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    ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from ---- to ----
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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 [X] No []

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Yes [X]

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Large accelerated filer [X]

Non-accelerated filer []

Smaller reporting

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. []

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes [] No [X]

The number of shares of common stock, \$0.10 par value per share, outstanding as of October 29, 2018 was 78,815,696.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements
LIVERAMP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(Dollars in thousands)

(Donaro III tirododira	September 3	30, 2018	March 31, 2018		
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	87,047	\$	140,018	
Trade accounts receivable, net	41,110		52,047		
Refundable income taxes	19,285		9,977		
Other current assets	23,196		20,173		
Assets held for sale	703,004		138,374		
Total current assets	873,642		360,589		
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	28,485		32,340		
Software, net of accumulated amortization	9,513		13,970		
Goodwill	204,869		203,639		
Deferred income taxes	26,312		10,703		
Deferred commissions, net	8,490		_		
Other assets, net	36,481		37,854		
Assets held for sale	_		550,402		
	\$	1,187,792	\$	1,209,497	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Current installments of long-term debt	\$	_	\$	1,583	
Trade accounts payable	15,854		18,759		
Accrued payroll and related expenses	14,329		13,774		
	44,434		39,624		

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Other accrued expenses				
Deferred revenue	2,982		4,506	
Liabilities held for sale	97,163		100,353	
Total current liabilities	174,762		178,599	
Long-term debt	226,307		227,837	
Deferred income taxes	15,952		40,243	
Other liabilities	10,093		10,016	
Other liabilities held for sale	_		3,707	
Commitments and contingencies				
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock	13,836		13,609	
Additional paid-in capital	1,277,614		1,235,679	
Retained earnings	658,666		628,331	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	10,192		10,767	
Treasury stock, at cost	(1,199,630)		(1,139,291)	
Total equity	760,678		749,095	
	\$	1,187,792	\$	1,209,497

LIVERAMP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	For the three months ended September 30,			
	2018		2017	
Revenues	\$	64,812	\$	54,013
Cost of revenue	24,4	166	24,009	
Gross profit	40,3	346	30,004	
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	16,9	940	15,599	
Sales and marketing	35,9	940	25,981	
General and administrative	25,1	176	23,724	
Gains, losses and other items, net	489		2,833	
Total operating expenses	78,5	545	68,137	
Loss from operations	(38,	199)	(38,133)	
Total other income (expense)	(28	1)	263	
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(38,	480)	(37,870)	
Income taxes (benefit)	2,70	00	(11,869)	
Net loss from continuing operations	(41,	180)	(26,001)	
Earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax	61,8	303	22,665	
Net earnings (loss)	\$	20,623	\$	(3,336)

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Basic earnings (loss) per share:				
Continuing operations	\$	(0.53)	\$	(0.33)
Discontinued operations	0.80		0.29	
Net earnings (loss)	\$	0.27	\$	(0.04)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share:				
Continuing operations	\$	(0.53)	\$	(0.33)
Discontinued operations	0.80		0.29	
Net earnings (loss)	\$	0.27	\$	(0.04)

LIVERAMP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	For the six months ended September 30,			
	2018		2017	
Revenues	\$	127,283	\$	100,770
Cost of revenue	48,1	20	48,070	
Gross profit	79,1	63	52,700	
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	33,9	10	30,439	
Sales and marketing	69,2	63	50,072	
General and administrative	43,3	00	47,311	
Gains, losses and other items, net	491		2,830	
Total operating expenses	146,	964	130,652	
Loss from operations	(67,	801)	(77,952)	
Total other income (expense)	75		(317)	
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(67,	726)	(78,269)	
Income taxes (benefit)	1,27	'2	(25,189)	
Net loss from continuing operations	(68,	998)	(53,080)	
Earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax	86,6	06	48,444	
Net earnings (loss)	\$	17,608	\$	(4,636)

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Basic earnings (loss) per share:				
Continuing operations	\$	(0.89)	\$	(0.67)
Discontinued operations	1.12		0.61	
Net earnings (loss)	\$	0.23	\$	(0.06)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share:				
Continuing operations	\$	(0.89)	\$	(0.67)
Discontinued operations	1.12		0.61	
Net earnings (loss)	\$	0.23	\$	(0.06)

LIVERAMP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands)

For the three months ended September 30, 2018 2017 Net earnings 20,623 \$ (3,336)(loss) Other comprehensive income: Change in foreign currency 759 1,293 translation adjustment Comprehensive 21,916 (2,577)income (loss)

LIVERAMP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands)

	Sep	the six month tember 30,	s ended		
	2018	3	2017		
Net earnings (loss)	\$	17,608	\$	(4,636)	
Other comprehensive loss:					
Change in foreign currency translation adjustment	(57	(5)	1,411	I	
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$	17,033	\$	(3,225)	

LIVERAMP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands)

					Accumulated			
	Common Stock			Additional		other	Treasury Stock	
	Number		paid-in	Retained	comprehensive	Number		Total
	of sh Ares unt		Capital	earnings	income (loss)	of shares	Amount	Equity
Balances at March 31, 20		13,609	\$ 1,235,679	9\$ 628,331	\$ 10,767	(58,304,917	7)\$ (1,139,291	\$ 749,095
Cumulative-e adjustment from adoption of ASU 2014-09	ffect		_	12,727	_	_	_	12,727
Employee stock awards, benefit plans and other issuances	439,3 97		8,077	_	_	(496,055)	(14,624)	(6,503)
Non-cash stock-based compensation from continuing operations	¹ 240,5 284		34,068	_	_	_	_	34,092
Restricted stock units vested	1,596ļ 59 1		(159)	_	_	_	_	_
Warrant exercises			(51)	_	_	3,488	51	_
Acquisition of treasury stock			_	_	_	(1,853,071)	(45,766)	(45,766)
Comprehensi income:	ve							
Foreign currency translation			_	_	(575)	_	_	(575)
Net earnings			_	17,608	_	_	_	17,608
Balances at September 30, 2018	138,3\$56,148 1	13,836	\$ 1,277,614	4\$ 658,666	\$ 10,192	(60,650,555	5)\$ (1,199,630	760,678

LIVERAMP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)

	For the six months ended September 30,			
	2018		2017	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net earnings (loss)	\$	17,608	\$	(4,636)
Earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax	(86,	606)	(48,444)	
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	16,5	540	18,931	
Loss on disposal or impairment of assets	475		2,125	
Provision for doubtful accounts	631		262	
Accelerated deferred debt costs	_		720	
Deferred income taxes	12,4	144	(2,632)	
Non-cash stock compensation expense	35,4	165	25,666	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable, net	(2,6	49)	(4,675)	

Deferred commissions	(2,047)	_
Other assets	(12,480)	(1,136)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(7,276)	(3,804)
Deferred revenue	(1,515)	(1,228)
Net cash used in operating activities	(29,410)	(18,851)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capitalized software development costs	(1,322)	(1,213)
Capital expenditures	(2,035)	(2,687)
Equity investments	(2,500)	_
Net cash received from disposition	_	4,000
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(5,857)	100
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from debt	_	230,000
Payments of debt	(3,293)	(226,150)
Fees for debt refinancing	(300)	(4,001)
Sale of common stock, net of stock acquired for withholding taxes	(6,503)	3,695
	(45,766)	(19,776)

Acquisition of treasury stock Net cash used

in financing activities

(55,862)(16,232)

Net cash used

in continuing \$ (91,129) \$ (34,983)

operations

LIVERAMP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued) (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands)

		he six months ember 30,	ended	
	2018		2017	
Cash flows from discontinued operations:				
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	54,316	\$	52,120
Net cash used in investing activities	(14,	,502)	(18,185)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(17:	2)	111	
Net cash provided by discontinued operations	39,6	642	34,046	
Net cash used in continuing and discontinued operations	(51,	,487)	(937)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(1,4	184)	609	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents Cash and	(52,	,971)	(328)	
cash equivalents at beginning of period	140	,018	168,680	
Cash and cash	\$	87,047	\$	168,352

equi	val	ents	at
end	of	perio	d

Supplemental cash flow information:
Cash paid during the period for:

