## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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		FORM 10-Q	
(Mark One) x	QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 (	OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES I	EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
0	For the quarterly period ended <u>June 30, 2014</u> TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 (	OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES	EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
	For the transition period from	to	
	Comr	nission file number: <u>1-7945</u>	
		DELUXE	
		XE CORPORATION	
	(Exact name of	registrant as specified in its charte	er)
	<u>Minnesota</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)		41-0216800 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
	<u>3680 Victoria St. N., Shoreview, Minnesota</u>		<u>55126-2966</u>
	(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
	(Registrant's te	(651) 483-7111 lephone number, including area code	2)
	eck mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports require r such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such		of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 o such filing requirements for the past 90 days. bYes o No
	neck mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and nt to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) due s).		
	eck mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an a ated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company"		
	Large accelerated filer þ	Accelerated filer o	
(Do not	Non-accelerated filer o check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company o	
Indicate by ch o Yes þ No	eck mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined	in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act)	
The number of	f shares outstanding of registrant's common stock, par value \$1	00 per share, at July 22, 2014 was	49,762,745.
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# PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### DELUXE CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share par value) (Unaudited)

		June 30, 2014	D	ecember 31, 2013
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	146,942	\$	121,089
Trade accounts receivable (net of allowances for uncollectible accounts of \$4,300 and \$3,861, respectively)		85,376		88,049
Inventories and supplies		32,737		28,966
Deferred income taxes		6,655		6,946
Funds held for customers		41,700		42,425
Other current assets		30,777		31,838
Total current assets		344,187		319,313
Deferred income taxes		1,586		1,851
Long-term investments (including \$2,269 and \$2,407 of investments at fair value, respectively)		45,697		44,451
Property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of \$367,114 and \$360,926, respectively)		96,752		101,343
Assets held for sale		26,762		25,451
Intangibles (net of accumulated amortization of \$369,277 and \$346,086, respectively)		154,440		153,576
Goodwill		823,008		822,777
Other non-current assets		143,968		100,767
Total assets	\$	1,636,400	\$	1,569,529
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	72.238	\$	71,492
Accrued liabilities	Ψ	159,486	Ψ	162,990
Long-term debt due within one year		254,791		255,589
Total current liabilities		486,515		490,071
Long-term debt		391,185		385,115
Deferred income taxes		84,553		82,814
Other non-current liabilities		92,314		61,072
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 11 and 12)		,		,
Shareholders' equity:				
Common shares \$1 par value (authorized: 500,000 shares; outstanding: 2014 – 49,759; 2013 – 50,344)		49,759		50,344
Additional paid-in capital				22,596
Retained earnings		564,318		510,941
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(32,244)		(33,424)
Total shareholders' equity		581,833		550,457
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	1,636,400	\$	1,569,529

See Condensed Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

# DELUXE CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

		Quarter En	ded J	une 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2014		2013		2014		2013	
Product revenue	\$	344,463	\$	332,790	\$	690,127	\$	672,666	
Service revenue		60,947		48,643		122,238		96,321	
Total revenue		405,410		381,433		812,365		768,987	
Cost of products		(119,550)		(111,450)		(237,936)		(223,721)	
Cost of services		(26,341)		(22,097)		(52,884)		(43,123)	
Total cost of revenue		(145,891)		(133,547)		(290,820)		(266,844)	
Gross profit		259,519		247,886		521,545		502,143	
Selling, general and administrative expense		(173,546)		(164,501)		(351,476)		(339,653)	
Net restructuring charges		(1,014)		(924)		(4,314)		(2,295)	
Operating income		84,959		82,461		165,755		160,195	
Interest expense		(9,530)		(9,563)		(19,097)		(19,043)	
Other income		368		142		499		491	
Income before income taxes		75,797		73,040		147,157		141,643	
Income tax provision		(25,721)		(24,888)		(49,758)		(47,616)	
Net income	\$	50,076	\$	48,152	\$	97,399	\$	94,027	
Comprehensive income	\$	53,125	\$	46,788	\$	98,579	\$	92,038	
Basic earnings per share	\$	1.00	\$	0.95	\$	1.94	\$	1.85	
Diluted earnings per share	Ф	0.99	φ	0.93	φ	1.94	φ	1.83	
Cash dividends per share		0.39		0.25		0.55		0.50	
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# DELUXE CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (in thousands) (Unaudited)

	Common shares	Common shares par value	Additional aid-in capital	Retained earnings	-	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Total
Balance, December 31, 2013	50,344	\$ 50,344	\$ 22,596	\$ 510,941	\$	(33,424)	\$ 550,457
Net income	—	_	—	97,399		_	97,399
Cash dividends	—	_	—	(27,677)		_	(27,677)
Common shares issued	450	450	8,379	_		_	8,829
Tax impact of share-based awards	—	_	1,708	—		_	1,708
Common shares repurchased	(988)	(988)	(34,607)	(16,345)		_	(51,940)
Other common shares retired	(47)	(47)	(2,261)	—		_	(2,308)
Fair value of share-based compensation	—	_	4,185	_		_	4,185
Other comprehensive income		 —	 —	 _		1,180	 1,180
Balance, June 30, 2014	49,759	\$ 49,759	\$ —	\$ 564,318	\$	(32,244)	\$ 581,833

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# DELUXE CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands) (Unaudited)

	Six Months Endec	l June 30,
	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 97,399 \$	94,02
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	8,503	9,04
Amortization of intangibles	24,115	22,99
Amortization of contract acquisition costs	8,533	8,27
Deferred income taxes	123	(59
Employee share-based compensation expense	4,597	3,61
Other non-cash items, net	4,617	4,74
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions:		
Trade accounts receivable	1,646	(5,82
Inventories and supplies	(1,434)	(1,15
Other current assets	(2,073)	4
Non-current assets	(805)	(4,89
Accounts payable	(860)	(3,68
Contract acquisition payments	(4,326)	(5,75
Other accrued and non-current liabilities	(14,186)	(18,69
Net cash provided by operating activities	125,849	102,14
Cash flows from investing activities:	 	
Purchases of capital assets	(19,851)	(16,59
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(8,886)	(35,08
Proceeds from company-owned life insurance policies	764	4,59
Other	222	1,38
Net cash used by investing activities	 (27,751)	(45,68
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net payments on short-term debt	(125)	_
Payments on long-term debt	(472)	(4
Payments for debt issue costs	(1,029)	(20
Change in book overdrafts		5
Proceeds from issuing shares under employee plans	7,133	9,36
Excess tax benefit from share-based employee awards	2,027	1,12
Payments for common shares repurchased	(51,940)	(32,00
Cash dividends paid to shareholders	(27,677)	(25,36
Net cash used by financing activities	 (72,083)	(47,07
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Effect of exchange rate change on cash	(162)	(1,99
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	25,853	7,39
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	121,089	45,43
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 146,942 \$	52,83

See Condensed Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

# DELUXE CORPORATION CONDENSED NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(dollars and shares in thousands, except per share amounts)

#### Note 1: Consolidated financial statements

The consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2014, the consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the quarters and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, the consolidated statement of shareholders' equity for the six months ended June 30, 2014, and the consolidated statements of cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 are unaudited. The consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2013 was derived from audited consolidated financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States of America. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the consolidated financial statements are included. Adjustments consist only of normal recurring items, except for any discussed in the notes below. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year. The consolidated financial statements and notes are presented in accordance with instructions for Form 10-Q, and do not contain certain information included in our annual consolidated financial statements and notes. The consolidated financial statements and notes appearing in this report should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (the "2013 Form 10-K").

#### Note 2: New accounting pronouncements

On January 1, 2014, we adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2013-11, *Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists.* This standard provides guidance regarding when an unrecognized tax benefit should be classified as a reduction to a deferred tax asset or when it should be classified as a liability in the consolidated balance sheet. Adoption of this standard resulted in an increase of \$669 in non-current deferred income tax liabilities and a corresponding decrease in other non-current liabilities.

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU No. 2014-08, *Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*. This standard changes the criteria for determining which disposals should be presented as discontinued operations and modifies the related disclosure requirements. Additionally, the new guidance requires that a business which qualifies as held for sale upon acquisition should be reported as discontinued operations. The new guidance is effective for us on January 1, 2015 and applies prospectively to new disposals and new classifications of disposal groups as held for sale after the effective date. We are currently assessing the impact of this new standard on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. The new standard provides revenue recognition guidance for any entity that enters into contracts with customers to transfer goods or services or enters into contracts for the transfer of non-financial assets, unless those contracts are within the scope of other accounting standards. The new standard also expands the required financial statement disclosures regarding revenue recognition. The new guidance is effective for us on January 1, 2017. We are currently assessing the impact of this new standard on our consolidated financial statements, as well as the method of transition that we will use in adopting the new standard.

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-12, Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period. The new standard requires that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period should be treated as a performance condition. As such, the performance target should not be reflected in estimating the grant-date fair value of the award. The new guidance is effective for us on January 1, 2016. We currently have share-based payment awards that fall within the scope of this standard. Our current accounting treatment is in compliance with the new standard, so we expect no impact on our consolidated financial statements.

# Note 3: Supplemental balance sheet information

Inventories and supplies - Inventories and supplies were comprised of the following:

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Raw materials	\$ 5,578	\$ 5,426
Semi-finished goods	8,701	8,361
Finished goods	15,182	11,948
Supplies	3,276	3,231
Inventories and supplies	\$ 32,737	\$ 28,966

Available-for-sale securities – Available-for-sale securities included within cash and cash equivalents, funds held for customers and other current assets were comprised of the following:

	June 30, 2014									
		Cost	(	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses			Fair value		
Money market securities (cash equivalents)	\$	65,985	\$	_	\$	—	\$	65,985		
Canadian and provincial government securities (funds held for customers) <sup>(1)</sup>		9,972		—		(203)		9,769		
Canadian money market fund (other current assets)		2,046		—		—		2,046		
Total available-for-sale securities	\$	78,003	\$	_	\$	(203)	\$	77,800		

(1) Funds held for customers, as reported on the consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2014, also included cash of \$31,931.

	December 31, 2013									
		Cost	Gross unr gain	•••••		unrealized losses		Fair value		
Money market securities (cash equivalents)	\$	70,001	\$	_	\$	_	\$	70,001		
Funds held for customers:										
Canadian and provincial government securities		9,901				(343)		9,558		
Canadian guaranteed investment certificate		5,178		—		—		5,178		
Available-for-sale securities (funds held for customers) <sup>(1)</sup>		15,079				(343)		14,736		
Canadian money market fund (other current assets)		2,045						2,045		
Total available-for-sale securities	\$	87,125	\$		\$	(343)	\$	86,782		

<sup>(1)</sup> Funds held for customers, as reported on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2013, also included cash of \$27,689.

Expected maturities of available-for-sale securities as of June 30, 2014 were as follows:

	 Fair value
Due in one year or less	\$ 68,520
Due in two to five years	4,914
Due in six to ten years	 4,366
Total available-for-sale securities	\$ 77,800

Further information regarding the fair value of available-for-sale securities can be found in Note 8: Fair value measurements.

