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Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016

or

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 1-12793

StarTek, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

|  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Delaware   | 84-1370538                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (I.R.S. employer Identification No.) |

|  |            |
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| 8200 E. Maplewood Ave., Suite 100        |            |
| Greenwood Village, Colorado              | 80111      |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip code) |

(303) 262-4500  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No   
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

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(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No   
As of October 27, 2016, there were 15,746,782 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

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## NOTE ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including the following:

- certain statements, including possible or assumed future results of operations, in “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations”;
- any statements regarding the prospects for our business or any of our services;
- any statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words “may,” “will,” “should,” “seeks,” “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “continue,” “estimate,” “plans,” “future,” “targets,” “predicts,” “budgeted,” “projections,” “outlooks,” “scheduled,” or similar expressions; and
- other statements regarding matters that are not historical facts.

Our business and results of operations are subject to risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our ability to control or predict. Because of these risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements, and investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements, which speak only as of the date thereof. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations and may adversely affect our business and results of operations, include, but are not limited to, those items described herein or set forth in Item 1A. “Risk Factors” appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2016. Unless otherwise noted in this report, any description of “us,” “we,” or “our,” refers to StarTek, Inc. (“STARTEK”) and its subsidiaries.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STARTEK, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(In thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

|  | Three Months<br>Ended September<br>30, |            | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |             |
|--|--|------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
|  | 2016                                   | 2015       | 2016                               | 2015        |
| Revenue  | \$78,305                               | \$72,756   | \$230,073                          | \$199,874   |
| Cost of services                                     | 67,958                                 | 69,597     | 204,327                            | 185,284     |
| Gross profit   | 10,347                                 | 3,159      | 25,746                             | 14,590      |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses         | 8,767                                  | 9,335      | 24,668                             | 25,981      |
| Impairment losses and restructuring charges, net     | 187                                    | 889        | 356                                | 3,231       |
| Operating profit (loss)                              | 1,393                                  | (7,065 )   | 722                                | (14,622 )   |
| Interest and other (expense), net                    | (374 )                                 | (421 )     | (1,185 )                           | (758 )      |
| Income (loss) before income taxes                    | 1,019                                  | (7,486 )   | (463 )                             | (15,380 )   |
| Income tax expense                                   | 163                                    | 219        | 334                                | 569         |
| Net income (loss)                                    | \$856                                  | \$(7,705 ) | \$(797 )                           | \$(15,949 ) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:       |  | 1          | 156                                |             |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments             | 45                                     | 47         | 152                                | 58          |
| Change in fair value of derivative instruments       | (46 )                                  | (682 )     | 240                                | 78          |
| Comprehensive income (loss)                          | \$855                                  | \$(8,340 ) | \$(405 )                           | \$(15,813 ) |
| Net income (loss) per common share - basic           | \$0.05                                 | \$(0.49 )  | \$(0.05 )                          | \$(1.03 )   |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic   | 15,735                                 | 15,569     | 15,718                             | 15,504      |
| Net income (loss) per common share - diluted         | 0.05                                   | (0.49 )    | (0.05 )                            | (1.03 )     |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted | 16,250                                 | 15,569     | 15,718                             | 15,504      |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

STARTEK, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(In thousands, except share data)  
(Unaudited)

|  | September<br>30,<br>2016 | December<br>31,<br>2015 |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                          |                         |
| Current assets:  |                          |                         |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 791                   | \$2,626                 |
| Trade accounts receivable, net   | 54,918                   | 57,940                  |
| Prepaid expenses   | 1,730                    | 2,019                   |
| Other current assets   | 885                      | 1,433                   |
| Total current assets   | \$ 58,324                | \$64,018                |
| Property, plant and equipment, net   | 22,187                   | 30,364                  |
| Deferred income tax assets   | 415                      | 479                     |
| Intangible assets, net   | 6,982                    | 7,847                   |
| Goodwill   | 9,077                    | 9,148                   |
| Other long-term assets   | 2,320                    | 2,948                   |
| Total assets   | \$ 99,305                | \$ 114,804              |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>  |                          |                         |
| Current liabilities:   |                          |                         |
| Accounts payable   | \$ 7,204                 | \$9,232                 |
| Accrued liabilities:   |                          |                         |
| Accrued employee compensation and benefits   | 12,527                   | 12,956                  |
| Other accrued liabilities  | 1,733                    | 2,451                   |
| Line of credit   | 22,184                   | 32,214                  |
| Derivative liability   | 159                      | 524                     |
| Other current debt   | 3,321                    | 3,497                   |
| Other current liabilities  | 1,314                    | 1,560                   |
| Total current liabilities  | \$ 48,442                | \$62,434                |
| Deferred rent  | 1,303                    | 1,629                   |
| Deferred income tax liabilities  | 408                      | 393                     |
| Other debt   | 6,195                    | 8,189                   |
| Other liabilities  | —                        | 234                     |
| Total liabilities  | \$ 56,348                | \$72,879                |
| Commitments and contingencies  |                          |                         |
| Stockholders' equity:  |                          |                         |
| Common stock, 32,000,000 non-convertible shares, \$0.01 par value, authorized; 15,746,782 and 15,699,398 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively | \$ 157                   | \$ 157                  |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 79,876                   | 78,439                  |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)  | 41                       | (351 )                  |
| Accumulated deficit  | (37,117 )                | (36,320 )               |
| Total stockholders' equity   | \$ 42,957                | \$41,925                |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity   | \$ 99,305                | \$ 114,804              |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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STARTEK, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