Income taxes 115 229

LIVERAMP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

On September 20, 2018, we implemented a holding company reorganization, as a result of which Acxiom Holdings, Inc. became the successor issuer to Acxiom Corporation. On October 1, 2018, we changed our name to LiveRamp Holdings, Inc. ("LiveRamp"). References to "we", "us", "our", "Registrant", or the "Company" for events that occurred prior to September 20, 2018 refer to Acxiom Corporation and its subsidiaries; for events that occurred from September 20, 2018 to October 1, 2018, to Acxiom Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

These condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by LiveRamp, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). In the opinion of the Registrant's management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the periods included have been made, and the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. Certain note information has been omitted because it has not changed significantly from that reflected in Notes 1 through 18 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements filed as part of Item 8 of the Registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 ("2018 Annual Report"), as filed with the SEC on May 25, 2018. This quarterly report and the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in connection with the 2018 Annual Report. The financial information contained in this quarterly report is not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any other period or for the full fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

Management of the Company has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). Actual results could differ from those estimates. Certain of the accounting policies used in the preparation of these condensed consolidated financial statements are complex and require management to make judgments and/or significant estimates regarding amounts reported or disclosed in these financial statements. Additionally, the application of certain of these accounting policies is governed by complex accounting principles and their interpretation. A discussion of the Company's significant accounting principles and their application is included in Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements and in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, of the Company's 2018 Annual Report.

Accounting Pronouncements Adopted During the Current Year

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) and issued subsequent amendments to the initial guidance in August 2015, March 2016, April 2016, May 2016 and December 2016 within ASU 2015-14, ASU 2016-08, ASU 2016-10, ASU 2016-12 and ASU 2016-20, respectively. Topic 606 supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The core principle of the new guidance is to recognize revenues when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. We adopted Topic 606 as of April 1, 2018 using the modified retrospective method. See Note 2 for further details.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-09, "Compensation-Stock Compensation (Topic 719): Scope of Modification Accounting" ("ASU 2017-09"). ASU 2017-09 clarifies when changes to the terms or conditions of a stock-based payment award must be accounted for as modifications. ASU 2017-09 will reduce diversity in practice and result in fewer changes to the terms of an award being accounted for as modifications. Under ASU 2017-09, an entity will not apply modification accounting to a stock-based payment award if the award's fair value, vesting conditions and classification as an equity or liability instrument are the same immediately before and after the change. ASU 2017-09 will be applied prospectively to awards modified on or after the adoption date. The guidance is effective for annual periods, and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2017. ASU 2017-09 is effective for the Company beginning in fiscal 2019. We adopted the standard in the current fiscal

quarter, and adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, "Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment" ("ASU 2017-04"), which eliminates step two from the goodwill impairment test. Under ASU 2017-04, an entity should recognize an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value; however, the loss recognized should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit. ASU 2017-04 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019 (fiscal 2021 for the Company), including interim periods within those fiscal years; earlier adoption is permitted for goodwill impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. The Company does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on its condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)" ("ASU 2016-02"), as a comprehensive new standard that amends various aspects of existing guidance for leases and requires additional disclosures about leasing arrangements. The new standard will require lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases except short-term leases. For lessees, leases will continue to be classified as either operating or financing in the income statement. Lessor accounting is similar to the current model but updated to align with certain changes to the lessee model. Lessors will continue to classify leases as operating, direct financing or sales-type leases. Subsequently, the FASB has issued various ASU's to provide further clarification around aspects of Topic 842. ASU 2016-02 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018 (fiscal 2020 for the Company), including interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted. We will adopt the new standard on April 1, 2019 using the modified retrospective approach. The Company is continuing to evaluate the impact of the adoption of this guidance on its condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

The Company does not anticipate that the adoption of any other recent accounting pronouncements will have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

2. TOPIC 606 ADOPTION IMPACT AND REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS:

On April 1, 2018, we adopted Topic 606 using the modified retrospective method applied to those contracts which were not completed as of April 1, 2018. Results for reporting periods beginning after April 1, 2018 are presented under Topic 606, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with our historic reporting under Topic 605.

Under Topic 606, revenue is recognized upon transfer of control of promised products or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for those products or services. The Company enters into contracts that can include various combinations of products and services, which are generally capable of being distinct and accounted for as separate performance obligations. The Company determines revenue recognition through the following steps:

- Identification of the contract, or contracts, with a customer
- Identification of the performance obligations in the contract
- Determination of the transaction price
- Allocation of the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract
- Recognition of revenue when, or as, the Company satisfies a performance obligation

We recorded a net increase to our opening retained earnings of \$12.7 million, net of tax, due to the cumulative impact of adopting Topic 606, with the impact primarily related to the capitalization of costs of obtaining customer contracts.

The details of the significant changes and quantitative impact of the changes are disclosed below.

Costs of Obtaining Customer Contracts

The Company previously recognized commission payments made for obtaining a contract as an operating expense when incurred. Under Topic 606, the Company capitalizes incremental costs to acquire contracts and amortizes

them over the expected period of benefit, which we have determined to be four years. As of September 30, 2018, the remaining unamortized contract costs were \$8.5 million and are included in deferred commissions, net, in the condensed consolidated balance sheet. Net capitalized costs of \$2.0 million were recorded as a reduction to operating expense for the six months ended September 30, 2018. No impairment was recognized for the six months ended September 30, 2018.

Impacts on Financial Statements

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet	Impact of changes in accounting policies									
		reported otember 30, 2018	;	Adjustme	ents			Balance: Topic 60		out adoption of
Deferred commissions, net	8,4	190		(8,490)			_		
Others	1,1	179,302		_				1,179,	302	
Total assets	\$	1,187,792		\$		(8,490)		\$		1,179,302
Deferred income taxes	15	,952		(2,281))			13,67 ⁻	1	
Others	41	1,162						411,16	62	
Total liabilities	42	7,114		(2,281))			424,83	33	
Retained earnings	65	8,666		(6,209))			652,4	57	
Other equity	10	2,012						102,0	12	
Total equity	76	0,678		(6,209)			754,46	69	
Total liabilities and equity	\$	1,187,792		\$		(8,490)		\$		1,179,302
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations	Impact of changes in accounting policies As reported for the six months ended September 30, Adjustments Balances without adoption of Topic 606							adoption		
Revenues	\$	127,283	\$	6	_	_	\$		127	7,283
Cost of revenue	48,	120	_	_			4	8,120		
Gross profit	\$	79,163	\$	6	_	_	\$		79,	163
Operating expenses: Sales and										
marketing	\$	69,263	\$	6	2	,047	\$		71,	310

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Other operating expenses	77,	701	_		77,701	
Total operating expenses	146	5,964	2,047		149,011	
Loss from operations	(67	,801)	(2,047)		(69,848)	
Total other income	75		_		75	
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(67	,726)	(2,047)		(69,773)	
Income taxes (benefit)	1,2	72	(487)		785	
Net loss from continuing operations	\$	(68,998)	\$	(1,560)	\$	(70,558)