Assets held for sale – Assets held for sale included the operations of small business distributors which we previously acquired and which consisted primarily of customer list intangible assets. The net assets of one of the small business distributors were sold during the quarter ended June 30, 2014, realizing a net pre-tax gain of \$430. We are actively marketing the remaining assets and expect the selling prices will exceed the carrying values. Net assets held for sale consisted of the following:

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013	<b>Balance sheet caption</b>
Current assets	\$ 215	\$ 727	Other current assets
Intangibles	25,909	24,603	Assets held for sale
Other non-current assets	853	848	Assets held for sale
Accrued liabilities	(1,013)	(733)	Accrued liabilities
Non-current deferred income tax liabilities	(8,735)	(7,821)	Other non-current liabilities
Other non-current liabilities	(14)	(32)	Other non-current liabilities
Net assets held for sale	\$ 17,215	\$ 17,592	-

Intangibles - Intangibles were comprised of the following:

		June 30, 2014					Ľ	December 31, 2013		
	ss carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	]	Net carrying amount	G	Fross carrying amount		Accumulated amortization	l	Net carrying amount
Indefinite-lived:										
Trade name	\$ 19,100	\$ —	\$	19,100	\$	19,100	\$	—	\$	19,100
Amortizable intangibles:										
Internal-use software	359,701	(292,485)		67,216		339,995		(275,159)		64,836
Customer lists/relationships	68,995	(34,989)		34,006		63,282		(31,606)		31,676
Trade names	67,761	(35,648)		32,113		67,961		(33,642)		34,319
Other	8,160	(6,155)		2,005		9,324		(5,679)		3,645
Amortizable intangibles	 504,617	 (369,277)		135,340		480,562		(346,086)		134,476
Intangibles	\$ 523,717	\$ (369,277)	\$	154,440	\$	499,662	\$	(346,086)	\$	153,576

Amortization of intangibles was \$12,091 for the quarter ended June 30, 2014 and \$11,655 for the quarter ended June 30, 2013. Amortization of intangibles was \$24,115 for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and \$22,998 for the six months ended June 30, 2013. Based on the intangibles in service as of June 30, 2014, estimated future amortization expense is as follows:

	Estimated amortization expense
Remainder of 2014	\$ 21,167
2015	35,898
2016	23,845
2017	11,791
2018	8,043

We acquire internal-use software in the normal course of business. We also acquire internal-use software and other intangible assets in conjunction with acquisitions (Note 6). The following intangible assets were acquired during the six months ended June 30, 2014:

	Amount	Weighted-average amortization period (in years)		
Internal-use software	\$ 19,704	4		
Customer lists/relationships	6,522	8		
Other	50	2		
Acquired intangibles	\$ 26,276	5		

Goodwill - Changes in goodwill during the six months ended June 30, 2014 were as follows:

	Small Business Services	Financial Services	Direct Checks	Total
Balance, December 31, 2013:				
Goodwill, gross	\$ 652,554	\$ 41,717	\$ 148,506	\$ 842,777
Accumulated impairment charges	(20,000)	—	—	(20,000)
Goodwill, net of accumulated impairment charges	 632,554	 41,717	148,506	 822,777
Adjustment for acquisition of Destination Rewards, Inc. (Note 6)	—	(1,375)	—	(1,375)
Acquisition of NetClime, Inc. (Note 6)	1,615	—	—	1,615
Currency translation adjustment	(9)	_	—	(9)
Balance, June 30, 2014:				
Goodwill, gross	654,160	40,342	148,506	843,008
Accumulated impairment charges	 (20,000)	 —	 —	 (20,000)
Goodwill, net of accumulated impairment charges	\$ 634,160	\$ 40,342	\$ 148,506	\$ 823,008

Other non-current assets - Other non-current assets were comprised of the following:

	June 30, 2014	1	December 31, 2013
Contract acquisition costs	\$ 79,832	\$	35,421
Postretirement benefit plan asset	26,943		24,981
Loans and notes receivable from distributors	16,467		16,162
Deferred advertising costs	8,861		10,447
Other	11,865		13,756
Other non-current assets	\$ 143,968	\$	100,767

Changes in contract acquisition costs during the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

	Six Months Ended June 30,				
	2014		2013		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 35,421	\$	43,036		
Additions <sup>(1)</sup>	53,164		6,033		
Amortization	(8,533)		(8,277)		
Other	(220)		(271)		
Balance, end of period	\$ 79,832	\$	40,521		

<sup>(1)</sup>Contract acquisition costs are accrued upon contract execution. Cash payments made for contract acquisition costs were \$4,326 for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and \$5,753 for the six months ended June 30, 2013.

Accrued liabilities - Accrued liabilities were comprised of the following:

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Funds held for customers	\$ 40,834	\$ 41,810
Employee performance-based compensation	18,813	29,544
Customer rebates	18,709	21,623
Deferred revenue	18,233	16,897
Contract acquisition costs due within one year	13,095	3,880
Interest	8,865	8,869
Restructuring due within one year (Note 9)	2,936	5,609
Other	38,001	34,758
Accrued liabilities	\$ 159,486	\$ 162,990

# Note 4: Earnings per share

The following table reflects the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share. During each period, certain stock options, as noted below, were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because their effect would have been antidilutive.

		Quarter En	ded J	une 30,	Six Months <b>B</b>	nded	ed June 30,	
		2014		2013	2014		2013	
Earnings per share – basic:								
Net income	\$	50,076	\$	48,152 \$	97,399	\$	94,027	
Income allocated to participating securities		(287)		(198)	(486)		(529)	
Income available to common shareholders	\$	49,789	\$	47,954 \$	96,913	\$	93,498	
Weighted-average shares outstanding		49,789		50,545	50,021		50,625	
Earnings per share – basic	\$	1.00	\$	0.95 \$	1.94	\$	1.85	
Earnings per share – diluted:	¢	50.076	¢	40.150 0	07 200	¢	04.027	
Net income	\$	50,076	\$	48,152 \$	97,399	\$	94,027	
Income allocated to participating securities		(285)		(197)	(483)		(525)	
Re-measurement of share-based awards classified as liabilities		117		(128)	109		25	
Income available to common shareholders	\$	49,908	\$	47,827 \$	97,025	\$	93,527	
Weighted-average shares outstanding		49,789		50,545	50,021		50,625	
Dilutive impact of potential common shares		441		437	448		451	
Weighted-average shares and potential common shares outstanding		50,230		50,982	50,469		51,076	
Earnings per share – diluted	\$	0.99	\$	0.94 \$	1.92	\$	1.83	
Antidilutive options excluded from calculation		279		446	279		446	

# Note 5: Other comprehensive income

Reclassification adjustments - Information regarding amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to net income was as follows:

Accumulated other comprehensive loss components	An	nounts recl	assif	ied from acc lo	Affected line item in consolidated statements of comprehensive income			
	Quarter Ended June 30,			Six Mont Jun				
		2014		2013	2014	2013		
Amortization of loss on interest rate locks <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	(427)	\$	(418)	\$ (855)	\$	(836)	Interest expense
Tax benefit		167		158	334		316	Income tax provision
Amortization of loss on interest rate locks, net of tax		(260)		(260)	(521)		(520)	Net income
Amortization of postretirement benefit plan items:								
Prior service credit		355		355	711		711	(2)
Net actuarial loss		(854)		(1,110)	(1,709)		(2,220)	(2)
Total amortization		(499)		(755)	(998)		(1,509)	(2)
Tax benefit		139		228	279		456	(2)
Amortization of postretirement benefit plan items, net of tax		(360)		(527)	 (719)		(1,053)	(2)
Total reclassifications, net of tax	\$	(620)	\$	(787)	\$ (1,240)	\$	(1,573)	

<sup>(1)</sup>Relates to interest rate locks executed in 2004. See the caption "Note 6: Derivative financial instruments" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in the 2013 Form 10-K. <sup>(2)</sup>Amortization of postretirement benefit plan items is included in the computation of net periodic benefit income. Additional details can be found in Note 10: Postretirement benefits.

Accumulated other comprehensive loss - Changes in the components of accumulated other comprehensive loss were as follows:

 	dei	Loss on rivatives, net of tax <sup>(1)</sup>		on marketable		Currency translation adjustment		cumulated other nprehensive loss
\$ (34,874)	\$	(781)	\$	(276)	\$	2,507	\$	(33,424)
_		_		101		(161)		(60)
719		521		_		_		1,240
719		521		101		(161)		1,180
\$ (34,155)	\$	(260)	\$	(175)	\$	2,346	\$	(32,244)
		plans, net of tax    \$ (34,874)  \$	Postretirement benefit plans, net of taxderivatives, net of tax(1)\$ (34,874)\$ (781)719521719521	Postretirement benefit plans, net of taxLoss on derivatives, net of tax(1)\$ (34,874)\$ (781)\$ (771)-719521719521	Postretirement benefit plans, net of tax  derivatives, net of tax <sup>(1)</sup> securities, net of tax <sup>(2)</sup> \$ (34,874)  \$ (781)  \$ (276)      101    719  521     719  521  101	Postretirement benefit plans, net of tax  Loss on derivatives, net of tax <sup>(1)</sup> on marketable securities, net of tax <sup>(2)</sup> \$ (34,874)  \$ (781)  \$ (276)  \$    -  -  101  \$    719  521  -  -    719  521  101  \$	Postretirement benefit plans, net of taxLoss on derivatives, net of tax <sup>(1)</sup> on marketable securities, net of tax <sup>(2)</sup> Currency translation adjustment\$ (34,874)\$ (781)\$ (276)\$ 2,507101(161)719521719521101(161)	Postretirement benefit plans, net of taxLoss on derivatives, net of tax <sup>(1)</sup> on marketable securities, net of tax <sup>(2)</sup> Currency translation adjustmentAc con\$ (34,874)\$ (781)\$ (276)\$ 2,507\$101(161)-719521719521101(161)-

<sup>(1)</sup> Relates to interest rate locks executed in 2004. See the caption "Note 6: Derivative financial instruments" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in the 2013 Form 10-K. <sup>(2)</sup> Other comprehensive income before reclassifications is net of income tax expense of \$35.

#### Note 6: Acquisitions

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we made the following payments, net of cash acquired, for business acquisitions:

	Payment acquisitions cash acqu	s, net of
Small business distributors	\$	4,641
NetClime, Inc.		2,011
Gift Box Corporation of America		1,750
Other		484
Total	\$	8,886

In May 2014, we acquired selected assets of Gift Box Corporation of America (GBCA), a supplier of retail packaging solutions, including gift boxes, bags, bows, ribbons and wraps. We are operating this business under the name WholeStyle Packaging<sup>TM</sup>. We expect to finalize the allocation of the purchase price during the third quarter of 2014, as we finalize the valuation of acquired inventory. Transaction costs related to the acquisition were expensed as incurred and were not significant to the consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2014. The results of operations of this business from its acquisition date are included in our Small Business Services segment. Intangible assets acquired consisted primarily of a customer list with a value of \$1,098 and a useful life of 5 years, which is being amortized using the straight-line method. Further information regarding the calculation of the estimated fair value of the customer list can be found in Note 8.