|   | Nine Months<br>Ended September<br>30, |            |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------|
|   | 2016                                  | 2015       |
| <b>Operating Activities</b>   |                                       |            |
| Net loss  | \$(797 )                              | \$(15,949) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: |                                       |            |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 9,382                                 | 9,803      |
| Impairment losses   | 174                                   | —          |
| Provision for doubtful accounts   | 555                                   | —          |
| Gain on sale of assets  | (19 )                                 | (509 )     |
| Share-based compensation expense  | 1,279                                 | 1,376      |
| Amortization of deferred gain on sale leaseback transaction                               | —                                     | (168 )     |
| Deferred income taxes   | 103                                   | 132        |
| Income tax benefit related to other comprehensive income                                  | (233 )                                | —          |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:  |                                       |            |
| Trade accounts receivable   | 2,482                                 | 3,778      |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets   | 2,105                                 | (1,245 )   |
| Accounts payable  | (1,663 )                              | (5,076 )   |
| Accrued and other liabilities   | (1,872 )                              | 4,488      |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities                                       | 11,496                                | (3,370 )   |
| <b>Investing Activities</b>   |                                       |            |
| Proceeds from sale of assets  | 24                                    | 982        |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment  | (938 )                                | (6,500 )   |
| Cash paid for acquisition of businesses   | (617 )                                | (18,909 )  |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | (1,531 )                              | (24,427 )  |
| <b>Financing Activities</b>   |                                       |            |
| Proceeds from the issuance of common stock  | 159                                   | 698        |
| Proceeds from line of credit  | 224,650                               | 237,840    |
| Principal payments on line of credit  | (234,680)                             | (214,096)  |
| Principal payments on other debt  | (2,150 )                              | (1,479 )   |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities                                       | (12,021)                              | 22,963     |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash   | 221                                   | 342        |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents   | (1,835 )                              | (4,492 )   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period  | \$2,626                               | \$5,306    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period  | \$791                                 | \$814      |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.





STARTEK, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

(In thousands, except share and per share data)  
(Unaudited)

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information and instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. These financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring entries, except as noted) which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for fair presentation. Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 are not necessarily indicative of operating results that may be expected during any other interim period of 2016 or the year ending December 31, 2016.

The consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2015, included herein was derived from the audited financial statements as of that date, but does not include all disclosures including notes required by GAAP. As such, the information included in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Unless otherwise noted in this report, any description of "us," "we," or "our," refers to StarTek, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Financial information in this report is presented in U.S. dollars.

Reclassification

Certain amounts for 2015 have been reclassified in the consolidated balance sheets to conform to the 2016 presentation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts included in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically, and the effects of revisions are reflected in the period they are determined to be necessary.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In October 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-16, Income Taxes (Topic 740) ("ASU 2016-16"), Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets Other Than Inventory. The purpose of ASU 2016-16 is to simplify the income tax accounting of an intra-entity transfer of an asset other than inventory and to record its effect when the transfer occurs. The guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim reporting periods within those annual reporting periods and early adoption is permitted. We are currently assessing the potential impact of the adoption of ASU 2016-16 on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-13, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326) ("ASU 2016-13"), Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments. The standard significantly changes how entities will measure credit losses for most financial assets and certain other instruments that aren't

measured at fair value through net income. The standard will replace today's "incurred loss" approach with an "expected loss" model for instruments measured at amortized cost. For available-for-sale debt securities, entities will be required to record allowances rather than reduce the carrying amount, as they do today under the other-than-temporary impairment model. It also simplifies the accounting model for purchased credit-impaired debt securities and loans. This ASU is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods therein. Early adoption is permitted for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods therein. We are currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of ASU 2016-13 will have on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In March 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-09, Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718) ("ASU 2016-09"), Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting. The amendments in ASU 2016-09 address multiple aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liability,

and classification on the statements of cash flows. This ASU is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted in any interim or annual period. An entity that elects early adoption must adopt all of the amendments in the same period, and any adjustments should be reflected as of the beginning of the fiscal year that includes the interim period. We are currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of ASU 2016-09 will have on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In February 2016, FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) ("ASU 2016-02"). These amendments require the recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet by lessees for those leases currently classified as operating leases under ASC 840 "Leases". These amendments also require qualitative disclosures along with specific quantitative disclosures. These amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early application is permitted. Entities are required to apply the amendments at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach. We are currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of ASU 2016-02 will have on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-17, Income Taxes - Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes (Topic 740) ("ASU No. 2015-17"). ASU No. 2015-17 requires deferred tax liabilities and assets to be classified as noncurrent in the consolidated balance sheets and is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. It may be applied either prospectively to all deferred tax liabilities and assets or retrospectively to all periods presented. We early adopted this ASU for the first quarter of 2016, and we applied it retrospectively to 2015 for comparability.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) ("ASU 2014-09"). ASU 2014-09 amends the guidance for revenue recognition to replace numerous, industry-specific requirements and converges areas under this topic with those of the International Financial Reporting Standards. The ASU implements a five-step process for customer contract revenue recognition that focuses on transfer of control, as opposed to transfer of risk and rewards. The amendment also requires enhanced disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenues and cash flows from contracts with customers. Other major provisions include the capitalization and amortization of certain contract costs, ensuring the time value of money is considered in the transaction price, and allowing estimates of variable consideration to be recognized before contingencies are resolved in certain circumstances. The amendments in this ASU are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016; however, in July 2015, the FASB agreed to delay the effective date by one year. The proposed deferral may permit early adoption, but would not allow adoption any earlier than the original effective date of the standard. Entities can transition to the standard either retrospectively or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. We are currently assessing the impact the adoption of ASU 2014-09, including possible transition alternatives, will have on our consolidated financial statements.

