting condition	547,627
Unvested RSUs, December 31, 2015	<u>655,798</u>

The Company’s common stock has satisfied the per share market price vesting conditions for the grants denoted with an asterisk above totaling 108,171 RSUs. For such RSUs, the Company performed fair value analysis using the Monte Carlo option-pricing model. The fair value related to the RSUs was calculated based primarily on the average stock price of the Company’s common stock on the date of the grant and is being amortized evenly on a pro-rata basis over the vesting period to sales and marketing, engineering and product development, professional services and general and administrative expense. The fair values of the RSUs granted in fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$2.0 million (or \$7.59 weighted-average fair value per share), \$6.0 million (or \$19.98 weighted-average fair value per share) and \$14.6 million (or \$18.40 weighted-average fair value per share), respectively. The Company recorded compensation expense related to RSUs of \$4.5 million, \$8.2 million and \$3.1 million during the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. These amounts are included in the total share-based compensation expense disclosed above. As of September 30, 2015, there was \$5.5 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to RSUs, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.7 years.

The following table presents nonvested RSU information for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	<b>Number of RSUs Outstanding</b>
Nonvested, September 30, 2012	464,584
Granted	793,732
Canceled/Forfeited	(16,003)
Vested	(185,617)
Nonvested, September 30, 2013	1,056,696
Granted	300,500
Canceled/Forfeited	(97,835)
Vested	(433,116)
Nonvested, September 30, 2014	826,245
Granted	444,068
Canceled/Forfeited	(281,516)
Vested	(332,999)
Nonvested, September 30, 2015	655,798

**Note 10. RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

The Company has a 401(k) retirement savings plan covering substantially all of the Company's full-time domestic employees. Under the provisions of the plan, employees may contribute a portion of their compensation within certain limitations. The Company, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, may make contributions on behalf of its employees under this plan. Such contributions, if any, become fully vested after five years of continuous service. The Company did not make any contributions to the 401(k) retirement savings plan in fiscal 2015, 2014 or 2013.

**Note 11. ISSUANCE OF COMMON STOCK**

On February 19, 2014, the Company completed a public offering of 2,018,250 shares of common stock at a price to the public of \$28.50 per share. The number of shares the Company sold included the underwriters' full exercise of their over-allotment option of 263,250 shares. Net proceeds to the Company from the offering, after underwriting discounts and expenses, were \$53.6 million.

**Note 12. SEGMENT INFORMATION AND REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION**

The Company has determined that it has only one reportable segment. The Company's chief operating decision maker, its Chief Executive Officer, does not manage any part of the Company separately, and the allocation of resources and assessment of performance is based solely on the Company's consolidated operations and operating results.

The Company conducts operations in the U.S. and internationally. The following table presents information about the Company's geographic operations (in thousands):

	<u>Domestic</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>			
Year ended September 30, 2015	\$ 23,793	\$ 6,428	\$ 30,221
Year ended September 30, 2014	\$ 29,071	\$ 6,016	\$ 35,087
Year ended September 30, 2013	\$ 26,249	\$ 4,047	\$ 30,296
<b>Total Operating Loss</b>			
Year ended September 30, 2015	\$ (45,816)	\$ (6,626)	\$ (52,442)
Year ended September 30, 2014	\$ (15,407)	\$ (6,258)	\$ (21,665)
Year ended September 30, 2013	\$ (1,471)	\$ (2,346)	\$ (3,817)
<b>Total Long-Lived Assets</b>			
At September 30, 2015	\$ 14,515	\$ 160	\$ 14,675
At September 30, 2014	\$ 47,135	\$ 137	\$ 47,272

**Note 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Company has evaluated all events and transactions that occurred after the balance sheet date and through the date that the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued noting none that require recognition or disclosure.