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income	In	npact of ch	nanges	in accounti	ng policies	
	the en	reported for e six months ded Septemb , 2018	er Adju	stments		nces without tion of Topic
Net earnings Other comprehensive loss:	\$	17,608	\$	(1,5	60) \$	16,048
Change in foreig currency translation adjustment		575)	_		(57	5)
Comprehensive income	\$	17,033	\$	(1,5	60) \$	15,473
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows	Impa	act of char	nges in	accounting	policies	
	the six	oorted for months September 18	Adjustm	ents	Balances adoption	s without of Topic 606
Net earnings	\$	17,608	\$	(1,560) \$	16,048
Earnings from discontinued operations Adjustments for:	(86,6	606)	_		(86,60	6)
Deferred income taxes	12,4	44	(487)		11,957	7
Others Changes in:	53,1	11			53,111	
Accounts receivable, net	(2,64	1 9)			(2,649)
Deferred commissions	(2,04	1 7)	2,047		_	
Other assets	(12,4	480)	_		(12,48	0)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(7,27	76)	_		(7,276)

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Deferred revenue	(1,5	515)	_		(1,515)	
Net cash from operating activities	(29	,410)	_		(29,410)	
Net cash from investing activities	(5,8	357)	_		(5,857)	
Net cash from financing activities	(55	,862)	_		(55,862)	
Net cash from discontinued operations	39,0	642	_		39,642	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(1,4	·84)	_		(1,484)	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(52	,971)	_		(52,971)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	140),018	_		140,018	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	87,047	\$	_	\$	87,047

Disaggregation of Revenue

In the following table, revenue is disaggregated by primary geographical market and major service offerings (dollars in thousands).

	For the six months ended September 30,					
Primary Geographical Markets	2018		2017			
United States	\$	116,195	\$	91,271		
Europe	8,710		7,830			
APAC	2,378		1,669			
	\$	127,283	\$	100,770		
Major Offerings/Services						
Subscription	106	,190	79,369			
Marketplace and Other	21,093		21,401			
	\$	127,283	\$	100,770		

Transaction Price Allocated to the Remaining Performance Obligations

We have performance obligations associated with fixed commitments in customer contracts for future services that have not yet been recognized in our condensed consolidated financial statements. The amount of fixed revenue not yet recognized was \$168.0 million as of September 30, 2018. The Company expects to recognize revenue on substantially all of these remaining performance obligations by March 31, 2021 with the balance recognized thereafter.

3. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:

Earnings (Loss) Per Share

A reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share is shown below (in thousands, except per share amounts):

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		For the three months ended September 30, 2018 2017			2018		For the six months ended September 30, 2017	
Basic earnings (loss) per share:								
Net loss from continuing operations	\$	(41,180)	\$	(26,001)	\$	(68,998)	\$	(53,080)
Earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax	61,	803	22,665		86,606		48,444	
Net earnings (loss)	\$	20,623	\$	(3,336)	\$	17,608	\$	(4,636)
Basic weighted-average shares outstanding	77,	448	79,235		77,192		78,954	
Continuing operations	\$	(0.53)	\$	(0.33)	\$	(0.89)	\$	(0.67)
Discontinued operations	0.8	0	0.29		1.12		0.61	
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.27	\$	(0.04)	\$	0.23	\$	(0.06)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share:								
Basic weighted-average shares outstanding	77,	448	79,235		77,192		78,954	
Dilutive effect of common stock options, warrants, and restricted stock as computed under the treasury stock method	_		_		_		_	
Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding	77,	448	79,235		77,192		78,954	
Continuing operations	\$	(0.53)	\$	(0.33)	\$	(0.89)	\$	(0.67)

Discontinued operations	0.8	0	0.29		1.12		0.61	
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.27	\$	(0.04)	\$	0.23	\$	(0.06)

Due to the net loss from continuing operations during the three and six months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, the dilutive effect of options, warrants and restricted stock units covering 3.6 million and 2.5 million shares of common stock, respectively, was excluded from the diluted loss per share calculation since the impact on the calculation was anti-dilutive.

Additional options, warrants to purchase shares of common stock, and restricted stock units that were outstanding during the periods presented but were not included in the computation of diluted loss per share because the effect was anti-dilutive are shown below (shares in thousands):

	For the three ended	For the six months ended					
	September	September 30,					
	2018	2017	2018	2017			
Number of shares outstanding under							
options, warrants and restricted stock units plans	29	1,308	69	324			
Range of exercise prices for options	N/A	\$32.85	N/A	\$32.85			

Stockholders' Equity

On August 29, 2011, the board of directors adopted a common stock repurchase program. That program was subsequently modified and expanded, most recently on October 25, 2018. On that date, the board of directors authorized a \$500 million increase to the existing common stock repurchase program. Under the modified common

stock repurchase program, the Company may purchase up to \$1 billion of its common stock through the period ending December 31, 2020.

During the six months ended September 30, 2018, the Company repurchased 1.9 million shares of its common stock for \$45.8 million. Through September 30, 2018, the Company had repurchased a total of 22.0 million shares of its stock for \$420.4 million, leaving remaining capacity of \$579.6 million under the stock repurchase program.

On October 25, 2018, the board of directors authorized a Dutch auction tender offer (the "Offer") to purchase shares of its outstanding common stock at an initial aggregate purchase price not to exceed \$500 million, plus up to 2% of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. The full details of the terms and conditions of the Offer will be set forth at a later date in an Offer to Purchase and a Letter of Transmittal upon approval of the Executive Committee of the board of directors.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

Accumulated other comprehensive income accumulated balances of \$10.2 million and \$10.8 million at September 30, 2018 and March 31, 2018, respectively, reflect accumulated foreign currency translation adjustments.

4. DISPOSITION:

On July 2, 2018, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Acxiom Marketing Solutions business ("AMS") to The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. ("IPG") for \$2.3 billion in cash. As required regulatory approvals were being sought and received, the Company solicited and received shareholder approval for the transaction. Shareholder approval was received on September 20, 2018, and the Company began reporting the financial information pertaining to AMS as a component of discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated financial statements. Prior to the discontinued operations classification, the AMS business was included in the AMS segment in the Company's segment results.

The sale was completed on October 1, 2018. At the closing of the transaction, the Company received total consideration of \$2.3 billion (\$2.3 billion stated sales price less closing adjustments and transaction costs of \$38.5 million). Additionally, the Company applied \$230.5 million of proceeds from the sale to repay outstanding Company debt and interest. The Company plans to use further proceeds from the sale to fund expansion of its common stock repurchase program and for general corporate purposes. The Company expects to report a gain on the sale.

Summary results of operations of AMS for the three and six months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, are segregated and included in earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax, in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

The following is a reconciliation of the major classes of line items constituting earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax (dollars in thousands):

		he three months ember 30,		For the six months ended September 30,				
	2018		2017		2018		2017	
Revenues	\$	167,696	\$	171,227	\$	332,185	\$	336,984
Cost of revenue	95,2	218	91,063		188,835		180,962	
Gross profit	72,4	178	80,164		143,350		156,022	
Operating expenses:								
Research and development	7,35	52	8,414		14,918		17,137	
Sales and marketing	21,1	106	24,137		42,633		48,486	
General and administrative	27,7	789	8,200		44,383		16,969	
Gains, losses and other items, net	1,36	69	827		2,653		732	
Total operating expenses	57,6	816	41,578		104,587		83,324	
Income from discontinued operations	14,8	362	38,586		38,763		72,698	
Interest expense	(2,8	64)	(2,524)		(5,702)		(4,866)	
Other, net	(145	5)	(71)		23		(163)	
Earnings from discontinued operations before income taxes	11,8	353	35,991		33,084		67,669	
Income taxes (benefit)	(49,	950)	13,326		(53,522)		19,225	
Earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$	61,803	\$	22,665	\$	86,606	\$	48,444

Substantially all of the interest expense was allocated to discontinued operations.

Included in income tax benefit from discontinued operations for the three and six months ended September 30, 2018 is approximately \$45.6 million related to the recognition of deferred tax assets for net basis differences of AMS business subsidiaries.