In January 2014, we acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of NetClime, Inc., a provider of website development software. The allocation of the purchase price, based upon the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, resulted in goodwill of \$1,615. The acquisition resulted in goodwill as we expect to drive future revenue as we incorporate NetClime's software solution into our technology platform and the marketing solutions services we offer our customers. Transaction costs related to the acquisition were expensed as incurred and were not significant to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the six months ended June 30, 2014. The results of operations of this business from its acquisition date are included in our Small Business Services segment. Intangible assets acquired consisted primarily of internal-use software with an aggregate value of \$1,050 and a useful life of 4 years, which is being amortized using the straight-line method. Further information regarding the calculation of the estimated fair value of the internal-use software can be found in Note 8.

In December 2013, we acquired substantially all of the assets of Destination Rewards, Inc., a rewards and loyalty program provider. During the first quarter of 2014, we adjusted the valuation of the intangibles acquired, and we finalized the determination of the intangible useful lives, resulting in tax-deductible goodwill of \$11,705. This is a decrease of \$1,375 from the amount of goodwill as of December 31, 2013. We expect to finalize the allocation of the purchase price during the third quarter of 2014, as we finalize the valuation of an acquired liability. The acquisition resulted in goodwill as we plan to offer Destination Rewards to our clients as a key component of our marketing solutions product set. The acquired intangible assets consisted primarily of customer relationships of \$4,400 with a useful life of 10 years, internal-use software with an aggregate value of \$4,100 and a weighted-average useful life of 4 years, and supplier relationships of \$1,100 with a useful life of 5 years. All of the intangibles are being amortized using the straight-line method. Further information regarding the calculation of the estimated fair values of these assets can be found in Note 8.

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we acquired the operations of several small business distributors for aggregate cash payments of \$4,641. The assets acquired consisted primarily of customer lists, \$3,024 of which are being amortized using the straight-line method over a weighted-average useful life of 9 years. The remaining portion of the acquired customer lists are being held for sale and are classified as such in our consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2014. The distributors' results of operations are included in our Small Business Services segment from their acquisition dates. Further information regarding the calculation of the estimated fair values of the customer lists can be found in Note 8 and further information regarding net assets held for sale can be found in Note 3.

As our acquisitions were immaterial to our operating results both individually and in the aggregate, pro forma results of operations are not provided.

#### Note 7: Derivative financial instruments

We have entered into interest rate swaps to hedge against changes in the fair value of a portion of our long-term debt. We entered into these swaps, which we designated as fair value hedges, to achieve a targeted mix of fixed and variable rate debt, where we receive a fixed rate and pay a variable rate based on the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). Changes in the fair value of the interest rate swaps and the related long-term debt are included in interest expense in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income. The interest rate swaps related to our long-term debt due in 2020 meet the criteria for using the short-cut method for a fair value hedge based on the structure of the hedging relationship. As such, the changes in the fair value of the derivative and the related long-term debt are equal. The short-cut method is not being used for the interest rate swaps related to our long-term debt due in 2014. When the change in the fair value of these interest rate swaps and the hedged debt are not equal (i.e., hedge ineffectiveness), the difference in the changes in fair value affects the reported amount of interest expense in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income. Information regarding hedge ineffectiveness in each period is presented in Note 8.

Information regarding interest rate swaps as of June 30, 2014 was as follows:

	Noti	ional amount	 iir value of est rate swaps	in de	ase (decrease) bt due to fair e adjustment	Balance sheet caption including interest rate swaps
Fair value hedge related to long-term debt due in 2014	\$	198,000	\$ 1,234	\$	538	Other current assets
Fair value hedge related to long-term debt due in 2020		200,000	(10,377)		(10,377)	Other non-current liabilities
Total fair value hedges	\$	398,000	\$ (9,143)	\$	(9,839)	

Information regarding interest rate swaps as of December 31, 2013 was as follows:

	Noti	ional amount	 air value of est rate swaps	in d	ease (decrease) ebt due to fair ie adjustment	Balance sheet caption including interest rate swaps
Fair value hedge related to long-term debt due in 2014	\$	198,000	\$ 2,158	\$	1,569	Other current assets
Fair value hedge related to long-term debt due in 2020		200,000	 (16,239)		(16,239)	Other non-current liabilities
Total fair value hedges	\$	398,000	\$ (14,081)	\$	(14,670)	

#### Note 8: Fair value measurements

2014 acquisitions – For all acquisitions, we are required to measure the fair value of the net identifiable tangible and intangible assets and liabilities acquired, excluding goodwill and deferred income taxes. The identifiable net assets acquired during the six months ended June 30, 2014 were comprised primarily of customer lists associated with acquisitions of small business distributors and GBCA, as well as internal-use software associated with the acquisition of NetClime, Inc. (Note 6). The aggregate fair value of the acquired customer lists was \$4,322 and was estimated using an income approach. The fair value of the acquired internal-use software was estimated using a cost of reproduction method. The primary components of the software were identified and the estimated cost to reproduce the software was calculated based on data provided by NetClime. The calculated fair value of the acquired internal-use software was \$1,050.

During the first quarter of 2014, we finalized the valuation of the intangible assets acquired in the acquisition of Destination Rewards, Inc. in December 2013 (Note 6). The acquired intangibles consisted primarily of customer relationships, internal-use software and supplier relationships. The fair value of the customer relationships was estimated using the multi-period excess earnings method. Assumptions used in this calculation included same-customer revenue growth rates and estimated customer retention rates based on the acquirees' historical information. The fair value of the acquired customer

relationships was \$4,400, which represents an increase of \$2,200 from the December 31, 2013 amount. The fair value of the acquired internal-use software was estimated using a cost of reproduction method. The primary components of the software were identified and the estimated cost to reproduce the software was calculated using estimated time and labor rates derived from our historical data from previous upgrades of a similar size and nature. The fair value of the acquired internal-use software was \$4,100. The fair value of the supplier relationships was estimated by comparing the forecasted gross margin with the supplier relationships in place compared to the forecasted gross margin without the supplier relationships. The fair value of the acquired supplier relationships was \$1,100.

*Recurring fair value measurements* – Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 included available-for-sale marketable securities (Note 3). These securities consisted of investments in money market funds which are traded in active markets. As such, the fair value of the securities is determined based on quoted market prices. Because of the short-term nature of the underlying investments, the cost of these securities approximates their fair value. The cost of securities sold is determined using the average cost method. No gains or losses on sales of these marketable securities were realized during the quarters or six months ended June 30, 2014 or 2013.

Funds held for customers included available-for-sale marketable securities (Note 3). These securities consisted of a mutual fund investment which invests in Canadian and provincial government securities, and as of December 31, 2013, an investment in a six-month Canadian guaranteed investment certificate (GIC) which matured in February 2014. The mutual fund is not traded in an active market and its fair value is determined by obtaining quoted prices in active markets for the underlying securities held by the fund. The fair value of the GIC approximated cost due to its relatively short duration. Unrealized gains and losses, net of tax, are included in accumulated other comprehensive loss in the consolidated balance sheets. The cost of securities sold is determined using the average cost method. Realized gains and losses are included in revenue in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income and were not significant for the quarters or six months ended June 30, 2014 or 2013.

Other current assets included available-for-sale marketable securities (Note 3). These securities consisted of a Canadian money market fund which is not traded in an active market. As such, the fair value of this investment is determined by obtaining quoted prices in active markets for the underlying securities held by the fund. Because of the short-term nature of the underlying investments, the cost of these securities approximates their fair value. The cost of securities sold is determined using the average cost method. No gains or losses on sales of these marketable securities were realized during the quarters or six months ended June 30, 2014 or 2013.

We have elected to account for a long-term investment in domestic mutual funds under the fair value option for financial assets and financial liabilities. The fair value option provides companies an irrevocable option to measure many financial assets and liabilities at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in earnings. The investment is included in long-term investments in the consolidated balance sheets. Long-term investments also include the cash surrender values of company-owned life insurance policies. Realized and unrealized gains and losses, as well as dividends earned by the mutual fund investment, are included in selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expense in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income. This investment corresponds to a liability under an officers' deferred compensation plan which is not available to new participants and is fully funded by the investment in mutual funds. The liability under the plan equals the fair value of the investment in mutual funds. Thus, as the value of the investment changes, the value of the liability changes accordingly. As changes in the liability are reflected within SG&A expense in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income. The cost of securities sold is determined using the average cost method. During the quarters and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, net realized gains were not significant. We recognized net unrealized losses of \$103 during the six months ended June 30, 2014 and net unrealized gains of \$145 during the six months ended June 30, 2013.

The fair value of interest rate swaps (Note 7) is determined at each reporting date by means of a pricing model utilizing readily observable market interest rates. The change in fair value is determined as the change in the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted using the LIBOR rate. The interest rate swaps related to our long-term debt due in 2020 meet the criteria for using the short-cut method for a fair value hedge based on the structure of the hedging relationship. As such, the changes in the fair value of the derivative and related long-term debt are equal. The short-cut method is not being used for our other interest rate swaps. Changes in the fair value of the hedged debt, are included in interest expense in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income and were as follows:

	Quarter En	June 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,				
	2014		2013		2014		2013
Gain (loss) from derivatives	\$ 2,897	\$	(8,536)	\$	4,938	\$	(11,181)
(Loss) gain from change in fair value of hedged debt	(2,840)		8,580		(4,831)		11,264
Net decrease in interest expense	\$ 57	\$	44	\$	107	\$	83

Information regarding recurring fair value measurements completed during each period was as follows:

		Fair value measurements using								
	Fair value as of June 30, 2014	act	uoted prices in tive markets for dentical assets (Level 1)		gnificant other servable inputs (Level 2)	unobser	nificant vable inputs evel 3)			
Available-for-sale marketable securities (cash equivalents)	\$ 65,985	\$	65,985	\$	—	\$				
Available-for-sale marketable securities (funds held for customers)	9,769		_		9,769		_			
Available-for-sale marketable securities (other current assets)	2,046		_		2,046					
Long-term investment in mutual funds	2,269		2,269		—		_			
Derivative assets	1,234		—		1,234					
Derivative liabilities	(10,377)		_		(10,377)		_			

		 Fair value measurements using								
	Fair value as of December 31, 2013	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)		Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	unc	Significant observable inputs (Level 3)				
Available-for-sale marketable securities (cash equivalents)	\$ 70,001	\$ 70,001	\$	—	\$	—				
Available-for-sale marketable securities (funds held for customers)	14,736	_		14,736		_				
Available-for-sale marketable securities (other current assets)	2,045	_		2,045		—				
Long-term investment in mutual funds	2,407	2,407		—		_				
Derivative assets	2,158	_		2,158		—				
Derivative liabilities	(16,239)	_		(16,239)		_				

Our policy is to recognize transfers between fair value levels as of the end of the reporting period in which the transfer occurred. There were no transfers between fair value levels during the six months ended June 30, 2014.

Fair value measurements of other financial instruments – The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument for which it is practicable to estimate fair value.

Cash, excluding cash equivalents, and cash included within funds held for customers – The carrying amounts reported in the consolidated balance sheets approximate fair value because of the short-term nature of these items.



Loans and notes receivable from distributors – We have receivables for loans made to certain of our Safeguard distributors. In addition, we have acquired the operations of several small business distributors which we then sold to our Safeguard distributors. In most cases, we entered into notes receivable upon the sale of the assets to the distributors. The fair value of these loans and notes receivable is calculated as the present value of expected future cash flows, discounted using an estimated interest rate based on published bond yields for companies of similar risk.