## 2. ACQUISITION

On June 1, 2015, we acquired 100% of the membership interests of Accent Marketing Services, L.L.C. ("ACCENT") for \$17,492. During the first quarter of 2016, we finalized the valuation of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of the acquisition date, resulting in an immaterial adjustment to accounts payable and goodwill.

## 3. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

### Goodwill

Total goodwill of \$9,077 is assigned to our Domestic segment. We perform a goodwill impairment analysis at least annually (in the fourth quarter of each year) unless indicators of impairment exist in interim periods. In 2015, we

concluded that goodwill was not impaired. No indicators of impairment exist as of September 30, 2016.

## Intangible Assets

The following table presents our intangible assets as of September 30, 2016:

|                        | Gross<br>Intangibles | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Net<br>Intangibles | Weighted Average Amortization Period (years) |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Developed technology   | \$ 390               | \$ 170                      | \$ 220             | 3.42   |
| Customer relationships | 7,550                | 1,571                       | 5,979              | 4.58   |
| Trade names            | 1,050                | 267                         | 783                | 3.57   |
|                        | \$ 8,990             | \$ 2,008                    | \$ 6,982           | 4.43   |

Expected future amortization of intangible assets as of September 30, 2016 is as follows:

| Year Ending December 31, | Amount |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Remainder of 2016        | \$ 285 |
| 2017                     | 1,140  |
| 2018                     | 1,140  |
| 2019                     | 1,131  |
| 2020                     | 1,128  |
| Thereafter               | 2,158  |

## 4. IMPAIRMENT LOSSES AND RESTRUCTURING CHARGES

## Impairment Losses

During 2015, we pursued opening additional capacity in our Nearshore segment. In the fourth quarter of 2015 we determined that this additional capacity was not necessary and we recognized an impairment loss of \$323 related to certain assets. In September 2016, we impaired the remaining value of the assets when we determined that we would not be able to sell them, resulting in an additional loss of \$174.

## Restructuring Charges

The table below summarizes the balance of accrued restructuring costs, which is included in other accrued liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets, and the changes during the nine months ended September 30, 2016:

|                                  | Facility-Related and<br>Employee-Related Costs |           |        |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------|--------|
|                                  | Domestic                                       | Nearshore | Total  |
| Balance as of December 31, 2015  | \$ 802   | \$ 112    | \$ 914 |
| Reversal                         | (103 )   | —         | (103 ) |
| Payments                         | (655 )   | (69 )     | (724 ) |
| Balance as of September 30, 2016 | \$ 44  | \$ 43     | \$ 87  |

## Domestic Segment

In 2015, we made the decision to close the Kansas City, Missouri site and ACCENT's former headquarters office in Jeffersonville, Indiana. In conjunction with the ACCENT acquisition, we also eliminated a number of positions that were considered redundant. We established restructuring reserves for employee related costs of \$1,289 at the time the decisions were made, and facility related costs of \$272 at the time the facilities were vacated. We expect to pay the remaining costs by the end of 2016.



## Nearshore Segment

During 2015, we pursued opening additional capacity in our nearshore segment. When it became evident that this additional capacity was not necessary, we decided to abandon the plan and establish a restructuring reserve of \$112 for the remaining facility costs. We expect the remaining costs to be paid by the end of 2016.

## 5. NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE

Basic net income (loss) per common share is computed on the basis of our weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is computed on the basis of our weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus the effect of dilutive stock options and non-vested restricted stock using the treasury stock method. Dilutive stock options for the three months ended September 30, 2016 totaled 515,649. Securities totaling 2,686,068 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2,533,403 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, have been excluded from our calculation because their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

## 6. PRINCIPAL CLIENTS

The following table represents revenue concentration of our principal clients:

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, 2016 |            |  | Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 |            |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 |            |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 |            |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------|--|
|  | Revenue                               | Percentage |  | Revenue                               | Percentage |  | Revenue                              | Percentage |  | Revenue                              | Percentage |  |
| T-Mobile USA, Inc.                           | \$20,298                              | 25.9 %     |  | \$16,330                              | 22.4 %     |  | \$53,359                             | 23.2 %     |  | \$51,453                             | 25.7 %     |  |
| Sprint / United Management Co.               | \$11,656                              | 14.9 %     |  | \$10,528                              | 14.5 %     |  | \$33,785                             | 14.7 %     |  | \$13,690                             | 6.8 %      |  |
| AT&T Services, Inc. and AT&T Mobility, LLC   | \$9,194                               | 11.7 %     |  | \$7,422                               | 10.2 %     |  | \$29,416                             | 12.8 %     |  | \$26,232                             | 13.1 %     |  |
| Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC | \$6,549                               | 8.4 %      |  | \$7,590                               | 10.4 %     |  | \$20,790                             | 9.0 %      |  | \$24,399                             | 12.2 %     |  |

We enter into contracts and perform services with our major clients that fall under the scope of master service agreements (MSAs) with statements of work (SOWs) specific to each line of business. These MSAs and SOWs may automatically renew or be extended by mutual agreement and are generally terminable by the customer or us with prior written notice.

Effective July 1, 2011, we entered into a MSA with T-Mobile. It had an initial term of five years and automatically renews for additional one-year periods thereafter. It may be terminated by T-Mobile upon 90 days written notice.