The carrying amounts of the major classes of assets and liabilities of AMS are segregated and included in assets and liabilities held for sale in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. The following is a reconciliation of the assets and liabilities held for sale (dollars in thousands):

	September (Unaudited		March 31, 2018 (Unaudited)		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	6,731	\$	2,261	
Trade accounts receivable, net	122,507		115,141		
Refundable income taxes	30		_		
Other current assets	23,920		20,972		
Property and equipment, net	116,338		124,193		
Software, net	21,093		21,014		
Goodwill	390,649		392,356		
Purchased software licenses, net	6,594		7,502		
Deferred income taxes	1,538		1,522		
Deferred commissions, net	11,929		_		
Other assets, net	1,675		3,815		
Assets held for sale	\$	703,004	\$	688,776	
Trade accounts payable	30,755		27,929		
Accrued payroll and related expenses	21,893		28,725		
Other accrued expenses	18,446		16,241		
Deferred revenue	23,486		27,214		
Income taxes			244		

payable

Other liabilities 2,583 3,707

Liabilities held \$ 97,163 \$ 104,060

for sale \$ 97,163 \$ 104,060

5. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION:

Share-based Compensation Plans

The Company has stock option and equity compensation plans for which a total of 42.3 million shares of the Company's common stock have been reserved for issuance since the inception of the plans. At September 30, 2018, there were a total of 13.0 million shares available for future grants under the plans.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2018, the Board voted to amend the Amended and Restated 2005 Equity Compensation Plan to increase the number of shares available under the plan from 32.9 million shares to 37.9 million shares, bringing the total number of shares reserved for issuance since inception of all plans from 37.3 million shares at June 30, 2018 to 42.3 million shares at September 30, 2018. The amendment received shareholder approval at the September 20, 2018 annual shareholders' meeting.

Stock Option Activity of Continuing Operations

Stock option activity for the six months ended September 30, 2018 was:

	Number of shares	Weighted-average exercise price per share		Weighted-average remaining contractual term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic value (in thousands)	
Outstanding at March 31, 2018	2,456,184	\$	13.30			
Exercised	(273,009)	\$	9.59		\$	7,144
Forfeited or canceled	(18,646)	\$	19.07			
Outstanding at September 30, 2018	2,164,529	\$	13.72	4.9	\$	75,248
Exercisable at September 30, 2018	1,951,500	\$	14.43	4.7	\$	66,462

The aggregate intrinsic value at period end represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value (the difference between Acxiom's closing stock price on the last trading day of the period and the exercise price for each in-the-money option) that would have been received by the option holders had option holders exercised their options on September 30, 2018. This amount changes based upon changes in the fair market value of Acxiom's common stock.

A summary of stock options outstanding and exercisable as of September 30, 2018 was:

Options outstanding						Options exercisable				
exe	ge of rcise price share			Options outstanding		Weighted-aver remaining contractual life	exercise p	•	Options exercisable	Weighted-average exercise price per share
\$	0.61 — \$	9.99	478,039 years	\$	1.37	341,363	\$	1.35		
\$	10.00 — \$	19.99	1,043,507 years	\$	14.62	967,154	\$	14.39		
\$	20.00 — \$				21.31	636,293	\$	21.31		
\$	25.00 — \$	32.85	6,690 ¹ years	\$	32.85	6,690	\$	32.85		
			2,164,529 years	\$	13.72	1,951,500	\$	14.43		

Total expense related to stock options for the six months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 was approximately \$1.7 million and \$2.7 million, respectively. Future expense for these options is expected to be approximately \$4.3 million in total over the next three years.

Performance Stock Option Unit Activity

Performance stock option unit activity for the six months ended September 30, 2018 was:

Weighted-average

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	Number of shares	Weighted-average exercise price per share		remaining contractual term (in years)	Aggregate intrinsic value (in thousands)	
Outstanding at March 31, 2018	322,823	\$	21.42			
Forfeited or canceled Outstanding at	(186,090)	\$	21.41			
September 30, 2018	136,733	\$	21.44	1.6	\$	3,698
Exercisable at September 30, 2018	_	\$	_	_	\$	_

Of the performance stock option units outstanding at March 31, 2018, 161,412 reached maturity of the relevant performance period at March 31, 2018. The units attained a 0% attainment level. As a result, they were cancelled in the current fiscal quarter.

Total expense related to performance stock option units for the six months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 was not material in both periods. Future expense for these performance stock option units is expected to be approximately \$0.8 million in total over the next three years.

Restricted Stock Unit Activity

During the six months ended September 30, 2018, the Company granted time-vesting restricted stock units covering 1,383,409 shares of common stock with a fair value at the date of grant of \$40.3 million. Of the restricted stock units granted in the current period, 197,115 vest in equal annual increments over four years, 1,172,263 vest 25% at the one-year anniversary and 75% in equal quarterly increments over the subsequent three years, and 14,031 vest in one year. Grant date fair value of these units is equal to the quoted market price for the shares on the date of grant.

Time-vesting restricted stock unit activity for the six months ended September 30, 2018 was:

		Weighted-average		
		fair value per		Weighted-average
	Number	share at grant		remaining contractual
	of shares	date		term (in years)
Outstanding at March 31, 2018	2,702,497	\$	24.60	2.34
Granted	1,383,409	\$	29.15	
Vested	(745,573)	\$	23.94	
Forfeited or canceled	(200,222)	\$	25.18	
Outstanding at September 30, 2018	3,140,111	\$	26.73	2.71

During the six months ended September 30, 2018, the Company granted performance-based restricted stock units covering 186,539 shares of common stock having a fair value at the date of grant of \$5.8 million, determined using a Monte Carlo simulation model. The units vest subject to attainment of market conditions established by the compensation committee of the board of directors ("compensation committee") and continuous employment through the vesting date. The 186,539 units may vest in a number of shares from 25% to 200% of the award, based on the total shareholder return of Acxiom common stock compared to total shareholder return of a group of peer companies established by the compensation committee for the period from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2021.

Non-vested performance-based restricted stock unit activity for the six months ended September 30, 2018 was:

		Weighted-average fair value per share at grant date		Weighted-average	
	Number			remaining contractual	
	of shares			term (in years)	
Outstanding at March 31, 2018	561,018	\$	25.58	1.67	
Granted	186,539	\$	31.07		
Forfeited or canceled	(110,536)	\$	25.08		
Outstanding at September 30, 2018	637,021	\$	27.28	1.56	

Total expense related to restricted stock for the six months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 was approximately \$17.5 million and \$14.9 million, respectively. Future expense for restricted stock units is expected to be approximately \$20.5 million for the six months ending March 31, 2019, \$29.2 million in fiscal 2020, \$19.8 million in fiscal 2021, \$10.5 million in fiscal 2022, and \$1.4 million in fiscal 2023.

Other Performance Unit Activity

Other performance-based stock unit activity for the six months ended September 30, 2018 was:

		Weighted-average		
		fair value per		Weighted-average
	Number	share at grant		remaining contractual
	of shares	date		term (in years)
Outstanding at March 31, 2018	111,111	\$	5.33	-
Vested	(45,364)	\$	5.33	
Forfeited or canceled	(65,747)	\$	5.33	
Outstanding at September 30, 2018	_	\$	_	-

The 111,111 performance-based units outstanding at March 31, 2018 reached maturity of the relevant performance period on March 31, 2018. The units achieved a 100% performance attainment level. However, application of the share price adjustment factor resulted in a 59% reduction in shares vested in the current fiscal quarter.

During the six months ended September 30, 2018, shares having a fair value of approximately \$14.6 million were withheld from the units vested and exercised in the tables above. The withheld shares represented the value of employee payroll tax withholding for taxable stock-based compensation awards. The \$14.6 million fair value resulted in the return of 496,055 shares to treasury stock and is included in sale of common stock, net of stock acquired for withholding taxes in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

Share-based Compensation Plan Activity Related to Discontinued Operations
Total share-based compensation expense related to discontinued operations for the six months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$5.7 million and \$5.2 million, respectively.