Long-term debt – The fair value of long-term debt is based on quoted prices for identical liabilities when traded as assets in an active market. The fair value of long-term debt included in the table below does not reflect the impact of hedging activity. The carrying amount of long-term debt includes the change in fair value of hedged long-term debt.

The estimated fair values of these financial instruments were as follows:

				Fair value measurements using								
	June 3	14	a	Quoted prices in ctive markets for identical assets	Significant other observable inputs			Significant observable inputs				
	 Carrying value		Fair value		(Level 1)		(Level 2)	(Level 3)				
Cash (excluding cash equivalents)	\$ 80,957	\$	80,957	\$	80,957	\$	_	\$	_			
Cash (funds held for customers)	31,931		31,931		31,931		_		_			
Loans and notes receivable from distributors	18,667		17,942		—		—		17,942			
Long-term debt, including portion due within one $year^{(1)}$	643,647		682,932		682,932		_		_			

(1) Amounts exclude capital lease obligations.

					Fair value measurements using							
		December 31, 2		2013	ac	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets		gnificant other ervable inputs	unc	Significant bservable inputs		
	Carı	ying value		Fair value		(Level 1)		(Level 2)		(Level 3)		
Cash (excluding cash equivalents)	\$	51,088	\$	51,088	\$	51,088	\$	_	\$	—		
Cash (funds held for customers)		27,689		27,689		27,689				—		
Loans and notes receivable from distributors		18,047		17,051		—		—		17,051		
Long-term debt, including portion due within one year <sup>(1)</sup>		638,787		684,133		684,133		_		_		

(1) Amounts exclude capital lease obligations.



#### Note 9: Restructuring charges

Net restructuring charges for each period consisted of the following components:

	Quarter En	ded Jı	une 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,				
	2014		2013		2014		2013	
Severance accruals	\$ 1,122	\$	884	\$	2,667	\$	1,874	
Severance reversals	(285)		(179)		(595)		(478)	
Operating lease obligations	—		2		—		2	
Operating lease obligations reversal	—		—		—		(157)	
Net restructuring accruals	 837		707		2,072		1,241	
Other costs	87		344		2,384		1,259	
Net restructuring charges	\$ 924	\$	1,051	\$	4,456	\$	2,500	

The net restructuring charges are reflected in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income as follows:

	Quarter Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,				
		2014		2013		2014		2013		
Total cost of revenue	\$	(90)	\$	127	\$	142	\$	205		
Operating expenses		1,014		924		4,314		2,295		
Net restructuring charges	\$	924	\$	1,051	\$	4,456	\$	2,500		

2014 restructuring charges – During the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2014, the net restructuring accruals included severance charges related to employee reductions across functional areas as we continue to reduce costs, primarily within our sales and marketing, information technology and fulfillment functions. The restructuring accruals included severance benefits for approximately 25 employees for the quarter ended June 30, 2014 and severance benefits for approximately 65 employees for the six months ended June 30, 2014. These charges were reduced by the reversal of restructuring accruals recorded primarily in previous years, as fewer employees received severance benefits than originally estimated. Other restructuring costs, which were expensed as incurred, included items such as information technology costs, employee and equipment moves, training and travel related to our restructuring activities.

2013 restructuring charges – During the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2013, the net restructuring accruals included severance charges related to employee reductions across functional areas as we continued to reduce costs. The restructuring accruals included severance benefits for approximately 30 employees for the quarter ended June 30, 2013 and severance benefits for approximately 50 employees for the six months ended June 30, 2013. These charges were reduced by the reversal of restructuring accruals recorded in previous years, as fewer employees received severance benefits than originally estimated and we entered into a sub-lease agreement related to an operating lease obligation. Other restructuring costs, which were expensed as incurred, included items such as information technology costs, employee and equipment moves, training and travel related to our restructuring activities.

Restructuring accruals of \$2,936 as of June 30, 2014 are reflected in the consolidated balance sheet in accrued liabilities. Restructuring accruals of \$5,638 as of December 31, 2013 are reflected in the consolidated balance sheet as accrued liabilities of \$5,609 and other non-current liabilities of \$29. The majority of the employee reductions are expected to be completed in 2014, and we expect most of the related severance payments to be paid by early 2015, utilizing cash from operations. The remaining payments due under operating lease obligations will be paid through February 2015. As of June 30, 2014, approximately 35 employees had not yet started to receive severance benefits. Further information regarding our restructuring accruals can be found under the caption "Note 8: Restructuring charges" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in the 2013 Form 10-K.

Accruals for our restructuring initiatives, summarized by year, were as follows:

	2012 initiatives		2013 initiatives	2014 initiatives			Total		
Balance, December 31, 2013	\$ 409	\$	5,229	\$	_	\$	5,638		
Restructuring charges	21		200		2,446		2,667		
Restructuring reversals	(10)		(538)		(47)		(595)		
Payments	(286)		(3,775)		(713)		(4,774)		
Balance, June 30, 2014	\$ 134	\$	1,116	\$	1,686	\$	2,936		
Cumulative amounts:									
Restructuring charges	\$ 8,012	\$	7,579	\$	2,446	\$	18,037		
Restructuring reversals	(1,361)		(675)		(47)		(2,083)		
Payments	 (6,517)		(5,788)		(713)		(13,018)		
Balance, June 30, 2014	\$ 134	\$	1,116	\$	1,686	\$	2,936		

The components of our restructuring accruals, by segment, were as follows:

			Employee se	nce benefits		Operating lea							
	Small Business Services			Financial Services Direct Checks			Corporate	Small Business Services	Direct Checks			Total	
Balance, December 31, 2013	\$	1,624	\$	1,991	\$	365	\$	1,508	\$ 150	\$	_	\$	5,638
Restructuring charges		1,497		436		_		734	_		_		2,667
Restructuring reversals		(265)		(104)		(9)		(217)	_		—		(595)
Payments		(1,626)		(1,653)		(260)		(1,175)	(60)		—		(4,774)
Balance, June 30, 2014	\$	1,230	\$	670	\$	96	\$	850	\$ 90	\$	_	\$	2,936
Cumulative amounts <sup>(1)</sup> :													
Restructuring charges	\$	6,374	\$	4,324	\$	549	\$	6,178	\$ 442	\$	170	\$	18,037
Restructuring reversals		(706)		(373)		(31)		(816)	(157)		—		(2,083)
Inter-segment transfer		—		_		(25)		25	—		—		—
Payments		(4,438)		(3,281)		(397)		(4,537)	(195)		(170)		(13,018)
Balance, June 30, 2014	\$	1,230	\$	670	\$	96	\$	850	\$ 90	\$	_	\$	2,936

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes accruals related to our cost reduction initiatives for 2012 through 2014.

#### Note 10: Postretirement benefits

We have historically provided certain health care benefits for a portion of our retired U.S. employees. In addition to our retiree health care plan, we also have a supplemental executive retirement plan in the United States. Further information regarding our postretirement benefit plans can be found under the caption "Note 12: Postretirement benefits" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in the 2013 Form 10-K.

Postretirement benefit income for each period consisted of the following components:

	Quarter En	ded .	June 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,				
	2014		2013		2014		2013	
Interest cost	\$ 1,138	\$	913	\$	2,277	\$	1,826	
Expected return on plan assets	(2,183)		(2,008)		(4,367)		(4,015)	
Amortization of prior service credit	(355)		(355)		(711)		(711)	
Amortization of net actuarial losses	854		1,110		1,709		2,220	
Net periodic benefit income	\$ (546)	\$	(340)	\$	(1,092)	\$	(680)	

#### Note 11: Debt

Debt outstanding was comprised of the following:

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
7.0% senior notes due March 15, 2019	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
$6.0\%$ senior notes due November 15, $2020^{(1)}$	189,623	183,761
Long-term portion of capital lease obligations	 1,562	 1,354
Long-term portion of debt	391,185	385,115
5.125% senior, unsecured notes due October 1, 2014, net of discount <sup>(2)</sup>	254,024	255,026
Capital lease obligations due within one year	767	563
Total debt	\$ 645,976	\$ 640,704

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes decrease due to cumulative change in fair value of hedged debt of \$10,377 as of June 30, 2014 and \$16,239 as of December 31, 2013. <sup>(2)</sup> Includes increase due to cumulative change in fair value of hedged debt of \$538 as of June 30, 2014 and \$1,569 as of December 31, 2013.

Discounts from par value are being amortized ratably as increases to interest expense over the term of the related debt.

All of our notes include covenants that place certain restrictions on the issuance of additional debt and limitations on certain liens. If our ratio of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) to interest expense, as defined in such instruments, falls below two to one, there would be additional limitations on our ability to issue additional debt. The notes due in 2020 and 2019 also include limitations on our ability to issue redeemable stock and preferred stock, make loans and investments, and consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets. Absent certain defined events of default under our debt instruments, and as long as our ratio of EBITDA to interest expense is in excess of two to one, our debt covenants do not restrict our ability to pay cash dividends at our current rate. There are currently no limitations on the amount of dividends and share repurchases under the terms of our amended credit facility agreement executed in February 2014. However, if our leverage ratio, defined in the agreement as total debt less unrestricted cash to EBITDA, should exceed 2.75 to one, there would be an annual limitation on the amount of dividends and share repurchases under the terms of the credit facility.

In November 2012, we issued \$200,000 of 6.0% senior notes maturing on November 15, 2020. The notes were issued via a private placement under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These notes were subsequently registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) via a registration statement which became effective on April 3, 2013. Interest payments are due each May and November. The notes are guaranteed by certain of our subsidiaries and place a limitation on restricted payments, including share repurchases and increases in dividend levels. The limitation on restricted payments does not apply if the notes are upgraded to an investment-grade credit rating. Financial information for the guarantor subsidiaries can be found in Note 15. At any time prior to November 15, 2015, we may on one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the original principal amount of the notes with the proceeds of one or more equity offerings at a redemption price of 106% of the principal amount of the notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest. At any time provember 15, 2016, we may redeem some or all of the notes at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest and a make-whole premium. At any time on or after November 15, 2016, we may redeem some or all of the notes at price equal to 100% of the outstanding notes at 101% of the principal amount. Proceeds from the offering, net of offering costs, were \$196,340. These proceeds were used to retire our senior notes which were due in June 2015. The fair value of the notes issued in November 2012 was \$212,180 as of June 30, 2014, based on quoted prices for identical liabilities when traded as assets. As discussed in Note 7, we have entered into interest rate swaps to hedge these notes.

In March 2011, we issued \$200,000 of 7.0% senior notes maturing on March 15, 2019. The notes were issued via a private placement under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These notes were subsequently registered with the SEC via a registration statement which became effective on January 10, 2012. Interest payments are due each March and September. The notes are guaranteed by certain of our subsidiaries and place a limitation on restricted payments, including share repurchases and increases in dividend levels. The limitation on restricted payments does not apply if the notes are upgraded to an investment-grade credit rating. Financial information for the guarantor subsidiaries can be found in Note 15. At any time prior to March 15, 2015, we may redeem some or all of the notes at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest and a make-whole premium. At any time on or after March 15, 2015, we may redeem some or all of the notes at

prices ranging from 100% to 103.5% of the principal amount. If at any time we sell certain of our assets or experience specific types of changes in control, we must offer to purchase all of the outstanding notes at 101% of the principal amount. Proceeds from the offering, net of offering costs, were \$196,195. These proceeds were used to retire a portion of our senior, unsecured notes due in 2012. The fair value of the notes issued in March 2011 was \$214,900 as of June 30, 2014, based on quoted prices for identical liabilities when traded as assets.