**Note 14. QUARTERLY RESULTS (UNAUDITED)**

Supplementary Information:

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)			
<b>Year Ended September 30, 2015:</b>				
Software license revenue	\$ 3,175	\$ 3,911	\$ 4,117	\$ 4,101
Maintenance revenue	3,409	3,296	3,311	3,513
Professional services revenue	377	255	348	408
Cost of software licenses	861	721	697	723
Cost of maintenance and services	892	1,084	557	589
Expenses	44,661	11,423	10,705	9,750
Loss from operations	(39,453)	(5,766)	(4,183)	(3,040)
Net loss	(36,876)	(5,809)	(4,123)	(2,979)
Net loss per share – basic	\$ (3.31)	\$ (0.51)	\$ (0.36)	\$ (0.26)
Net loss per share – diluted	\$ (3.31)	\$ (0.51)	\$ (0.36)	\$ (0.26)
<b>Year Ended September 30, 2014:</b>				
Software license revenue	\$ 5,433	\$ 4,375	\$ 5,580	\$ 5,239
Maintenance revenue	2,993	3,127	3,236	3,489
Professional services revenue	383	498	412	322
Cost of software licenses	990	1,024	999	1,000
Cost of maintenance and services	849	634	979	889
Expenses	12,427	12,233	12,368	12,360
Loss from operations	(5,457)	(5,891)	(5,118)	(5,199)
Net loss	(5,614)	(6,737)	(5,157)	(4,875)
Net loss per share – basic	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.70)	\$ (0.48)	\$ (0.44)
Net loss per share – diluted	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.70)	\$ (0.48)	\$ (0.44)
<b>Year Ended September 30, 2013:</b>				
Software license revenue	\$ 4,330	\$ 4,297	\$ 5,007	\$ 5,796
Maintenance revenue	2,333	2,300	2,409	2,658
Professional services revenue	158	234	411	363
Cost of software licenses	521	531	549	904
Cost of maintenance and services	530	565	602	743
Expenses	5,820	6,213	7,196	9,939
Loss from operations	(50)	(478)	(520)	(2,769)
Net loss	(222)	(626)	(666)	(2,683)
Net loss per share – basic	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.40)
Net loss per share – diluted	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.40)

**Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Not Applicable.

**Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES***(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

The Company evaluated the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), as of the end of the period covered by this Form 10-K. The principal executive officer and principal financial officer participated in this evaluation. Based upon that evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

*(b) Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Our internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and directors, and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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

Our management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2015. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in the 2013 *Internal Control—Integrated Framework*. Based on our assessment, management concluded that, as of September 30, 2015, our internal control over financial reporting was effective based on those criteria.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2015 has been audited by RSM US LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is included herein.

*(c) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

As a result of the evaluation completed by management, and in which the principal executive officer and principal financial officer participated, we have concluded that there were no changes during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 in our internal control over financial reporting, which have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

### **PART III**

#### **Item 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

The information set forth under the captions “Election of Directors” and “Information Concerning Executive Officers” appearing in the Company’s definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The information set forth under the captions “Compensation of Directors” and “Executive Compensation” appearing in the Company’s definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The information set forth under the caption “Equity Incentive Plan Information” in Item 5 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and under the caption “Principal Holders of Voting Securities” appearing in the Company’s definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

The information set forth under the caption “Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions” appearing in the Company’s definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES**

The information set forth under the caption “Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms and Fees” appearing in the Company’s definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 is incorporated herein by reference.

## PART IV

### **Item 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K**

The following documents are filed as part of this report:

#### **(a) 1. Consolidated Financial Statements**

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms  
Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2015 and 2014  
Consolidated Statements of Operations for the Years Ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013  
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss for the Years Ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013  
Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for the Years Ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013  
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Years Ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013  
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### **2. Financial Statement Schedules**

All schedules are omitted as the required information is not applicable or is included in the financial statements or related notes.