Effective July 1, 2011, ACCENT, a business we acquired in 2015, entered into a MSA with Sprint. It had an initial term of three years and automatically renews for additional one-month periods thereafter. It may be terminated by Sprint upon 30 days written notice.

On August 8, 2016, we entered into a MSA with AT&T Services, Inc. The agreement has a term of three years from the effective date. There are a number of SOWs for several different lines of AT&T business. These SOWs expire prior to 2018.

Effective June 22, 2013, we entered into a MSA with Comcast. The agreement had an initial term of one year and automatically renews for additional one-year periods unless either party gives 90 days written notice of cancellation. The contract was renewed for the year ending June 22, 2017.



To limit credit risk, management performs periodic credit analyses and maintains allowances for uncollectible accounts as deemed necessary. Under certain circumstances, management may require clients to pre-pay for services. As of September 30, 2016, management believes reserves are appropriate and does not believe that any significant credit risk exists.

We have entered into factoring agreements with financial institutions to sell certain of our accounts receivable under non-recourse agreements. These transactions are accounted for as a reduction in accounts receivable because the agreements transfer effective control over and risk related to the receivables to the buyers. We do not service any factored accounts after the factoring has occurred. We utilize factoring arrangements as part of our financing for working capital. The aggregate gross amount factored under these agreements was \$14,584 and \$6,055 for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015, respectively.

## 7. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

We use derivatives to partially offset our business exposure to foreign currency exchange risk. We enter into foreign currency forward and option contracts to hedge our anticipated operating commitments that are denominated in foreign currencies. The contracts cover periods commensurate with expected exposure, generally three to twelve months. The market risk exposure is essentially limited to risk related to currency rate movements. We operate in Canada, Jamaica, and the Philippines, where the functional currencies are the Canadian dollar, the Jamaican dollar, and the Philippine peso, respectively, which are used to pay labor and other operating costs in those countries. We provide funds for these operating costs as our client contracts generate revenues, which are paid in U.S. dollars. In Honduras, our functional currency is the U.S. dollar and the majority of our costs are denominated in U.S. dollars. We have elected to designate our derivatives as cash flow hedges in order to associate the results of the hedges with forecasted expenses.

Unrealized gains and losses are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") and will be re-classified to operations as the forecasted expenses are incurred, typically within one year. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, our cash flow hedges were highly effective and hedge ineffectiveness was not material.

The following table shows the notional amount of our foreign exchange cash flow hedging instruments as of September 30, 2016:

|                 | Local<br>Currency<br>Notional<br>Amount | U.S.<br>Dollar<br>Notional<br>Amount |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Canadian Dollar | 2,945                                   | \$ 2,356                             |
| Philippine Peso | 340,000                                 | 7,473                                |
|                 |   | \$ 9,829                             |

Derivative assets and liabilities associated with our hedging activities are measured at gross fair value as described in Note 8, "Fair Value Measurements," and are reflected as separate line items in our consolidated balance sheets.

## 8. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy requires that the Company maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 - Quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets.

Level 2 - Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs that cannot be supported by market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the asset or liability, such as the use of certain pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques that use significant assumptions. These unobservable inputs reflect our own estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

#### Derivative Instruments

The values of our derivative instruments are derived from pricing models using inputs based upon market information, including contractual terms, market prices and yield curves. The inputs to the valuation pricing models are observable in the market, and as such the derivatives are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

The following tables set forth our assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the fair value hierarchy.

|   | As of September 30,<br>2016 |         |         |        |
|---|-----------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
|   | Level 1                     | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total  |
| Liabilities:  |                             |         |         |        |
| Foreign exchange contracts                                    | \$—                         | \$ 159  | \$ —    | —\$159 |
| Total fair value of liabilities measured on a recurring basis | \$—                         | \$ 159  | \$ —    | —\$159 |
|   | As of December 31,<br>2015  |         |         |        |
|   | Level 1                     | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total  |
| Liabilities:  |                             |         |         |        |
| Foreign exchange contracts                                    | \$—                         | \$ 524  | \$ —    | —\$524 |
| Total fair value of liabilities measured on a recurring basis | \$—                         | \$ 524  | \$ —    | —\$524 |

## 9. DEBT

### Secured Revolving Credit Facility

On April 29, 2015, we entered into a secured revolving credit facility ("Credit Agreement") with BMO Harris Bank N.A. ("Administrative Agent" or "Lender"). The Credit Agreement is effective through April 2020 and we may borrow the lesser of the borrowing base calculation or \$50,000. As long as no default has occurred and with the Administrative Agent's consent, we may increase the maximum availability to \$70,000 in \$5,000 increments. We may request letters of credit under the Credit Agreement in an aggregate amount equal to the lesser of the borrowing base calculation (minus outstanding advances) and \$5,000. The borrowing base is generally defined as 85% of our eligible accounts receivable less certain reserves as defined in the Credit Agreement.

Our borrowings bear interest at one-month LIBOR plus 1.75% to 2.50%, depending on current availability. In addition, we will pay a monthly unused fee at a rate per annum of 0.25% on the aggregate unused commitment.

Letter of credit fees are charged at the applicable margin times the daily maximum amount available to be drawn under all letters of credit outstanding. As of September 30, 2016, outstanding letters of credit totaled \$609.