In October 2004, we issued \$275,000 of 5.125% senior, unsecured notes maturing on October 1, 2014. The notes were issued via a private placement under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These notes were subsequently registered with the SEC via a registration statement which became effective on November 23, 2004. Interest payments are due each April and October. Proceeds from the offering, net of offering costs, were \$272,276. These proceeds were used to repay commercial paper borrowings used for the acquisition of New England Business Service, Inc. in 2004. During 2011, we retired \$10,000 of these notes and during 2009, we retired \$11,500 of these notes. As of June 30, 2014, the fair value of the \$253,500 remaining notes outstanding was \$255,852, based on quoted prices for identical liabilities when traded as assets. As discussed in Note 7, we have entered into interest rate swaps to hedge a portion of these notes.

We had capital lease obligations of \$2,329 as of June 30, 2014 and \$1,917 as of December 31, 2013 related to information technology hardware. The lease obligations will be paid through February 2018. The related assets are included in property, plant and equipment in the consolidated balance sheets. Depreciation of the leased assets is included in depreciation expense in the consolidated statements of cash flows.

As of December 31, 2013, we had a \$200,000 credit facility which was scheduled to expire in February 2017. In February 2014, we modified the terms of this credit facility, increasing the amount available for borrowing to \$350,000 and extending the term to February 2019. Our commitment fee under the amended agreement ranges from 0.20% to 0.40% based on our leverage ratio. Borrowings under the credit facility are collateralized by substantially all of our personal and intangible property. The credit agreement governing the credit facility contains customary covenants regarding limits on levels of subsidiary indebtedness and capital expenditures, liens, investments, acquisitions, certain mergers, certain asset sales outside the ordinary course of business, and change in control as defined in the agreement. The agreement also contains financial covenants regarding our leverage ratio, interest coverage and liquidity. No amounts were outstanding under our credit facility during the six months ended June 30, 2014 or during 2013. As of June 30, 2014, amounts were available for borrowing under our credit facility as follows:

	Total available
Credit facility commitment	\$ 350,000
Outstanding letters of credit <sup>(1)</sup>	(9,000)
Net available for borrowing as of June 30, 2014	\$ 341,000

<sup>(1)</sup>We use standby letters of credit primarily to collateralize certain obligations related to our self-insured workers' compensation claims. These letters of credit reduce the amount available for borrowing under our credit facility.

#### Note 12: Other commitments and contingencies

Indemnifications – In the normal course of business, we periodically enter into agreements that incorporate general indemnification language. These indemnifications encompass third-party claims arising from our products and services, including service failures, breach of security, intellectual property rights, governmental regulations and/or employment-related matters. Performance under these indemnities would generally be triggered by our breach of the terms of the contract. In disposing of assets or businesses, we often provide representations, warranties and/or indemnities to cover various risks including, for example, unknown damage to the assets, environmental risks involved in the sale of real estate, liability to investigate and remediate environmental contamination at waste disposal sites and manufacturing facilities, and unidentified tax liabilities and legal fees related to periods prior to disposition. We do not have the ability to estimate the potential liability from such indemnities because they relate to unknown conditions. However, we have no reason to believe that any possible liability under these indemnities would have a material adverse effect on our financial position, annual results of operations or annual cash flows. We have recorded liabilities for known indemnifications related to environmental matters.

*Environmental matters* – We are currently involved in environmental compliance, investigation and remediation activities at some of our current and former sites, primarily printing facilities of our Financial Services and Small Business Services segments which have been sold. Remediation costs are accrued on an undiscounted basis when the obligations are either known or considered probable and can be reasonably estimated. Remediation or testing costs that result directly from the

sale of an asset and which we would not have otherwise incurred are considered direct costs of the sale of the asset. As such, they are included in our measurement of the carrying value of the asset sold.

Accruals for environmental matters were \$8,080 as of June 30, 2014 and \$8,294 as of December 31, 2013, primarily related to facilities which have been sold. These accruals are included in accrued liabilities and other non-current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets. Accrued costs consist of direct costs of the remediation activities, primarily fees which will be paid to outside engineering and consulting firms. Although recorded accruals include our best estimates, our total costs cannot be predicted with certainty due to various factors such as the extent of corrective action that may be required, evolving environmental laws and regulations and advances in environmental technology. Where the available information is sufficient to estimate the amount of the liability, that estimate is used. Where the information is only sufficient to establish a range of probable liability and no point within the range is more likely than any other, the lower end of the range is recorded. We do not believe that the range of possible outcomes could have a material effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. Expense reflected in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income for environmental matters was \$469 for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and \$750 for the six months ended June 30, 2013.

As of June 30, 2014, \$3,535 of the costs included in our environmental accruals were covered by an environmental insurance policy which we purchased during 2002. The insurance policy covers up to \$12,911 of remediation costs, of which \$9,376 had been paid through June 30, 2014. This insurance policy does not cover properties acquired subsequent to 2002. However, costs included in our environmental accruals for such properties were not material as of June 30, 2014. We do not anticipate significant net cash outlays for environmental matters in 2014. The insurance policy also covers up to \$10,000 of third-party claims through 2032 at certain owned, leased and divested sites. We consider the realization of recovery under the insurance policy to be probable based on the insurance contract in place with a reputable and financially-sound insurance company. As our environmental accruals include our best estimates of these costs, we have recorded receivables from the insurance company within other current assets and other non-current assets based on the amounts of our environmental accruals for insured sites.

We also have an additional environmental site liability insurance policy providing coverage on facilities which we acquired subsequent to 2002. This policy covers liability for claims of bodily injury or property damage arising from pollution events at the covered facilities. The policy also provides remediation coverage should we be required by a governing authority to perform remediation activities at the covered sites. The policy provides coverage of up to \$15,000 through April 2019. No accruals have been recorded in our consolidated financial statements for any of the events contemplated in this insurance policy.

*Self-insurance* – We are self-insured for certain costs, primarily workers' compensation claims and medical and dental benefits. The liabilities associated with these items represent our best estimate of the ultimate obligations for reported claims plus those incurred, but not reported. The liability for workers' compensation, which totaled \$4,588 as of June 30, 2014 and \$4,560 as of December 31, 2013, is accounted for on a discounted basis. The difference between the discounted and undiscounted workers' compensation liability was not significant as of June 30, 2014 or December 31, 2013. We record liabilities for medical and dental benefits for active employees and those employees on long-term disability. Our liability for active employees is not recorded on a discounted basis as we expect the benefits to be paid in a relatively short period of time. Our liability for those employees on long-term disability is accounted for on a discounted basis. Our total liability for these medical and dental benefits totaled \$3,238 as of June 30, 2014 and \$3,322 as of December 31, 2013. The difference between the discounted medical and dental liability was \$149 as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

Our self-insurance liabilities are estimated, in part, by considering historical claims experience, demographic factors and other actuarial assumptions. The estimated accruals for these liabilities could be significantly affected if future events and claims differ from these assumptions and historical trends.

#### Note 13: Shareholders' equity

We have an outstanding authorization from our board of directors to purchase up to 10,000 shares of our common stock. This authorization has no expiration date, and 2,108 shares remained available for purchase under this authorization as of June 30, 2014. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we repurchased 988 shares for \$51,940.

#### Note 14: Business segment information

We operate three reportable business segments: Small Business Services, Financial Services and Direct Checks. Our business segments are generally organized by type of customer served and reflect the way we manage the company. Small Business Services promotes and sells products and services to small businesses via direct response mail and internet advertising, referrals from financial institutions and telecommunications clients, Safeguard distributors. a network of local dealers, a direct sales force which focuses on major accounts, and an outbound telemarketing group. Financial Services' products and services are sold primarily through a direct sales force, which executes supply contracts with our financial institution clients nationwide, including banks, credit unions and financial services companies. Once the financial institution relationship is established, consumers may submit their check orders through their financial institution or over the phone or internet. Direct Checks sells products and services directly to consumers using direct response marketing, including print advertising and search engine marketing and optimization strategies. All three segments operate primarily in the United States. Small Business Services also has operations in Canada and portions of Europe. Our product and service offerings are comprised of the following:

Checks – We remain one of the largest providers of checks in the United States, both in terms of revenue and the number of checks produced. Checks account for the majority of the revenue in our Financial Services and Direct Checks segments and represented 43.2% of our Small Business Services segment's revenue in 2013.

*Forms* – Our Small Business Services segment provides printed forms to small businesses, including deposit tickets, billing forms, work orders, job proposals, purchase orders, invoices and personnel forms. This segment also offers computer forms compatible with accounting software packages commonly used by small businesses. Forms sold by our Financial Services and Direct Checks segments include deposit tickets and check registers.

Accessories and other products – Small Business Services provides products designed to provide small business owners with the customized documents necessary to efficiently manage their business including envelopes, office supplies, stamps and labels, as well as retail packaging supplies. Our Financial Services and Direct Checks segments offer checkbook covers and stamps.

*Marketing solutions* – All three of our segments offer products and services that help small businesses and/or financial institutions promote their businesses and acquire customers. Our Small Business Services segment offers services designed to fulfill the sales and marketing needs of small businesses, including web design, hosting and other web services; search engine optimization; marketing services, including email, mobile, social media and other self-service marketing solutions; digital printing services; and logo design. In addition, Small Business Services offers products such as promotional products, postcards, brochures, apparel, greeting cards and business cards. Financial Services offers various customer acquisition programs, marketing communications services, and rewards and loyalty programs. Direct Checks provides package insert programs under which companies' marketing materials are included in our check packages.

Other services – All three of our segments provide fraud protection and security services. In addition, our Small Business Services segment offers payroll services, and Financial Services provides financial institution profitability and risk management services.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the 2013 Form 10-K. We allocate corporate costs for our shared services functions to our business segments, including costs of our executive management, human resources, supply chain, finance, information technology and legal functions. Generally, where costs incurred are directly attributable to a business segment, primarily within the areas of information technology, supply chain and finance, those costs are charged directly to that segment. Because we use a shared services approach for many of our functions, certain costs are not directly attributable to a business segment. These costs are allocated to our business segments based on segment revenue, as revenue is a measure of the relative size and magnitude of each segment and indicates the level of corporate shared services consumed by each segment. Corporate assets are not allocated to the segments and consist of property, plant and equipment, internal-use software, inventories and supplies related to our corporate shared services functions of manufacturing, information technology and real estate, as well as long-term investments.

We are an integrated enterprise, characterized by substantial intersegment cooperation, cost allocations and the sharing of assets. Therefore, we do not represent that these segments, if operated independently, would report the operating income and other financial information shown.