#### **3. List of Exhibits**

Ex. No.	Description
(1) 3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (Exhibit 3.2)
(5) 3.2	Certificate of Amendment of Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (Exhibit 3.2)
(15) 3.3	Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Registrant (Exhibit 3.1)
(1) 4.1	Specimen certificate representing the Common Stock (Exhibit 4.4)
(8) 10.1*	Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement of the Registrant (Exhibit 10.2)
(8) 10.2*	Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement of the Registrant (Exhibit 10.3)
(2) 10.3*	1996 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan, as amended on December 10, 1996 (Exhibit 10.30)
(2) 10.4*	1996 International Employee Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan (Exhibit 10.31)
(7) 10.5*	1996 Stock Plan as amended as of March 7, 2003 (Exhibit 10.1)
(3) 10.6	Indemnification Agreement between Datawatch Corporation and Richard de J. Osborne, dated January 12, 2001 (Exhibit 10.2)
(4) 10.7	Form of Indemnification Agreement between Datawatch Corporation and each of its Non-Employee Directors (Exhibit 10.1)
(4) 10.8*	Advisory Agreement, dated April 5, 2001, by and between Datawatch Corporation and Richard de J. Osborne (Exhibit 10.2)
(9) 10.9*	2006 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan
(10) 10.10*	Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement for Directors under the 2006 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10.26)
(10) 10.11*	Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement for Officers under the 2006 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10.27)
(10) 10.12*	Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement for Officers under the 2006 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10.28)
(11) 10.13*	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for Directors under the 2006 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10.1)

- (12) 10.14\* Executive Agreement dated March 4, 2011 by and between Michael A. Morrison and Datawatch Corporation (Exhibit 10.1)
- (13) 10.15\* Second Amended and Restated 2011 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan
- (14) 10.16\* Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for Directors and Executives under the 2011 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10.29)
- (14) 10.17\* Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for Employees under the 2011 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10.30)
- (14) 10.18\* Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement under the 2011 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10.31)
- (14) 10.19\* Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the 2011 Equity Compensation and Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10.32)
- (14) 10.20 Sublease, dated June 17, 2011, between Zoll Medical Corporation and Datawatch Corporation (Exhibit 10.33)
- (14) 10.21\* Executive Agreement dated April 23, 2014 by and between James Eliason and Datawatch Corporation (Exhibit 10.1)
- (16) 10.22\* Executive Agreement dated October 1, 2013 by and between Ben F. Plummer and Datawatch Corporation (Exhibit 10.27)
- (16) 10.23\* Executive Agreement dated October 14, 2014 by and between Sanjay Mistry and Datawatch Corporation (Exhibit 10.28)
- (17) 10.24\* Executive Agreement dated August 4, 2014 by and between John Judge and Datawatch Corporation (Exhibit 10.29)
- 21.1 Subsidiaries of the Registrant (filed herewith)
- 23.1 Consent of RSM US LLP (filed herewith)
- 23.2 Consent of Marcum LLP (filed herewith)
- 31.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (filed herewith)
- 31.2 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (filed herewith)
- 32.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (furnished herewith)
- 32.2 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (furnished herewith)
- 101 The following materials from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2015 formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL).

\* Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or contract.

Note: The number given in parenthesis next to each item listed above indicates the corresponding exhibit in each filing listed below.

- (1) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registration Statement 33-46290 on Form S-1 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1996 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (3) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 2, 2001 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (4) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2001 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (5) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2001 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (6) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (7) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (8) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 2, 2004 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (9) Previously filed as Appendix A to Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement dated January 30, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.

- (10) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (11) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 2, 2007 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (12) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 10, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (13) Previously filed as Appendix A to Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A dated January 28, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (14) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 25, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (15) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 28, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (16) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (17) Previously filed as an exhibit to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference.

**(b) Exhibits**

The Company hereby files as exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 10-K those exhibits listed in Item 15(a)3 above.

**(c) Financial Statement Schedules**

Not applicable.