Consideration Holdback

As part of the Company's acquisition of Arbor in fiscal 2017, \$38.3 million of the acquisition consideration otherwise payable with respect to shares of restricted Arbor common stock held by certain key employees was subject to holdback by the Company pursuant to agreements with those employees (each, a "Holdback Agreement"). Total expense related to the Holdback Agreements for the six months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$7.7 million in each period. Through September 30, 2018, the Company had recognized a total of \$28.1 million expense related to the Holdback Agreements. Future expense related to the Holdback Agreements is expected to be approximately \$10.2 million over the next two fiscal years.

Pacific Data Partners ("PDP") Assumed Performance Plan

In connection with the fiscal 2018 acquisition of PDP, the Company assumed the outstanding performance compensation plan under the 2018 Equity Compensation Plan of Pacific Data Partners, LLC ("PDP PSU plan"). Total expense related to the PDP PSU plan for the six months ended September 30, 2018 was \$7.9 million. Through September 30, 2018, the Company had recognized a total of \$9.8 million related to the PDP PSU plan. Future expense is expected to be approximately \$7.9 million in fiscal 2019, \$15.8 million in fiscal 2021, and \$15.7 million in fiscal 2022, based on expectations of full attainment. At March 31, 2018, the recognized, but unpaid, portion balance related to the PDP PSU plan in other accrued expenses in the condensed consolidated balance sheet was \$8.9 million.

6. OTHER CURRENT AND NONCURRENT ASSETS:

Other current assets consist of the following (dollars in thousands):

	September 30, 2018		March 31, 2018	
Prepaid expenses and other	\$	7,973	\$	6,622
Assets of non-qualified retirement plan	15,223		13,551	
Other current assets	\$	23,196	\$	20,173

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Other noncurrent assets consist of the following (dollars in thousands):

	Septembe	r 30, 2018	March 31, 2018	
Acquired intangible assets, net	\$	28,969	\$	33,922
Other miscellaneous noncurrent assets	7,512		3,932	
Other assets, net	\$	36,481	\$	37,854

7. OTHER ACCRUED EXPENSES:

Other accrued expenses consist of the following (dollars in thousands):

	September 30, 2018		March 31,	2018
Liabilities of non-qualified retirement plan	15,223		13,551	
Other miscellaneous accrued expenses	29,211		26,073	
Other accrued expenses	\$	44,434	\$	39,624

8. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS:

Goodwill for the six months ended September 30, 2018 (dollars in thousands) was as follows:

Total

Balance at March 31, 2018

\$ 203,639

Reallocation from

AMS

1,377

Change in foreign

currency

(147)

translation adjustment

Balance at

September 30, \$ 204,869

2018

Goodwill by geography as of September 30, 2018 was:

Total

U.S. \$ 201,449

APAC 3,420

Balance at

September \$ 204,869

30, 2018

The amounts allocated to intangible assets from acquisitions include developed technology, customer relationships, trade names, and publisher relationships. Amortization lives for those intangibles range from two years to six years. The following table shows the amortization activity of intangible assets (dollars in thousands):

	Septemb	er 30, 2018	March 31, 2018	
Developed technology, gross (Software)	\$	54,000	\$	54,000

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Accumulated amortization	(48,054)		(43,383)	
Net developed technology	\$	5,946	\$	10,617
Customer relationship/Trade name, gross (Other assets, net)	\$	35,800	\$	35,800
Accumulated amortization	(23,359)		(20,400)	
Net customer/trade name	\$	12,441	\$	15,400
Publisher relationship, gross (Other assets, net)	\$	23,800	\$	23,800
Accumulated amortization	(7,272)		(5,289)	
Net publisher relationship	\$	16,528	\$	18,511
Total intangible assets, gross	\$	113,600	\$	113,600
Total accumulated amortization	(78,685)		(69,072)	
Total intangible assets, net	\$	34,915	\$	44,528

Total amortization expense related to intangible assets for the six months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$9.6 million and \$12.2 million, respectively. The following table presents the estimated future amortization expenses

related to purchased and other intangible assets. The amount for 2019 represents the remaining six months ending March 31, 2019. All other periods represent fiscal years ending March 31 (dollars in thousands):

Fiscal Year:		
2019	\$	6,356
2020	11,950	
2021	8,025	
2022	5,150	
2023	3,434	
	\$	34,915

9. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

Property and equipment is summarized as follows (dollars in thousands):

	September	30, 2018	March 31,	2018
Leasehold improvements	16,525		15,635	
Data processing equipment	35,230		39,938	
Office furniture and other equipment	6,696		6,780	
	58,451		62,353	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	29,966		30,013	
	\$	28,485	\$	32,340

Depreciation expense on property and equipment was \$5.8 million and \$6.1 million for the six months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

10. LONG-TERM DEBT:

Long-term debt consists of the following (dollars in thousands):

	September 30, 2018		March 31,2018	
Revolving credit borrowings	\$	230,000	\$	230,000
Other debt	_		3,293	
Total long-term	230,000		233,293	

debt

Less current installments	_		1,583	
Less deferred debt financing costs	3,693		3,873	
Long-term debt, excluding current installments and deferred debt financing costs	\$	226,307	\$	227,837

The revolving loan borrowings under the Company's Sixth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "restated credit agreement") bear interest at LIBOR or at an alternative base rate ("ABR") plus a credit spread. The weighted-average interest rate on revolving credit borrowings at September 30, 2018 was the ABR rate of 5.75%. There were no material outstanding letters of credit at September 30, 2018 or March 31, 2018.

11. ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS:

Trade accounts receivable are presented net of allowances for doubtful accounts, returns and credits of \$2.7 million at September 30, 2018 and \$3.1 million at March 31, 2018.

12. RESTRUCTURING, IMPAIRMENT AND OTHER CHARGES:

The following table summarizes the restructuring activity for the six months ended September 30, 2018 (dollars in thousands):

	Associate-related reserves	Lease accruals		Total		
March 31, 2018	\$	541	\$	5,288	\$	5,829
Restructuring charges and adjustments	848		(357)		491	
Payments	(684)		(469)		(1,153)	
September 30, 2018	\$	705	\$	4,462	\$	5,167

The above balances are included in other accrued expenses and other liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Restructuring Plans

In the six months ended September 30, 2018, the Company recorded a total of \$0.5 million in restructuring charges and adjustments included in gains, losses and other items, net in the condensed consolidated statement of operations. The expense related to fiscal year 2019 included restructuring plans primarily for associates in the United States and China, partially offset by a reduction in the lease accrual related to fiscal year 2018. Of the associate related accruals of \$0.8 million, \$0.4 million remained accrued at September 30, 2018. The associate-related costs are expected to be paid out in fiscal 2019.

In fiscal 2018, the Company recorded a total of \$2.8 million in restructuring charges and adjustments included in gains, losses and other items, net in the condensed consolidated statement of operations. The expense included severance and other associate-related charges of \$0.2 million, and lease accruals and adjustments of \$2.6 million.

The associate-related accruals of \$0.2 million related to the termination of associates in the United States. These costs were paid out in fiscal 2019. The lease accruals and adjustments of \$2.6 million result from the Company's exit from certain leased office facilities.

In fiscal 2017, the Company recorded a total of \$6.5 million in restructuring charges and adjustments included in gains, losses and other items, net in the condensed consolidated statement of operations. The expense included lease accruals and adjustments of \$3.0 million, and leasehold improvement write-offs of \$2.1 million. The lease accruals and adjustments of \$3.0 million resulted from the Company's exit from certain leased office facilities (\$1.5 million) and adjustments to estimates related to the fiscal 2015 lease accruals (\$1.5 million).