The following is our segment information as of and for the quarters ended June 30, 2014 and 2013:

		Rep	ortab	ole Business Seg					
		Small Business Services		Financial Services		ect Checks	Corporate		Consolidated
Total revenue from external	2014	\$ 273,763	\$	88,497	\$	43,150	\$	_	\$ 405,410
customers:	2013	251,825		83,082		46,526		—	381,433
Operating income:	2014	48,765		22,300		13,894		—	84,959
	2013	46,193		21,554		14,714		—	82,461
Depreciation and amortization	2014	11,504		3,139		1,710		—	16,353
expense:	2013	11,468		2,695		1,984		—	16,147
Total assets:	2014	949,189		149,533		164,932		372,746	1,636,400
	2013	912,068		86,104		167,362		282,435	1,447,969
Capital asset purchases:	2014	_		—		_		8,901	8,901
	2013	_		_		_		8,286	8,286

The following is our segment information as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013:

		 Rep	ortak	ole Business Seg						
		Small Business Services		Financial Services	Direct	t Checks		Corporate		Consolidated
Total revenue from external	2014	\$ 543,607	\$	177,610	\$	91,148	\$	—	\$	812,365
customers:	2013	500,144		170,213		98,630		—		768,987
Operating income:	2014	92,356		43,929		29,470		—		165,755
	2013	84,790		44,492		30,913		—		160,195
Depreciation and amortization	2014	22,850		6,341		3,427		—		32,618
expense:	2013	22,690		5,390		3,966		—		32,046
Total assets:	2014	949,189		149,533		164,932		372,746		1,636,400
	2013	912,068		86,104		167,362		282,435		1,447,969
Capital asset purchases:	2014	_		_		_		19,851		19,851
	2013	_				_		16,590		16,590

#### Note 15: Supplemental guarantor financial information

Our long-term notes due in 2019 and 2020 (Note 11), as well as obligations under our credit facility, are jointly and severally guaranteed on a full and unconditional basis, subject to the release provisions described herein, by certain 100%-owned subsidiaries. The subsidiary guarantees with respect to our long-term notes are subject to release upon the occurrence of certain events: the sale of all or substantially all of a subsidiary's assets, when the requirements for defeasance of the guaranteed securities have been satisfied, when the subsidiary is declared an unrestricted subsidiary, or upon satisfaction and discharge of the indenture.

The following condensed supplemental consolidating financial information reflects the summarized financial information of Deluxe Corporation, the guarantors on a combined basis and the non-guarantor subsidiaries on a combined basis. Separate financial statements of the guarantors are not presented because the guarantors are jointly, severally, fully and unconditionally liable under the guarantees, subject to the release provisions described herein, and we believe that the condensed consolidating financial statements presented are sufficient to provide an understanding of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the guarantors. During the third quarter of 2013, additional subsidiaries were designated as guarantor entities. As such, the presentation of prior period information for the guarantor subsidiaries, the non-guarantor subsidiaries and eliminations was modified to reflect these entities as guarantors for all periods presented.

We are an integrated enterprise, characterized by substantial intersegment cooperation, cost allocations and the sharing of assets. Therefore, we do not represent that the financial information presented is indicative of the financial position, results of operations or cash flows which the entities would have reported if they had operated independently. The condensed consolidating financial statements should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements.

# Deluxe Corporation Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

	June 30, 2014										
	Deluy	xe Corporation		Guarantor subsidiaries		Non-guarantor subsidiaries		Eliminations		Total	
ASSETS											
Current assets:											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	92,141	\$	6,651	\$	49,213	\$	(1,063)	\$	146,942	
Trade accounts receivable, net		—		71,247		14,129		—		85,376	
Inventories and supplies		_		28,109		4,628		_		32,737	
Deferred income taxes		3,784		2,811		60		_		6,655	
Funds held for customers		_		_		41,700		_		41,700	
Other current assets		8,754		18,265		3,758		_		30,777	
Total current assets		104,679		127,083		113,488		(1,063)		344,187	
Deferred income taxes		_		_		1,586		_		1,586	
Long-term investments		37,864		7,833		—		_		45,697	
Property, plant and equipment, net		5,073		84,550		7,129		_		96,752	
Assets held for sale		_		3,075		23,687		_		26,762	
Intangibles, net		334		151,789		2,317		_		154,440	
Goodwill		_		821,138		1,870		_		823,008	
Investments in consolidated subsidiaries		1,261,031		89,084		—		(1,350,115)		_	
Intercompany receivable		_		129,578		_		(129,578)		_	
Other non-current assets		11,573		131,934		461		_		143,968	
Total assets	\$	1,420,554	\$	1,546,064	\$	150,538	\$	(1,480,756)	\$	1,636,400	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities:											
Accounts payable	\$	13,604	\$	55,326	\$	4,371	\$	(1,063)	\$	72,238	
Accrued liabilities	φ	20,604	φ	90,691	φ	48,191	φ	(1,005)	φ	159,486	
Long-term debt due within one year		254,782		90,091		48,191				254,791	
Total current liabilities		234,782	<u> </u>	146,017		52,571		(1,063)		486,515	
Long-term debt		288,990		140,017		52,571 19		(1,003)		480,313 391,185	
Deferred income taxes		2,333		82,220		19		—		84,553	
				82,220		111		(120,578)		84,333	
Intercompany payable Other non-current liabilities		129,467 26,765		56,796		8,753		(129,578)		92,314	
		581,833		1,261,031		8,755 89,084		(1,350,115)		581,833	
Total shareholders' equity	¢	,	\$	1,201,031	\$	150,538	\$		\$	1,636,400	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	1,420,554	3	1,546,064	\$	150,538	3	(1,480,756)	\$	1,636,400	

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# Deluxe Corporation Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

	December 31, 2013									
	Deluy	xe Corporation		Guarantor subsidiaries		Non-guarantor subsidiaries		Eliminations		Total
ASSETS										
Current assets:										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	71,972	\$	6,991	\$	45,229	\$	(3,103)	\$	121,089
Trade accounts receivable, net		—		70,317		17,732				88,049
Inventories and supplies		_		24,173		4,793				28,966
Deferred income taxes		2,698		4,198		50		_		6,946
Funds held for customers		_		—		42,425		_		42,425
Other current assets		8,266		20,118		3,454		_		31,838
Total current assets		82,936		125,797		113,683		(3,103)		319,313
Deferred income taxes		—		—		1,851		—		1,851
Long-term investments		35,155		9,296		—		_		44,451
Property, plant and equipment, net		—		93,472		7,871		—		101,343
Assets held for sale		_		4,046		21,405		_		25,451
Intangibles, net		_		151,361		2,215		_		153,576
Goodwill		_		820,898		1,879		_		822,777
Investments in consolidated subsidiaries		1,155,705		82,918		_		(1,238,623)		_
Intercompany receivable		_		39,192		1,373		(40,565)		_
Other non-current assets		8,077		92,461		229		_		100,767
Total assets	\$	1,281,873	\$	1,419,441	\$	150,506	\$	(1,282,291)	\$	1,569,529
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities:										
Accounts payable	\$	11,831	\$	54,655	\$	8,109	\$	(3,103)	\$	71,492
Accrued liabilities		13,794		97,577		51,619		_		162,990
Long-term debt due within one year		255,589		_		_		_		255,589
Total current liabilities		281,214	• •	152,232		59,728		(3,103)		490,071
Long-term debt		385,115		_		_		_		385,115
Deferred income taxes		2,821		79,993		_		_		82,814
Intercompany payable		40,565				_		(40,565)		·
Other non-current liabilities		21,701		31,511		7,860				61,072
Total shareholders' equity		550,457		1,155,705		82,918		(1,238,623)		550,457
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	1,281,873	\$	1,419,441	\$	150,506	\$	(1,282,291)	\$	1,569,529

	Quarter Ended June 30, 2014										
	<b>Deluxe</b> Corporation	Guarantor subsidiaries	Non-guarantor subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total						
Product revenue	\$ —	\$ 321,	043 \$ 23,420	\$ —	\$ 344,463						
Service revenue	21,560	56,	215 7,018	(23,846)	60,947						
Total revenue	21,560	377,	258 30,438	(23,846)	405,410						
Cost of products	—	(108,	036) (11,514)	) —	(119,550)						
Cost of services	(19,744)	(24,	(2,070)	) 20,246	(26,341)						
Total cost of revenue	(19,744)	(132,	809) (13,584	) 20,246	(145,891)						
Gross profit	1,816	244,	16,854	(3,600)	259,519						
Operating expenses	—	(166,	(11,945)	) 3,600	(174,560)						
Operating income	1,816	78,	234 4,909		84,959						
Interest expense	(9,510)	(3,	049) —	3,029	(9,530)						
Other income	3,096		260 41	(3,029)	368						
(Loss) income before income taxes	(4,598)	75,	445 4,950	_	75,797						
Income tax benefit (provision)	2,248	(26,	613) (1,356)	) —	(25,721)						
(Loss) income before equity in earnings of consolidated subsidiaries	(2,350)	48,	832 3,594	_	50,076						
Equity in earnings of consolidated subsidiaries	52,426	3,	594 —	(56,020)	_						
Net income	\$ 50,076	\$ 52,	426 \$ 3,594	\$ (56,020)	\$ 50,076						
Comprehensive income	\$ 53,125	\$ 55,	177 \$ 6,023	\$ (61,200)	\$ 53,125						

	Quarter Ended June 30, 2013										
	Deluxe Corporation	Guarantor subsidiaries	Non-guarantor subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total						
Product revenue	\$ —	\$ 315,450	\$ 17,340	\$ —	\$ 332,790						
Service revenue	2,175	43,951	6,324	(3,807)	48,643						
Total revenue	2,175	359,401	23,664	(3,807)	381,433						
Cost of products	—	(104,292)	(7,158)	—	(111,450)						
Cost of services	(1,316)	(20,036)	(2,238)	1,493	(22,097)						
Total cost of revenue	(1,316)	(124,328)	(9,396)	1,493	(133,547)						
Gross profit	859	235,073	14,268	(2,314)	247,886						
Operating expenses	_	(157,274)	(10,465)	2,314	(165,425)						
Operating income	859	77,799	3,803	_	82,461						
Interest expense	(9,555)	(2,979)	—	2,971	(9,563)						
Other income (expense)	2,372	(59)	800	(2,971)	142						
(Loss) income before income taxes	(6,324)	74,761	4,603		73,040						
Income tax benefit (provision)	2,929	(26,690)	(1,127)	_	(24,888)						
(Loss) income before equity in earnings of consolidated subsidiaries	(3,395)	48,071	3,476	_	48,152						
Equity in earnings of consolidated subsidiaries	51,547	3,476	_	(55,023)	_						
Net income	\$ 48,152	\$ 51,547	\$ 3,476	\$ (55,023)	\$ 48,152						
Comprehensive income	\$ 46,788	\$ 49,916	\$ 1,325	\$ (51,241)	\$ 46,788						