## SIGNATURES

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

Datawatch Corporation

Date: November 13, 2015

By: /s/ Michael A. Morrison  
Michael A. Morrison  
President, Chief Executive Officer  
and Director

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

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
<u>/s/ Michael A. Morrison</u> Michael A. Morrison	Principal Executive Officer and Director	November 13, 2015
<u>/s/ James L. Eliason</u> James L. Eliason	Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer	November 13, 2015
<u>/s/ Richard de J. Osborne</u> Richard de J. Osborne	Chairman of the Board	November 13, 2015
<u>/s/ David C. Mahoney</u> David C. Mahoney	Vice Chairman of the Board	November 13, 2015
<u>/s/ Christopher T. Cox</u> Christopher T. Cox	Director	November 13, 2015
<u>/s/ Thomas H. Kelly</u> Thomas H. Kelly	Director	November 13, 2015
<u>/s/ Joan McArdle</u> Joan McArdle	Director	November 13, 2015
<u>/s/ Terry W. Potter</u> Terry W. Potter	Director	November 13, 2015

**SUBSIDIARIES OF THE REGISTRANT**

<b>SUBSIDIARY</b>	<b>PLACE OF INCORPORATION</b>	<b>D/B/A NAME</b>
Datawatch International Limited	England and Wales	Datawatch International Limited
Datawatch Pty Ltd.*	Australia	Datawatch Pty Ltd.
Datawatch GmbH*	Germany	Datawatch GmbH
Datawatch Analytics (Singapore) Pte Ltd. *	Singapore	Datawatch Analytics (Singapore) Pte Ltd.
Panopticon Software AB	Sweden	Panopticon Software AB
Panopticon Development AB **	Sweden	Panopticon Development AB

\* All of the shares of capital stock of Datawatch Pty Ltd., Datawatch Europe Limited, Datawatch GmbH and Datawatch Analytics (Singapore) Pte Ltd. are owned by Datawatch International Limited.

\*\* All of the shares of capital stock of Panopticon Development AB are owned by Panopticon Software AB.

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Nos. 333-180934, 333-134015, 333-134291, 333-104011, 333-84312, 333-57244, 333-34312, and 333-39627 and 333-195839) of Datawatch Corporation of our report dated November 13, 2015, relating to our audits of the consolidated financial statements and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, which appear in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Datawatch Corporation for the year ending September 30, 2015.

/s/ RSM US LLP

RSM US LLP  
Boston, Massachusetts  
November 13, 2015

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**CONSENT OF MARCUM LLP, INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements of Datawatch Corporation on Forms S-3 (No. 333-191425 and 333-193909) and S-8 (Nos. 333-180934, 333-134291, 333-134015, 333-104011, 333-84312, 333-57244, 333-34312, 333-39627 and 333-195839) of our report dated December 17, 2013, with respect to our audit of the consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive loss, shareholders' equity and cash flows of Datawatch Corporation and subsidiaries for the year ended September 30, 2013, which report is included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Datawatch Corporation for the year ended September 30, 2015.

Our report on the consolidated financial statements refers to a change in the method of accounting related to adoption of Financial Standards Board issued ASU No. 2011-05 *Comprehensive Income* (Topic 220), effective October 1, 2012.

/s/ Marcum LLP

Marcum LLP  
Boston, Massachusetts  
November 13, 2015

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CERTIFICATIONS

I, Michael A. Morrison, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Datawatch Corporation;
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(s) 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)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and 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) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) 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
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) 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: November 13, 2015

/s/ Michael A. Morrison

Michael A. Morrison

President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

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CERTIFICATIONS

I, James L. Eliason, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Datawatch Corporation;
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(s) 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)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and 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) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) 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
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) 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: November 13, 2015

/s/ James L. Eliason

James L. Eliason

Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Vice President of Finance

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EXHIBIT 32.1

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 Quarterly Report of Datawatch Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ending September 30, 2015 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Michael A. Morrison, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ss. 1350, as adopted pursuant to ss. 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; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 13, 2015

/s/ Michael A. Morrison

Michael A. Morrison

Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT 32.2

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 Quarterly Report of Datawatch Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ended September 30, 2015 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, James L. Eliason, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ss. 1350, as adopted pursuant to ss. 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; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 13, 2015

/s/ James L. Eliason

James L. Eliason

Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Vice President of Finance

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