In fiscal 2015, the Company recorded a total of \$9.2 million in restructuring charges and adjustments included in gains, losses and other items, net in the condensed consolidated statement of operations. The expense included severance and other associate-related charges of \$2.6 million, lease accruals of \$4.7 million, and the write-off of leasehold improvements of \$2.0 million. Of the associate-related accruals of \$2.6 million, \$0.3 million remained accrued as of September 30, 2018. These amounts are expected to be paid out in fiscal 2019.

With respect to the fiscal 2015, 2017, and 2018 lease accruals described above, the Company intends to sublease the facilities to the extent possible. The liabilities will be satisfied over the remainder of the leased properties' terms, which continue through November 2025. Actual sublease receipts may differ from the estimates originally made by the Company. Any future changes in the estimates or in the actual sublease income could require future adjustments to the liabilities, which would impact net earnings (loss) in the period the adjustment is recorded.

Gains, Losses and Other Items

Gains, losses and other items for each of the periods presented are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	For	the three r	For the six months ended					
	Sept 2018	tember 30, 3	2017	7	201	8	Septem 2017	ber 30,
Restructuring plan charges and adjustments	\$	489	\$	2,834	\$	491	\$	2,831
Other	_		(1)		_		(1)	
	\$	489	\$	2,833	\$	491	\$	2,830

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

Legal Matters

The Company is involved in various claims and legal proceedings. Management routinely assesses the likelihood of adverse judgments or outcomes to these matters, as well as ranges of probable losses, to the extent losses are reasonably estimable. The Company records accruals for these matters to the extent that management concludes a loss is probable and the financial impact, should an adverse outcome occur, is reasonably estimable. These accruals are reflected in the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements. In management's opinion, the Company has made appropriate and adequate accruals for these matters, and management believes the probability of a material loss beyond the amounts accrued to be remote. However, the ultimate liability for these matters is uncertain, and if accruals are not adequate, an adverse outcome could have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations. The Company maintains insurance coverage above certain limits. There are currently no matters pending against the Company or its subsidiaries for which the potential exposure is considered material to the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

Commitments

The Company leases equipment and office space under noncancellable operating leases. The Company has a future commitment for lease payments over the next 7 years of \$52.8 million.

14. INCOME TAX:

In determining the quarterly provision for income taxes, the Company makes its best estimate of the effective income tax rate expected to be applicable for the full fiscal year. The estimated effective income tax rate for the current fiscal year is impacted by the reduction in the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate (discussed below), non-deductible stock-based compensation, state income taxes, research tax credits, losses in foreign jurisdictions, and recording of a valuation allowance on deferred taxes. In the second quarter, the Company recognized a discrete tax expense of \$5.5 million in connection with establishing a valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets originating from continuing operations. State income taxes are influenced by the geographic and legal entity mix of the Company's U.S. income as well as the diversity of rules among the states. The Company does not record a tax benefit for certain foreign losses due to uncertainty of future utilization.

On December 22, 2017, the U.S. enacted significant tax law changes following the passage of H.R. 1, "An Act to Provide for Reconciliation Pursuant to Titles II and V of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 "the Tax Act") (previously known as "The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act"). The Tax Act reduced the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, among other provisions. We believe we have properly estimated our federal and state income tax liabilities for the impacts of the Tax Act, including provisional amounts under SAB No. 118 related to the rate change, the impact of increased bonus depreciation, and the effects on executive compensation deductions. The Tax Act may be subject to technical amendments, as well as interpretations and implementing of regulations by the Department of Treasury and Internal Revenue Service, any of which could increase or decrease one or more impacts of the legislation. As such, we will continue to analyze the effects of the Tax Act and may record adjustments to provisional amounts during the measurement period ending no later than December 31, 2018. As of September 30, 2018, we have not changed the provisional estimates recognized in fiscal 2018. Any impacts to our income tax expense as a result of additional guidance will be recorded in the period in which the guidance is issued.

15. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value.

Cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, unbilled and notes receivable, short-term borrowings and trade payables - The carrying amount approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

Long-term debt - The interest rate on the revolving credit agreement is adjusted for changes in market rates and therefore the carrying value approximates fair value. The estimated fair value of other long-term debt was determined based upon the present value of the expected cash flows considering expected maturities and using interest rates currently available to the Company for long-term borrowings with similar terms. At September 30, 2018, the estimated fair value of long-term debt approximates its carrying value.

Under applicable accounting standards financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurements. The Company assigned assets and liabilities to the hierarchy in the accounting standards, which is Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, Level 2 - significant other observable inputs and Level 3 - significant unobservable inputs.

The following table presents the balances of assets measured at fair value as of September 30, 2018 (dollars in thousands):

•	Level	1	Leve	el 2	Leve	13	Tota	ıl
Assets:								
Other current assets	\$	15,223	\$	_	\$		\$	15,223
Total	\$	15,223	\$		\$		\$	15,223

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Introduction and Overview

On September 20, 2018, we implemented a holding company reorganization, as a result of which Acxiom Holdings, Inc. became the successor issuer to Acxiom Corporation. On October 1, 2018, we changed our name to LiveRamp Holdings, Inc. ("LiveRamp"). References to "we", "us", "our" or the "Company" for events that occurred prior to September 20, 2018 refer to Acxiom Corporation and its subsidiaries; for events that occurred from September 20, 2018 to October 1, 2018, to Acxiom Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries; and after October 1, 2018, to LiveRamp Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

LiveRamp is a global technology company with a vision to power a world where connected data makes every experience exceptional. LiveRamp provides the identity platform leveraged by brands and their partners to deliver innovative products and exceptional experiences. LiveRamp IdentityLink connects people, data, and applications across the digital and physical world to enable true people-based, omnichannel marketing.

LiveRamp is a Delaware corporation in San Francisco, California. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RAMP." We serve a global client base from locations in the United States, Europe, and the Asia-Pacific ("APAC") region. Our direct client list includes many of the world's largest and best-known brands across most major industry verticals, including but not limited to financial, insurance and investment services, retail, automotive, telecommunications, high tech, consumer packaged goods, healthcare, travel, entertainment, non-profit, and government. Through our extensive reseller and partnership network, we serve thousands of additional companies, establishing LiveRamp as a foundational and neutral enabler of the customer experience economy.

Operating Segments

During the first quarter of fiscal 2019, the Company realigned its portfolio into two distinct business segments: LiveRamp, the identity infrastructure for powering exceptional customer experiences, and Acxiom Marketing Solutions ("AMS"), the leading provider of services for creating a unified approach to data-driven marketing. This realignment allowed the Company to best meet client needs in a rapidly evolving marketplace, and to create a strong foundation for continued growth and enhance value for shareholders.

This structure configured Acxiom's three previous segments into two, aligning key Audience Solutions' assets to each. All identity assets including IdentityLink, AbiliTec® intellectual property and Acxiom's TV integrations were consolidated under LiveRamp. The remaining Audience Solutions' lines of business for data and data services were combined with Marketing Services to create AMS.

On July 2, 2018, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Acxiom Marketing Solutions business ("AMS") to The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. ("IPG") for \$2.3 billion in cash. As required regulatory approvals were being sought and received, the Company solicited and received shareholder approval for the transaction. Shareholder approval was received on September 20, 2018, and the Company began reporting the results of operations, cash flows, and the balance sheet amounts pertaining to AMS as a component of discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated financial statements. Prior to the discontinued operations classification, the AMS business was included in the AMS segment in the Company's segment results.

The sale was completed on October 1, 2018. At the closing of the transaction, the Company received total consideration of \$2.3 billion (\$2.3 billion stated sales price less closing adjustments and transaction costs of \$38.5 million). Additionally, the Company applied \$230.5 million of proceeds from the sale to repay outstanding Company debt and interest. The Company plans to use further proceeds from the sale to fund expansion of its common stock repurchase program and for general corporate purposes. The Company expects to report a gain on the sale.