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2014										
	Deluxe Corporation	Guarantor subsidiaries	Non-guarantor subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total						
Product revenue	\$ —	\$ 643,692	\$ 46,435	\$	\$ 690,127						
Service revenue	43,130	111,747	15,079	(47,718)	122,238						
Total revenue	43,130	755,439	61,514	(47,718)	812,365						
Cost of products	—	(214,702)	(23,234)	_	(237,936)						
Cost of services	(43,795)	(49,205)	(5,146)	45,262	(52,884)						
Total cost of revenue	(43,795)	(263,907)	(28,380)	45,262	(290,820)						
Gross profit	(665)	491,532	33,134	(2,456)	521,545						
Operating expenses	_	(333,980)	(24,266)	2,456	(355,790)						
Operating (loss) income	(665)	157,552	8,868	_	165,755						
Interest expense	(18,976)	(6,471)	_	6,350	(19,097)						
Other income	5,699	932	218	(6,350)	499						
(Loss) income before income taxes	(13,942)	152,013	9,086		147,157						
Income tax benefit (provision)	5,954	(53,168)	(2,544)	_	(49,758)						
(Loss) income before equity in earnings of consolidated subsidiaries	(7,988)	98,845	6,542	_	97,399						
Equity in earnings of consolidated subsidiaries	105,387	6,542	_	(111,929)	_						
Net income	\$ 97,399	\$ 105,387	\$ 6,542	\$ (111,929)	\$ 97,399						
Comprehensive income	\$ 98,579	\$ 105,972	\$ 6,482	\$ (112,454)	\$ 98,579						

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2013										
	Deluxe Corporation		Guarantor subsidiaries		lon-guarantor subsidiaries	]	Eliminations		Total		
Product revenue	\$ —	\$	641,341	\$	31,325	\$	_	\$	672,666		
Service revenue	4,351		86,544		13,052		(7,626)		96,321		
Total revenue	4,351		727,885		44,377		(7,626)		768,987		
Cost of products	_		(211,385)		(12,336)		—		(223,721)		
Cost of services	(2,654	)	(39,051)		(4,447)		3,029		(43,123)		
Total cost of revenue	(2,654	)	(250,436)		(16,783)		3,029		(266,844)		
Gross profit	1,697		477,449		27,594		(4,597)		502,143		
Operating expenses	_		(325,834)		(20,711)		4,597		(341,948)		
Operating income	1,697		151,615		6,883		_		160,195		
Interest expense	(19,022	)	(4,823)		—		4,802		(19,043)		
Other income (expense)	4,090		(347)		1,550		(4,802)		491		
(Loss) income before income taxes	(13,235	)	146,445		8,433		_		141,643		
Income tax benefit (provision)	6,579		(51,923)		(2,272)		_		(47,616)		
(Loss) income before equity in earnings of consolidated subsidiaries	(6,656	)	94,522		6,161		_		94,027		
Equity in earnings of consolidated subsidiaries	100,683		6,161		_		(106,844)		_		
Net income	\$ 94,027	\$	100,683	\$	6,161	\$	(106,844)	\$	94,027		
Comprehensive income	\$ 92,038	\$	98,160	\$	2,599	\$	(100,759)	\$	92,038		

# Deluxe Corporation Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2014												
	Deluxe Corporation		Guarantor subsidiaries		Non-guarantor subsidiaries		Eliminations		Total				
Net cash (used) provided by operating activities	\$ (1,237)	\$	120,051	\$	4,995	\$	2,040	\$	125,849				
Cash flows from investing activities:													
Purchases of capital assets	(334)		(18,400)		(1,117)		_		(19,851)				
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	_		(8,886)		—		_		(8,886)				
Proceeds from company-owned life insurance policies	764		_		_		_		764				
Other	(206)		421		7		_		222				
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	224	-	(26,865)		(1,110)				(27,751)				
Cash flows from financing activities:													
Net payments on short-term debt	_		(125)				—		(125)				
Payments on long-term debt	(449)		(20)		(3)		_		(472)				
Payments for debt issue costs	(1,029)		—		_		_		(1,029)				
Proceeds from issuing shares under employee plans	7,133		_		_		_		7,133				
Excess tax benefit from share-based employee awards	2,027		_		_		_		2,027				
Payments for common shares repurchased	(51,940)		_		_				(51,940)				
Cash dividends paid to shareholders	(27,677)		—		_		_		(27,677)				
Advances from (to) consolidated subsidiaries	93,117		(93,381)		264		—		—				
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	21,182		(93,526)		261		_		(72,083)				
Effect of exchange rate change on cash	_		_		(162)		_		(162)				
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	20,169		(340)		3,984		2,040		25,853				
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	71,972		6,991		45,229		(3,103)		121,089				
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 92,141	\$	6,651	\$	49,213	\$	(1,063)	\$	146,942				

# Deluxe Corporation Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2013												
	Deluxe Corporation		Guarantor subsidiaries		Non-guarantor subsidiaries	Eliminations			Total				
Net cash (used) provided by operating activities	\$ (6,558)	\$	100,155	\$	8,545	\$ -	_	\$	102,142				
Cash flows from investing activities:													
Purchases of capital assets	—		(15,717)		(873)	-	_		(16,590)				
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—		(35,080)		—	-	_		(35,080)				
Proceeds from company-owned life insurance policies	3,641		958		_	-	_		4,599				
Other	1,340		45		4	-	_		1,389				
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	4,981		(49,794)	_	(869)	-	_		(45,682)				
Cash flows from financing activities:				_									
Payments on long-term debt	(41)		_		_	-	_		(41)				
Payments for debt issue costs	(207)		_		_	-	_		(207)				
Change in book overdrafts	51		(3,200)		_	3,20	00		51				
Proceeds from issuing shares under employee plans	9,366		_		_	-	_		9,366				
Excess tax benefit from share-based employee awards	1,121		_		_	-	_		1,121				
Payments for common shares repurchased	(32,000)		_		_	-	_		(32,000)				
Cash dividends paid to shareholders	(25,362)		_		—	-	_		(25,362)				
Advances from (to) consolidated subsidiaries	48,507		(47,409)		(1,098)	-	_		—				
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	1,435		(50,609)	_	(1,098)	3,20	)0		(47,072)				
Effect of exchange rate change on cash	_	_	_	_	(1,993)	-	_		(1,993)				
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(142)		(248)		4,585	3,20	00		7,395				
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	14,862		3,228		31,346	(4,00	)1)		45,435				
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 14,720	\$	2,980	\$	35,931	\$ (80	)1)	\$	52,830				

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

#### EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

We employ a multi-channel strategy to provide a suite of life-cycle driven solutions to our customers. We use printed and electronic marketing, a direct sales force, financial institution and telecommunication client referrals, purchased search results from online search engines, and independent distributors and dealers to promote and sell a wide range of customized products and services. Our Small Business Services segment provides products and services to over 4.5 million small business customers and our Direct Checks segment provides products and services to more than six million consumers. Through our Financial Services segment, we provide products and services to approximately 5,500 financial institution clients. We operate primarily in the United States. Small Business Services also has operations in Canada and portions of Europe. Our product and service offerings are comprised of the following:

*Checks* – We remain one of the largest providers of checks in the United States, both in terms of revenue and the number of checks produced. Checks account for the majority of the revenue in our Financial Services and Direct Checks segments and represented 43.2% of our Small Business Services segment's revenue in 2013.

*Forms* – Our Small Business Services segment is a leading provider of printed forms to small businesses, including deposit tickets, billing forms, work orders, job proposals, purchase orders, invoices and personnel forms. This segment also offers computer forms compatible with accounting software packages commonly used by small businesses. Forms sold by our Financial Services and Direct Checks segments include deposit tickets and check registers.

Accessories and other products – Small Business Services offers products designed to provide small business owners with the customized documents necessary to efficiently manage their business including envelopes, office supplies, stamps and labels, as well as retail packaging supplies. Our Financial Services and Direct Checks segments offer checkbook covers and stamps.

*Marketing solutions* – All three of our segments offer products and services that help small businesses and/or financial institutions promote their businesses and acquire customers. Our Small Business Services segment offers services designed to fulfill the sales and marketing needs of small businesses, including web design, hosting and other web services; search engine optimization; marketing services, including email, mobile, social media and other self-service marketing solutions; digital printing services; and logo design. In addition, Small Business Services offers products such as promotional products, postcards, brochures, apparel, greeting cards and business cards. Financial Services offers various customer acquisition programs, marketing communications services, and rewards and loyalty programs. Direct Checks provides package insert programs under which companies' marketing materials are included in our check packages.

Other services – All three of our segments provide fraud protection and security services. In addition, our Small Business Services segment offers payroll services, and Financial Services provides financial institution profitability and risk management services.

Throughout the past several years, we have focused on opportunities to increase revenue and operating income, while maintaining strong operating margins. These opportunities have included new product and service offerings, brand awareness and positioning initiatives, investing in technology for our service offerings, enhancing our internet capabilities, improving customer segmentation, adding new small business customers, and reducing costs. In addition, we invested in various acquisitions that extend the range of products and services we offer to our customers, including marketing solutions and other services offerings. During the remainder of 2014, we will continue our focus in these areas, with an emphasis on profitable revenue growth, increasing revenue from our marketing solutions and other services offerings for small businesses and financial institutions, and assessing small to medium-sized acquisitions that complement our large customer bases, with a focus on marketing solutions and other services opportunities.

Earnings for the first half of 2014, as compared to the first half of 2013, benefited from price increases in all three segments and continuing initiatives to reduce our cost structure, primarily within our fulfillment, sales and marketing, and information technology organizations. These increases in earnings were partially offset by volume reductions for our personal check businesses, due primarily to the continuing decline in check usage, as well as increased investments in revenue growth opportunities, including product and service enhancements.

#### **Our Strategies**

Details concerning our strategies were provided in the *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (the "2013 Form 10-K"). We made no significant changes to our strategies during the first half of 2014.

Consistent with our strategy, during the first half of 2014, we purchased the operations of several small business distributors for \$4.6 million, net of cash acquired. We also purchased all of the outstanding capital stock of NetClime, Inc. for cash of \$2.0 million, net of cash acquired, as well as selected assets of Gift Box Corporation of America (GBCA) for cash of \$1.8 million. NetClime is a provider of website development software and GBCA is a supplier of retail packaging solutions, including gift boxes, bags, bows, ribbons and wraps. The results of operations of each of these businesses from their acquisition dates are included in our Small Business Services segment.

#### **Cost Reduction Initiatives**

As discussed in the *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* section of the 2013 Form 10-K, we anticipated that we would realize net cost reductions of approximately \$55 million in 2014, as compared to our 2013 results of operations. To date, we have realized approximately \$30 million of net cost reductions primarily from our sales, marketing, fulfillment and information technology organizations, and we are currently on track to realize approximately \$55 million of net cost reductions during 2014.

#### **Outlook for 2014**

We anticipate that consolidated revenue will be between \$1.635 billion and \$1.655 billion for 2014, compared to \$1.585 billion for 2013. In Small Business Services, we expect revenue to increase between 7% and 8% compared to 2013 revenue of \$1.050 billion, as volume declines in core business products are expected to be more than offset by benefits from our e-commerce investments, price increases and growth in our distributor, dealer and major accounts channels and in our marketing solutions and other services offerings. The anticipated revenue increase includes incremental revenue from the VerticalResponse acquisition in June 2013. In Financial Services, we expect revenue to range from flat to up 1% compared to 2013 revenue of \$343.2 million. We expect that year-over-year check order declines of approximately 6%, as well as pricing pressure on contract renewals, will be offset by continued growth in non-check revenue, including incremental revenue from the Acton Marketing acquisition in August 2013 and the Destination Rewards acquisition in December 2013. Additionally, we expect Financial Services revenue to benefit from higher revenue per order, a full year of revenue from a new large financial institution client acquired in the third quarter of 2013, and a quarter of revenue from a new client recently acquired. In Direct Checks, we expect revenue to decline approximately 9% compared to 2013 revenue of \$191.4 million, driven by check order volume declines.