The Credit Agreement contains standard affirmative and negative covenants that may limit or restrict our ability to sell assets, incur additional indebtedness and engage in mergers and acquisitions, and includes the following financial covenants:

- During fiscal year 2016, maintaining certain EBITDA thresholds if a reporting trigger period commences,
- Beginning in 2017, maintaining a minimum consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.10 to 1.00 if a reporting trigger period commences, and
- Limiting non-financed capital expenditures to \$5,000 for fiscal years 2016 and thereafter.

We were in compliance with all such covenants as of September 30, 2016.

As of September 30, 2016, we had \$22,184 of outstanding borrowings and our remaining borrowing capacity was \$26,062.

### Other Debt

From time to time and when management believes it to be advantageous, we may enter into other arrangements to finance the purchase or construction of capital assets. These obligations are included on our consolidated balance sheets in other current debt and other debt, as applicable.

## 10. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

Our share-based compensation arrangements include grants of stock options, restricted stock units and deferred stock units under the StarTek, Inc. 2008 Equity Incentive Plan and our Employee Stock Purchase Plan. The compensation expense that has been charged against income for such awards for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$454 and \$1,279, and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$463 and \$1,376, and is included in selling, general and administrative expenses. As of September 30, 2016, there was \$951 of total unrecognized compensation expense related to nonvested awards, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.90 years.

## 11. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) consisted of the following items:

|                                | Foreign<br>Currency<br>Translation<br>Adjustment | Derivatives<br>Accounted<br>for as Cash<br>Flow<br>Hedges | Total   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---------|
| Balance at December 31, 2015   | \$ 1,533   | \$ (1,884 )   | \$(351) |
| Foreign currency translation   | 242  |   | 242     |
| Reclassification to operations |  | 431   | 431     |
| Unrealized losses              |  | (48 )   | (48 )   |
| Tax benefit                    | (90 )  | (143 )  | (233 )  |
| Balance at September 30, 2016  | \$ 1,685   | \$ (1,644 )   | \$41    |

Reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

| Details about Accumulated Other<br>Comprehensive Loss Components | Amount Reclassified<br>from Accumulated<br>Other Comprehensive<br>Loss |  |         | Affected Line Item in the Consolidated Statements<br>of Operations and Comprehensive Loss |
|--|--|--|---------|---|
|  | Three<br>Months<br>Ended<br>September<br>30,<br>2016                   | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September<br>30,<br>2015 | 2015    |   |
| Losses on cash flow hedges                                       |  |  |         |   |
| Foreign exchange contracts                                       | \$-\$682   | \$416  | \$1,682 | Cost of services  |
| Foreign exchange contracts                                       | —62  | 15   | 143     | Selling, general and administrative expenses  |
| Total reclassifications for the period                           | \$-\$744   | \$431  | \$1,825 |   |

## 12. SEGMENT INFORMATION

We operate our business within three reportable segments based on the geographic regions in which our services are rendered. As of September 30, 2016, our Domestic segment included the operations of thirteen facilities in the U.S. and one facility in Canada. Our Offshore segment included the operations of four facilities in the Philippines and our Nearshore segment included two facilities in Honduras and one facility in Jamaica.

We primarily evaluate segment operating performance in each reporting segment based on revenue and gross profit. Certain operating expenses are not allocated to each reporting segment; therefore, we do not present income statement information by reporting segment below the gross profit level.

Information about our reportable segments for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

|           | For the Three<br>Months Ended<br>September 30,<br>2016 2015 |          |
|-----------|---|----------|
| Revenue:  |   |          |
| Domestic  | \$46,050  | \$44,552 |
| Offshore  | 20,830  | 17,141   |
| Nearshore | 11,425  | 11,063   |
| Total     | \$78,305  | \$72,756 |

|               |          |         |
|---------------|----------|---------|
| Gross profit: |          |         |
| Domestic      | \$2,790  | \$316   |
| Offshore      | 5,101    | 1,236   |
| Nearshore     | 2,456    | 1,607   |
| Total         | \$10,347 | \$3,159 |

|           | For the Nine<br>Months Ended<br>September 30,<br>2016 2015 |           |
|-----------|--|-----------|
| Revenue:  |  |           |
| Domestic  | \$141,537  | \$117,281 |
| Offshore  | 55,475   | 55,599    |
| Nearshore | 33,061   | 26,994    |
| Total     | \$230,073  | \$199,874 |

|               |          |          |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Gross profit: |          |          |
| Domestic      | \$10,858 | \$4,940  |
| Offshore      | 9,935    | 5,569    |
| Nearshore     | 4,953    | 4,081    |
| Total         | \$25,746 | \$14,590 |

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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this report, as well as the financial and other information included in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### BUSINESS DESCRIPTION AND OVERVIEW

STARTEK is a customer engagement business process outsourcing (BPO) services provider, delivering customer care solutions in a different and more meaningful way. We use "engagement" design principles vs. traditional contact center methods, resulting in added value services that create deeper customer relationships through better customer insights and interactions for our clients. Our unique approach to Omni Channel Design and Service, Training Innovation, and Analytics, allows STARTEK to deliver full life-cycle care solutions through our engagement centers around the world. Our employees, whom we call Brand Warriors, are at the forefront of our customer engagement services and



represent our greatest asset. For over 25 years, STARTEK Brand Warriors have been committed to enhancing the customer experience, providing higher value and making a positive impact for our clients' business results.

Our vision is to be the most trusted global service provider to customer-centric companies who are looking for more effective ways to engage their customers on their terms and preferred channels with solutions that are not always available via traditional "contact center" companies.