As a result of the organizational realignment, and subsequent sale of AMS, we now operate as one operating segment. Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise for which separate financial information is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker. While we have offerings in multiple market segments, our chief operating decision maker evaluates our financial information and resources and assesses the performance of these resources on a consolidated basis. Since we operate as one operating segment, all required financial segment information can be found in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Sources of Revenues

LiveRamp recognizes revenue from the following sources: (i) **subscription revenue**, which consists of subscription fees from clients accessing our IdentityLink platform; and (ii) **marketplace and other revenue**, which primarily consists of revenue generated from data owners as well as certain publishers and addressable TV providers in the form of revenue-sharing arrangements. Our subscription pricing is tiered based on data volume supported by our platform. The majority of our subscription revenue is derived from subscriptions that are one year in duration and invoiced on a monthly basis, although some of our clients are entering into multi-year subscriptions that are invoiced annually.

IdentityLink

IdentityLink™ is our category leading software-as-a-service (SaaS) identity platform that connects people, data, and devices across the physical and digital world, powering privacy-compliant, people-based marketing that allows consumers to better connect with the brands and products they love. Leveraging the LiveRamp deterministic identity graph, IdentityLink first resolves a client's data (first-, second-, or third-party) to consumer identifiers that represent real people in a way that protects consumer privacy. This omnichannel view of the consumer can then be delivered to any of the 600 partners in our ecosystem through a process called "data onboarding" in order to support targeting, personalization and measurement use cases.

Targeting	Personalization	Measurement
Example	Example Clients can	Example
Clients can deploy targeted ads to known customers by using IdentityLink to upload data from first-, second-, and third-party data sources, resolve it to an omnichannel privacy-compliant link and then onboard to one of 600 LiveRamp partners.	deliver highly relevant content the moment viewers visit their website landing page, no login required. Leveraging IdentityLink, clients can resolve customer segment data to devices and digital IDs, onboard that data to a personalization platform and provide one-to-one experiences without compromising user privacy.	Clients can connect exposure data with first- and third-party purchase data across channels by resolving all customer devices back to the customers to which they belong. Then, clients can onboard that data to a measurement platform to clearly establish cause, effect and impact.

Consumer privacy and data protection are at the center of how we design our products and services. Accordingly, IdentityLink operates in a SafeHaven® certified environment with technical, operational, and personnel controls designed to ensure our clients' data is kept private and secure.

IdentityLink is sold to brands and the companies with which they partner to execute their marketing, including marketing technology providers, publishers and data providers.

- •IdentityLink for Brands and Agencies. IdentityLink allows brands and their agencies to execute people-based marketing by creating an omnichannel view of the consumer and activating for use across their choice of best-of-breed digital marketing platforms.
- •IdentityLink for Platforms and Publishers. IdentityLink provides marketing technology providers and digital publishers with the ability to offer people-based targeting, measurement and personalization within their platforms. This adds value for brands by increasing reach, as well as the speed at which they can activate their marketing data.
- •IdentityLink for Data Owners. IdentityLink allows data owners to easily connect their data to the digital ecosystem and better monetize it. Data can be distributed directly to clients or made available through the

IdentityLink Data Store feature. This adds value for brands as it allows them to augment their understanding of consumers, and increase both the extent of their reach to and depth of their understanding of customers and prospects.

We charge for IdentityLink on an annual subscription basis. Our subscription pricing is based primarily on data volume supported by our platform.

IdentityLink Data Store

As we have scaled the LiveRamp network and technology, we have found additional ways to leverage our platform, deliver more value to clients and create incremental revenue streams. Leveraging LiveRamp's common identity system and broad integration network, the IdentityLink Data Store is a data marketplace that seamlessly connects data owners' audience data across the marketing ecosystem. The IdentityLink Data Store allows data owners to easily monetize their data across hundreds of marketing platforms and publishers with a single contract. At the same time, the Data Store provides a single gateway where data buyers, including platforms and publishers, in addition to brands and their agencies, can access high-quality third-party data from more than 150 data owners, supporting all industries and encompassing all types of data. Data providers include sources and

brands exclusive to LiveRamp, emerging platforms with access to previously unavailable deterministic data, and data partnerships enabled by IdentityLink. LiveRamp thoroughly vets all data sources to ensure any data listed on the Data Store is privacy safe and sourced ethically.

We generate revenue from the IdentityLink Data Store through revenue-sharing arrangements with data owners that are monetizing their data assets on our marketplace. This revenue is typically transactional in nature, tied to data volume purchased on the Data Store.

Summary Results and Notable Events

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A summary of the guarter ended September 30, 2018 is presented below:

- Revenues were \$64.8 million, a 20.0% increase from \$54.0 million in the same quarter a year ago.
- Cost of revenue was \$24.5 million, a 1.9% increase from \$24.0 million in the same guarter a year ago.
- Gross margin increased to 62.3% from 55.5% in the same quarter a year ago.
- Total operating expenses were \$78.5 million, a 15.3% increase from \$68.1 million in the same quarter a year ago.
- Cost of revenue and operating expenses for the quarters ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 include the following items:

Non-cash stock compensation of \$17.7 million and \$13.2 million, respectively (cost of revenue and operating expenses)

Purchased intangible asset amortization of \$3.5 million and \$6.0 million, respectively (cost of revenue) Separation costs of \$2.1 million and \$5.5 million, respectively (operating expenses)

Restructuring charges of \$0.5 million and \$2.8 million, respectively (operating expenses)

- Net loss from continuing operations was \$41.2 million or \$0.53 per diluted share compared to a net loss of \$26.0 million or \$0.33 per diluted share in the same quarter a year ago.
- Net cash used in operating activities was \$27.1 million compared to net cash used of \$8.0 million in the same guarter a year ago.

This summary highlights financial results as well as other significant events and transactions of the Company during the quarter ended September 30, 2018. However, this summary is not intended to be a full discussion of the Company's results. This summary should be read in conjunction with the following discussion of Results of Operations and Capital Resources and Liquidity and with the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements and footnotes accompanying this report.

Results of Operations

A summary of selected financial information for each of the periods reported is presented below (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts):

	For	For the six months ended								
	Sep	tember 30,	September 30,							
					%					%
	201		2017		Change	2018		2017		Change
Revenues	\$	64,812	\$	54,013	20	\$	127,283	\$	100,770	26
Cost of revenue	24,	466	24,009	Ð	2	48,120)	48,070)	_
Gross profit	40,	346	30,004	4	34	79,163	3	52,700	1	50
Total operating expenses	78,	545	68,137	7	15	146,96	64	130,65	2	12
Loss from operations	(38	3,199)	(38,13	33)	_	(67,80	1)	(77,95	2)	(13)
Net earnings (loss)	\$	20,623	\$	(3,336)	(718)	\$	17,608	\$	(4,636)	(480)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.27	\$	(0.33)	(775)	\$	0.23	\$	(0.06)	(488)

Revenues

The Company's revenues for each of the periods reported is presented below (dollars in thousands):

	For the three months ended September 30,									For the six months ended September 30,	
	201	8	201	7	% Change	201	8	201	7	% Change	
Total revenues	\$	64,812	\$	54,013	20	\$	127,283	\$	100,770	26	

Total revenue for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 was \$64.8 million, a \$10.8 million, or 20.0%, increase compared to the same quarter a year ago. The increase was due to Subscription growth of \$12.5 million, or 29.6%, offset partially by a decline in Marketplace and Other of \$1.8 million. Marketplace and Other revenue was negatively impacted from the revenue-sharing arrangements related to a lost customer. On a geographic basis, U.S. revenue increased \$10.8 million, or 21.9%, from the same quarter a year ago. International revenue was flat.

Total revenue for the six months ended September 30, 2018 was \$127.3 million, a \$26.5 million, or 26.3%, increase compared to the same period a year ago. The increase was due to Subscription growth of \$26.5 million, or 26.8%. Marketplace and Other revenue was flat for the period and was negatively impacted from

the revenue-sharing arrangements related to a lost customer. On a geographic basis, U.S. revenue increased \$24.9 million, or 27.3%, from the same quarter a year ago. International revenue increased \$1.6 million, or 16.8%.

Cost of revenue and Gross profit

The Company's cost of revenue and gross profit for each of the periods reported is presented below (dollars in thousands):

	For the three n	For the six months ended							
	September 30,	September 30, %							
	2018	2017	Change	2018	2017	% Change			
Cost of revenue	\$ 24,466	\$ 24,009	(1)	\$ 48,120	\$ 48,070	_			
Gross profit	\$ 40,346	\$ 30,004	34	\$ 79,163	\$ 52,700	50			
Gross margin %	62.%	55. 5 %	12	48.%	45. 2 %	8			

Cost of revenue: Includes all direct costs of sales such as our Identity Graph, cloud and hosting costs, technical account management and product operations functions. Finally, cost of revenue includes amortization of internally developed software and other acquisition related intangibles.

Cost of revenue was \$24.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2018, a \$0.5 million, or 1.9%, increase from the same quarter a year ago. Gross margins increased to 62.3% compared to 55.5% in the prior year. The gross

margin increase is due primarily to leverage from the revenue increase. U.S. gross margins increased to 65.1% in the current year from 58.4% in the prior year again due to revenue growth. International gross margins decreased to 26.9% from 27.9%.

Cost of revenue was \$48.1 million for the six months ended September 30, 2018, or flat compared to the same period a year ago. Gross margins increased to 62.2% compared to 52.3% in the prior year. The gross margin increase is due primarily to the revenue increase. U.S. gross margins increased to 64.8% in the current year from 54.8% in the prior year again due to revenue growth. International gross margins increased to 34.6% from 28.8%.

Operating Expenses

The Company's operating expenses for each of the periods reported is presented below (dollars in thousands):

	For the three me	For the six months ended				
	September 30,		%		September 30,	
Operating expenses	2018	2017	Change	2018	2017	Change
Research and development	\$ 16,940	\$ 15,599	9	33,910	30,439	11
Sales and marketing	35,940	25,981	38	69,263	50,072	38
General and administrative	25,176	23,724	6	43,300	47,311	(8)
Gains, losses and other items, net	489	2,833	(83)	491	2,830	(83)
Total operating expenses	\$ 78,545	\$ 68,137	15	146,964	130,652	12

Research and development ("R&D"): Includes operating expenses for the Company's engineering and product/project management functions supporting research, new development, and related product enhancement.

R&D expenses were \$16.9 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2018, an increase of \$1.3 million, or 8.6%, compared to the same quarter a year ago, and are 26.1% of total revenues compared to 28.9% in the prior year. The increase is due to ongoing investment in LiveRamp products.

R&D expenses were \$33.9 million for the six months ended September 30, 2018, an increase of \$3.5 million, or 11.4%, compared to the same period a year ago, and are 26.6% of total revenues compared to 30.2% in the prior year. The increase is due primarily to an increase in non-cash stock-based compensation of \$0.8 million, and ongoing investment in LiveRamp products.

Sales and marketing ("S&M"): Includes operating expenses for the Company's sales, marketing, and product marketing functions.

S&M expenses were \$35.9 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2018, an increase of \$10.0 million, or 38.3%, compared to the same quarter a year ago, and are 55.5% of total revenues compared to 48.1% in the prior year. The increase is due to an increase in non-cash stock-based compensation of \$4.2 million, primarily related to the PDP acquisition, and other incentive-based compensation.

S&M expenses were \$69.3 million for the six months ended September 30, 2018, an increase of \$19.2 million, or 38.3%, compared to the same period a year ago, and are 54.4% of total revenues compared to 49.7% in the prior year. The increase is due to an increase in non-cash stock-based compensation of \$8.6 million, primarily related to the PDP acquisition, and other incentive-based compensation.

General and administrative (G&A): Represents operating expenses for all the Company's finance, human resources, legal, corporate IT, and the corporate administrative functions.

G&A expenses were \$25.2 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2018, an increase of \$1.5 million, or 6.1%, compared to the same quarter a year ago, and are 38.8% of total revenues compared to 43.9% in the prior year. Current quarter expenses included \$2.1 million of expenses related to business separation costs compared to \$5.5 million in the prior year. The increase is primarily headcount related to support business growth and other transition

related costs, including incentive-based compensation. Transition related costs were approximately \$3.5 million in the quarter.

G&A expenses were \$43.3 million for the six months ended September 30, 2018, a decrease of \$4.0 million, or 8.5%, compared to the same period a year ago, and are 34.0% of total revenues compared to 46.9% in the prior year. Current period expenses included \$2.1 million of expenses related to business separation costs compared to \$12.6 million in the prior year. The increase is primarily headcount related to support business growth and other transition related costs, including incentive based compensation.

Gains, losses, and other items, net: Represents restructuring costs and other adjustments.

Gains, losses and other items, net of \$0.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 decreased \$2.3 million compared to the same quarter a year ago. Gains, losses and other items, net of \$0.5 million for the six months ended September 30, 2018 decreased \$2.3 million compared to the same period a year ago. The prior year periods include a \$2.1 million charge related to the restructuring of the Redwood City, California lease.

Loss from Operations and Operating Margin

Loss from operations was \$38.2 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 compared to \$38.1 million for the same quarter a year ago. Operating margin was a negative 58.9% compared to a negative 70.6%

Loss from operations was \$67.8 million for the six months ended September 30, 2018 compared to \$78.0 million for the same period a year ago. Operating margin was a negative 53.3% compared to a negative 77.4%.

Other Income/Expense and Income Taxes

Other expense was \$0.3 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 compared to other income of \$0.3 million for the same quarter a year ago. Other income was \$0.1 million for the six months ended September 30, 2018 compared to other expense of \$0.3 million for the same period a year ago. Other income and expense primarily consists of interest income and foreign currency transaction gains and losses in each period reported.

Income tax expense was \$2.7 million on pretax loss of \$38.5 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2018 compared to income tax benefit of \$11.9 million on pretax loss of \$37.9 million for the same quarter last year. The effective tax rates for both periods were impacted by non-deductible stock-based compensation related to the Arbor and Circulate acquisitions. In the quarter ended September 30, 2018, the Company recognized a discrete tax expense of \$5.5 million in connection with establishing a valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets. During the quarter ended September 30, 2018, the Company recognized a discrete tax benefit of \$0.9 million related to net excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation compared to \$0.3 million for the same quarter last year. The quarter ended September 30, 2018 was also impacted by the Tax Act's permanent reduction in the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate.

Income tax expense was \$1.3 million on pretax loss of \$67.7 million for the six months ended September 30, 2018 compared to income tax benefit of \$25.2 million on pretax loss of \$78.3 million for the same period last year. The effective tax rates for both periods were impacted by non-deductible stock-based compensation related to the Arbor and Circulate acquisitions. In the six months

ended September 30, 2018, the Company recognized a discrete tax expense of \$5.5 million in connection with establishing a valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets. During the six months ended September 30, 2018, the Company recognized a discrete tax benefit of \$1.7 million related to net excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation compared to \$1.3 million for the same period last year. The six months ended September 30, 2018 was also impacted by the Tax Act's permanent reduction in the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate.

Discontinued Operations

Summary results of operations of AMS are segregated and included in earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax, in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations for the periods presented below (dollars in thousands):