The STARTEK Advantage System, the sum total of our customer engagement culture, customized solutions and processes, allows us to always remain focused on enhancing our clients' customer experience, increasing customer lifetime value (CLV) and reducing total cost of ownership. STARTEK has proven results for the multiple services we provide, including sales, order management and provisioning, customer care, technical support, receivables management and retention programs. We service client programs using a variety of multi-channel customer interaction capabilities, including voice, chat, email, social media, IVR and back-office support.

We operate our business within three reportable segments based on the geographic regions in which our services are rendered. As of September 30, 2016, our Domestic segment included the operations of thirteen facilities in the U.S. and one facility in Canada. Our Offshore segment included the operations of four facilities in the Philippines, and our Nearshore segment included two facilities in Honduras and one facility in Jamaica.

We seek to become the trusted partner to our clients and provide meaningful, impactful customer engagement business process outsourcing ("BPO") services. Our approach is to develop relationships with our clients that are truly collaborative in nature where we are focused, flexible and proactive to their business needs. The end result is the delivery of the highest quality customer experience to our clients' customers. To achieve sustainable, predictable, profitable growth, our strategy is to:

- grow our existing client base by deepening and broadening our relationships;
- diversify our client base by adding new clients and verticals;
- improve our market position by becoming the leader in customer engagement services;
- improve profitability through operational improvements, increased utilization and higher margin accounts;
- expand our global delivery platform to meet our clients' needs;
- broaden our service offerings through more innovative, technology-enabled and added-value solutions; and
- develop talent and plan for succession.

#### SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

None.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS — THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND 2015

The following table summarizes our revenues and gross profit for the periods indicated by reporting segment:

|                | For the Three Months Ended September 30, |              |           |              |       |   |
|----------------|--|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------|---|
|                | 2016                                     |              | 2015      |              |       |   |
|                | (in 000s)                                | (% of Total) | (in 000s) | (% of Total) |       |   |
| Domestic:      |  |              |           |              |       |   |
| Revenue        | \$46,050                                 | 58.8         | %         | \$44,552     | 61.2  | % |
| Gross profit   | \$2,790                                  | 27.0         | %         | \$316        | 10.0  | % |
| Gross profit % | 6.1                                      | %            |           | 0.7          | %     |   |
| Offshore:      |  |              |           |              |       |   |
| Revenue        | \$20,830                                 | 26.6         | %         | \$17,141     | 23.6  | % |
| Gross profit   | \$5,101                                  | 49.3         | %         | \$1,236      | 39.1  | % |
| Gross profit % | 24.5                                     | %            |           | 7.2          | %     |   |
| Nearshore:     |  |              |           |              |       |   |
| Revenue        | \$11,425                                 | 14.6         | %         | \$11,063     | 15.2  | % |
| Gross profit   | \$2,456                                  | 23.7         | %         | \$1,607      | 50.9  | % |
| Gross profit % | 21.5                                     | %            |           | 14.5         | %     |   |
| Company Total: |  |              |           |              |       |   |
| Revenue        | \$78,305                                 | 100.0        | %         | \$72,756     | 100.0 | % |
| Gross profit   | \$10,347                                 | 100.0        | %         | \$3,159      | 100.0 | % |
| Gross profit % | 13.2                                     | %            |           | 4.3          | %     |   |

## Revenue

Revenue increased by \$5.5 million, from \$72.8 million to \$78.3 million in the third quarter of 2016. This increase was due to \$11.2 million of new business and net growth from existing clients, partially offset by \$5.7 million of lost programs. The Domestic segment increase of \$1.5 million was due to \$5.7 million of new business and net growth from existing clients, partially offset by \$4.2 million of lost programs. Offshore revenues increased by \$3.7 million due to \$4.2 million of new business and net growth from existing clients, partially offset by \$0.5 million of lost programs. The increase in the Nearshore segment of \$0.4 million was due to \$2.1 million of growth from existing and new clients, partially offset by \$1.8 million of lost programs.

## Gross profit

Gross profit as a percentage of revenue increased by 8.9% primarily due to the benefit of ongoing contract optimization efforts and increased capacity utilization. Domestic gross profit as a percentage of revenue increased to 6.1% in 2016 from 0.7% in 2015 primarily due to the aforementioned optimization efforts, increased capacity utilization and lower site overhead costs. The Offshore increase of 17.3% was primarily due to contract optimization, business mix and increased capacity utilization. The Nearshore increase of 7.0% was due to increased capacity utilization and contract optimization.



## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS — NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AND 2015

The following table summarizes our revenues and gross profit for the periods indicated by reporting segment:

|                | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, |              |           |              |       |   |
|----------------|---|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------|---|
|                | 2016                                    |              | 2015      |              |       |   |
|                | (in 000s)                               | (% of Total) | (in 000s) | (% of Total) |       |   |
| Domestic:      |   |              |           |              |       |   |
| Revenue        | \$ 141,537                              | 61.5         | %         | \$ 117,281   | 58.7  | % |
| Gross profit   | \$ 10,858                               | 42.2         | %         | \$ 4,940     | 33.8  | % |
| Gross profit % | 7.7                                     | %            |           | 4.2          | %     |   |
| Offshore:      |   |              |           |              |       |   |
| Revenue        | \$ 55,475                               | 24.1         | %         | \$ 55,599    | 27.8  | % |
| Gross profit   | \$ 9,935                                | 38.6         | %         | \$ 5,569     | 38.2  | % |
| Gross profit % | 17.9                                    | %            |           | 10.0         | %     |   |
| Nearshore:     |   |              |           |              |       |   |
| Revenue        | \$ 33,061                               | 14.4         | %         | \$ 26,994    | 13.5  | % |
| Gross profit   | \$ 4,953                                | 19.2         | %         | \$ 4,081     | 28.0  | % |
| Gross profit % | 15.0                                    | %            |           | 15.1         | %     |   |
| Company Total: |   |              |           |              |       |   |
| Revenue        | \$ 230,073                              | 100.0        | %         | \$ 199,874   | 100.0 | % |
| Gross profit   | \$ 25,746                               | 100.0        | %         | \$ 14,590    | 100.0 | % |
| Gross profit % | 11.2                                    | %            |           | 7.3          | %     |   |

## Revenue

Revenue increased by \$30.2 million, from \$199.9 million to \$230.1 million in the first nine months of 2016. This increase was due to \$28.0 million from the acquisition of ACCENT and \$20.3 million of new business and net growth from existing clients, partially offset by \$18.1 million of lost programs. The Domestic segment increase of \$24.3 million was due to \$24.5 million from the acquisition of ACCENT and \$15.3 million of new business and net growth from existing clients, partially offset by \$15.5 million of lost programs. Offshore revenues declined by \$0.1 million due to \$1.8 million of lost programs, partially offset by \$1.7 million of new business and net growth from existing clients. The increase in the Nearshore segment of \$6.1 million was due to \$3.5 million from the acquisition of ACCENT and \$3.9 million of growth from existing and new clients, partially offset by \$1.3 million of lost programs.

## Gross profit

Gross profit as a percentage of revenue increased by 3.9% primarily due to the benefit of ongoing contract optimization efforts and increased capacity utilization. Domestic gross profit as a percentage of revenue increased to 7.7% in 2016 from 4.2% in 2015 primarily due to the aforementioned optimization efforts, increased capacity utilization and lower site overhead costs. The Offshore increase of 7.9% was primarily due to an increase in capacity utilization.

The following paragraphs discuss other items affecting the results of our operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

## Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by \$0.6 million during the third quarter of 2016 compared to the prior year. Such expenses as a percentage of revenue decreased from 12.8% in 2015 to 11.2% in the third quarter. On a year-to-date basis, such expenses as a percentage of revenue decreased to 10.7% from 13.0% in 2015. The significant decrease is attributable to synergies related to the continued realization of cost reduction initiatives and improved efficiencies from last year's IT platform migration.

### Impairment Losses and Restructuring Charges

During 2015, we pursued opening additional capacity in our Nearshore segment. In the fourth quarter of 2015 we determined that this additional capacity was not necessary and we recognized an impairment loss of \$323 related to certain assets. In September 2016, we impaired the remaining value of the assets when we determined that we would not be able to sell them, resulting in an additional loss of \$174.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, restructuring charges totaled \$16 thousand and \$183 thousand, primarily due to abandonment of the plan to increase capacity in the Nearshore segment. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, restructuring charges totaled \$0.9 million and \$3.2 million, respectively, which primarily consisted of \$1.4 million for outsourcing our data centers and \$0.7 million for acquisition related restructuring.

### Interest and Other Income (Expense), Net

Interest and other income (expense), net for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 of approximately (\$0.4) million and (\$1.2) million, respectively, primarily consists of interest expense associated with our line of credit, capital leases, and notes payable.

Interest and other income (expense), net for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 of approximately (\$0.4) million and (\$0.8) million, respectively, primarily consists of interest expense associated with our line of credit and capital leases, partially offset by a gain on disposal of assets related to relocating a site in the Philippines.

### Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense during the first three quarters of 2016 was \$0.3 million compared to \$0.6 million in the first three quarters of 2015. Income tax expense is primarily related to our foreign operations. We have tax holidays in Honduras and Jamaica, and for certain facilities in the Philippines.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our primary sources of liquidity are cash flows generated by operating activities, available borrowings under our revolving credit facility, and factoring agreements for certain accounts receivable. We have historically utilized these resources to finance our operations and make capital expenditures associated with capacity expansion, upgrades of information technologies and service offerings, and business acquisitions. Due to the timing of our collections of receivables due from our major customers, we have historically needed to draw on the line of credit periodically for ongoing working capital needs. We believe our cash and cash equivalents, cash from operations and available credit will be sufficient to operate our business for the next twelve months.

As of September 30, 2016, working capital totaled \$9.9 million and our current ratio was 1.20:1, compared to working capital of \$1.6 million and a current ratio of 1.03:1 as of December 31, 2015. The increase in working capital in 2016 was primarily driven by an increase in net cash provided by operations.

Net cash flows provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$11.5 million compared to net cash flows used in operating activities of \$3.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, primarily due to increased earnings. Cash flows from operating activities can vary significantly from quarter to quarter depending upon the timing of operating cash receipts and payments, especially accounts receivable and accounts payable.

Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 of \$1.5 million consisted of \$0.9 million for capital expenditures and \$0.6 million paid for acquisitions. This compares to net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 of \$24.4 million, which primarily consisted of capital expenditures of \$6.5 million related to facility expansions and \$18.3 million related to acquisitions.

Net cash used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 of \$12.0 million consisted of \$10.0 million used to pay down our line of credit and \$2.2 million of principal payments on debt. Net cash provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$23.0 million and was primarily due to net advances on our line of credit to fund acquisitions.



### Secured Revolving Credit Facility

For more information, refer to Note 9, "Debt," to our unaudited consolidated financial statements included in Item 1, "Financial Statements."

### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

There were no material changes in our contractual obligations during the third quarter of 2016.

### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We have no material off-balance sheet transactions, unconditional purchase obligations or similar instruments and we are not a guarantor of any other entities' debt or other financial obligations.

### VARIABILITY OF OPERATING RESULTS

We have experienced and expect to continue to experience some quarterly variations in revenue and operating results due to a variety of factors, many of which are outside our control, including: (i) timing and amount of costs incurred to expand capacity in order to provide for volume growth from existing and future clients; (ii) changes in the volume of services provided to principal clients; (iii) expiration or termination of client projects or contracts; (iv) timing of existing and future client product launches or service offerings; (v) seasonal nature of certain clients' businesses; and (vi) variability in demand for our services by our clients depending on demand for their products or services and/or depending on our performance.

### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

In preparing our consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP, management must undertake decisions that impact the reported amounts and related disclosures. Such decisions include the selection of the appropriate accounting principles to be applied and assumptions upon which accounting estimates are based. Management applies its best judgment based on its understanding and analysis of the relevant circumstances to reach these decisions. By their nature, these judgments are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty. Accordingly, actual results may vary significantly from the estimates we have applied.

Our critical accounting policies and estimates are consistent with those disclosed in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Please refer to Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 for a complete description of our critical accounting policies and estimates.

### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

#### Foreign Currency Exchange Risks

Market risk relating to our international operations results primarily from changes in foreign exchange rates. To address this risk, we enter into foreign currency exchange contracts. The contracts cover periods commensurate with expected exposure, generally three to twelve months. The cumulative translation effects for subsidiaries using functional currencies other than the U.S. dollar ("USD") are included in accumulated other comprehensive loss in stockholders' equity. Movements in non-USD currency exchange rates may negatively or positively affect our competitive position, as exchange rate changes may affect business practices and/or pricing strategies of non-U.S. based competitors.

We serve many of our U.S.-based clients in non-U.S. locations, such as Canada and the Philippines. Our client contracts are primarily priced and invoiced in USD; however, the functional currencies of our Canadian and Philippine operations are the Canadian dollar ("CAD") and the Philippine peso ("PHP"), respectively, which creates foreign currency exchange exposure.

In order to hedge our exposure to foreign currency transactions in the CAD and PHP, we had outstanding foreign currency exchange forward and option contracts as of September 30, 2016 with notional amounts totaling \$9.8 million. If the USD were to weaken against the CAD and PHP by 10% from current period-end levels, we would incur a loss of approximately \$0.5 million on the underlying exposures of the derivative instruments.

If we increase our operations in international markets, our exposure to potentially volatile movements in foreign currency exchange rates would also increase. The economic impact of foreign currency exchange rate movements is linked to variability in real growth, inflation, governmental actions and other factors. These changes, if significant, could cause us to adjust our foreign currency risk strategies.

#### Interest Rate Risk

At September 30, 2016, we had a \$50.0 million secured credit facility with BMO Harris Bank. The interest rate on our credit facility is variable based upon the LIBOR index, and, therefore, is affected by changes in market interest rates. If the LIBOR increased 100 basis points, there would not be a material impact to our unaudited consolidated financial statements.

During the three months ended September 30, 2016, there were no material changes in our market risk exposure.

#### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. As of September 30, 2016, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Based on such evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of September 30, 2016, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective and were designed to ensure that all information required to be disclosed by us in our reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC, and accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in internal controls over financial reporting. There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2016, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

##### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes in our risk factors from those disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

## ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

## INDEX OF EXHIBITS

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit Description   | Incorporated Herein by Reference |         |             |
|-------------|---|----------------------------------|---------|-------------|
|             |   | Form                             | Exhibit | Filing Date |
| 2.1         | Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 11, 2015, by and among StarTek, Inc. MDC Corporate (US) Inc. and MDC Acquisition Inc. (excluding schedules and exhibits, which StarTek, Inc. agrees to furnish supplementally to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request).  | 8-K                              | 2.1     | 5/12/2015   |
| 3.1         | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of StarTek, Inc.  | S-1                              | 3.1     | 1/29/1997   |
| 3.2         | Amended and Restated Bylaws of StarTek, Inc.  | 8-K                              | 3.2     | 11/1/2011   |
| 3.3         | Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of StarTek, Inc. filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on May 21, 1999  | 10-K                             | 3.3     | 3/8/2000    |
| 3.4         | Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of StarTek, Inc. filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on May 23, 2000  | 10-Q                             | 3.4     | 8/14/2000   |
| 4.1         | Specimen Common Stock certificate   | 10-Q                             | 4.2     | 11/6/2007   |
| 10.1*&      | Contract Center Master Services Agreement between Startek, Inc and AT&T Services, Inc. effective 8/8/2016   |                                  |         |             |
| 31.1*       | Certification of Chad A. Carlson pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002  |                                  |         |             |
| 31.2*       | Certification of Don Norsworthy pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002   |                                  |         |             |
| 32.1*       | Written Statement of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer furnished pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002  |                                  |         |             |
| 101*        | The following materials are formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 (Unaudited), (ii) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2016 (Unaudited) and December 31, 2015, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 (Unaudited) and (iv) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) |                                  |         |             |

\* Filed with this Form 10-Q.

& Certain portions of this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment and have been filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Form 10-Q to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

STARTEK, INC.

By: /s/ CHAD A. CARLSON

Date: November 8, 2016

Chad A. Carlson

President and Chief Executive Officer

(principal executive officer)

By: /s/ DON NORSWORTHY

Date: November 8, 2016

Don Norsworthy

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

(principal financial and accounting officer)