We expect that 2014 diluted earnings per share will be between \$3.96 and \$4.06, including \$0.08 per share for restructuring and transaction costs related to acquisitions, compared to \$3.65 for 2013, which included total charges of \$0.22 per share related to restructuring, an asset impairment charge and transaction costs related to acquisitions. We expect that the benefits of additional cost reduction activities and lower fourth quarter interest expense will be partially offset by a continued sluggish economy, increases in medical expenses, material costs and delivery rates, as well as continued investments in revenue growth opportunities, including brand awareness, marketing solutions and other services offers, and enhanced e-commerce capabilities. We estimate that our annual effective tax rate for 2014 will be approximately 34.0%, compared to 33.6% for 2013. A number of discrete credits to income tax expense in 2013 collectively reduced our 2013 tax rate by 0.7 points.

We anticipate that net cash provided by operating activities will be between \$270 million and \$280 million in 2014, compared to \$262 million in 2013, driven by higher earnings, lower contributions to our trust used to fund medical benefits, and lower employee performance-based compensation payments, partially offset by higher income tax payments. We anticipate contract acquisition payments of approximately \$15 million in 2014, and we estimate that capital spending will be approximately \$40 million in 2014, as we continue to invest in key revenue growth initiatives, as well as order fulfillment and information technology infrastructure.

We believe that cash generated by operating activities, along with availability under our credit facility, will be sufficient to support our operations for the next 12 months, including required interest and principal payments related to our long-term debt, dividend payments, capital expenditures and possible small-to-medium-sized acquisitions. We are focused on a disciplined approach to capital deployment that focuses on our need to continue investing in initiatives to drive revenue growth, including small-to-medium-sized acquisitions and continued expansion of our distributor channel. In April 2014, our board of directors increased our quarterly dividend amount from \$0.25 per share to \$0.30 per share. Dividends are approved by the

board of directors on a quarterly basis, and thus are subject to change. We also anticipate that we will repurchase additional shares during the remainder of 2014, although not at the level we did during the first half of 2014. For the foreseeable future, we plan to allocate more funding to common share repurchases than we have in previous years. To the extent we generate cash flow in excess of these priorities, we plan to accumulate cash in advance of our October 2014 senior note maturity of \$253.5 million. In February 2014, we increased the amount available for borrowing under our credit facility from \$200.0 million to \$350.0 million, along with extending the term of the agreement from February 2017 to February 2019. We currently anticipate using cash on hand and our credit facility to meet the October 2014 debt obligation. We may also, from time to time, consider retiring outstanding debt through open market repurchases, privately negotiated transactions or other means.

## **BUSINESS CHALLENGES/MARKET RISKS**

Details concerning business challenges/market risks were provided in the *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* section of our 2013 Form 10-K. There were no significant changes in these items during the first half of 2014.

#### CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### **Consolidated Revenue**

	(	Quart	ter Ended June	30,	Six Months Ended June 30,					
(in thousands, except per order amounts)	2014		2013	Change		2014		2013	Change	
Total revenue	\$ 405,410	\$	381,433	6.3%	\$	812,365	\$	768,987	5.6%	
Orders <sup>(1)</sup>	13,062		13,001	0.5%		25,577		26,333	(2.9%)	
Revenue per order	\$ 31.04	\$	29.34	5.8%		\$31.76		\$29.20	8.8%	

(1) Orders is our company-wide measure of volume and includes both products and services.

The increase in total revenue for the second quarter and first half of 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, was primarily due to price increases in all three segments and growth in marketing solutions and other services revenue, including incremental revenue from acquisitions, as well as growth in our Small Business Services distributor channel. These revenue increases were partially offset by lower order volume for our personal check businesses, continued pricing pressure on contract renewals within Financial Services and decreased volume for our core Small Business Services business products.

Service revenue represented 15.0% of total revenue for the first half of 2014 and 12.5% for the first half of 2013. As such, the majority of our revenue is generated by product sales. We do not manage our business based on product versus service revenue. Instead, we analyze our products and services based on the following categories:

	Quarter En	ded June 30,	Six Months E	nded June 30,
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Checks, including contract settlements	53.7%	57.0%	54.2%	57.7%
Forms	12.2%	13.3%	12.2%	13.0%
Accessories and other products	11.0%	9.1%	11.1%	9.4%
Marketing solutions, including services	17.7%	14.9%	16.7%	14.1%
Other services	5.4%	5.7%	5.8%	5.8%
Total revenue	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

The number of orders increased slightly for the second quarter of 2014, as compared to the second quarter of 2013, due to growth in the Small Business Services distributor channel and in marketing solutions and other services, partially offset by the continuing decline in check and forms usage. The volume decline for our Financial Services segment for the second quarter of 2014 was lower than for the first half of 2014.

The number of orders decreased for the first half of 2014, as compared to the first half of 2013, due primarily to the continuing decline in check and forms usage, partially offset by growth in the Small Business Services distributor channel and in marketing solutions and other services.

Revenue per order increased for the second quarter and first half of 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, primarily due to the benefit of price increases in all three segments, as well as a continued shift from personal check orders to higher dollar Small Business Services orders. At the same time, Financial Services continues to experience pricing pressure on contract renewals.

### **Consolidated Gross Margin**

	Q	)uarte	r Ended June .	30,	Six Months Ended June 30,					
(in thousands)	2014		2013	Change	2014		2013	Change		
Gross profit	\$ 259,519	\$	247,886	4.7% \$	521,545	\$	502,143	3.9%		
Gross margin	64.0%		65.0%	(1.0) pts.	64.2%		65.3%	(1.1) pts.		

As with revenue, we do not separately analyze gross margin generated by product revenue and service revenue. Instead, we evaluate gross margin on a consolidated basis when analyzing our consolidated results of operations to gain important insight into significant profit drivers. As a significant portion of our revenue is generated from the sale of manufactured and purchased products, we believe the measure of gross margin best demonstrates our manufacturing and distribution performance, as well as the impact of profit gross margin is not a complete measure of profitability, as it omits selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expense. However, it is a financial measure which we believe is useful in evaluating our results of operations.

Gross margin decreased for the second quarter and first half of 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, due primarily to the shift in our revenue mix to lower margin services and outsourced products, as well as higher delivery rates and material costs in 2014. These decreases in gross margin were partially offset by the benefit of price increases, as well as manufacturing and delivery efficiencies and other benefits resulting from our continued cost reduction initiatives.

#### Consolidated Selling, General & Administrative Expense

	Q	uarte	r Ended June 3	30,	Six Months Ended June 30,					
(in thousands)	2014		2013	Change		2014		2013	Change	
SG&A expense	\$ 173,546	\$	164,501	5.5%	\$	351,476	\$	339,653	3.5%	
SG&A expense as a percentage of total revenue	42.8%		43.1%	(0.3) pts.		43.3%		44.2%	(0.9) pts.	

The increase in SG&A expense for the second quarter and first half of 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, was driven primarily by incremental operating expenses of the businesses we acquired in 2014 and 2013 and investments in revenue growth opportunities, including efforts to grow our Small Business Services distributor channel. In addition, performance-based compensation expense and medical costs increased as compared to 2013. These increases were partially offset by various expense reduction initiatives within sales, marketing and our shared services organizations, including improved labor efficiency.

#### **Net Restructuring Charges**

	Q	uarte	er Ended Jun	e 30,		Six	Mon	ths Ended Ju	ne 30	,
(in thousands)	2014		2013		Change	2014		2013		Change
Net restructuring charges	\$ 1,014	\$	924	\$	90 \$	4,314	\$	2,295	\$	2,019

We recorded restructuring charges and reversals related to the cost reduction initiatives discussed under *Executive Overview*. The charges and reversals for each period primarily relate to costs of our restructuring activities such as employee severance benefits and other direct costs of our initiatives, including information technology costs, employee and equipment moves, training and travel. In addition to the restructuring charges shown here, total cost of revenue in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income included net restructuring credits of \$0.1 million for the second quarter of 2014, and net restructuring charges of \$0.1 million for the second quarter of 2013, \$0.1 million for the first half of 2014, and \$0.2 million for the first half of 2013. Further information can be found under *Restructuring Costs*.

# **Interest Expense**

		Quar	ter Ended June	30,	Six Months Ended June 30,						
(in thousands)	2014		2013	Change	2014		2013	Change			
Interest expense	\$ 9,530	\$	9,563	(0.3%) \$	19,097	\$	19,043	0.3%			
Weighted-average debt outstanding	655,806		654,237	0.2%	655,771		654,202	0.2%			
Weighted-average interest rate	5.30%		5.33%	(0.03) pts.	5.30%		5.33%	(0.03) pts.			

Interest expense for the second quarter and first half of 2014, was virtually flat as compared to the same periods in 2013, as our average debt outstanding and weighted-average interest rate in 2014 approximated the 2013 amounts.

## **Income Tax Provision**

	Q	r Ended June 3	30,	Six Months Ended June 30,					
(in thousands)	2014		2013	Change		2014		2013	Change
Income tax provision	\$ 25,721	\$	24,888	3.3%	\$	49,758	\$	47,616	4.5%
Effective tax rate	33.9%		34.1%	(0.2) pts.		33.8%		33.6%	0.2 pts.

The slight decrease in our effective tax rate for the second quarter of 2014, as compared to the second quarter of 2013, was primarily due to a decrease in our state income tax rate in 2014. Partially offsetting this decrease was a lower current year research and development credit, as the law allowing for the federal credit expired at the end of 2013 and extension legislation for 2014 has not yet been enacted.

The slight increase in our effective tax rate for the first half of 2014, as compared to the first half of 2013, was primarily due to discrete credits to income tax expense in the first half of 2013, which collectively reduced our effective tax rate 0.7 points, and which related primarily to the impact of federal legislation enacted in January 2013 which allowed us to claim the research and development credit on our 2012 federal income tax return. Additionally, our current year research and development credit is lower than in the first half of 2013, as the law allowing for the federal credit expired at the end of 2013 and extension legislation for 2014 has not yet been enacted. Partially offsetting these increases in our effective tax rate relative to 2013 were discrete credits to income tax expense in the first half of 2014, which collectively reduced our effective tax rate by 0.4 points. Additionally, our state income tax rate decreased in 2014.

## **RESTRUCTURING COSTS**

We have recorded expenses related to our restructuring activities, including accruals consisting primarily of employee severance benefits, as well as costs which are expensed as incurred, including information technology costs, employee and equipment moves, training and travel. Our restructuring activities are driven by our cost reduction initiatives and include employee reductions in various functional areas, as well as the closing of facilities. Restructuring costs have been reduced by the reversal of severance accruals when fewer employees receive severance benefits than originally estimated.

Net restructuring charges for each period were as follows:

	Quarter En	ded	June 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,					
(in thousands)	2014		2013		2014		2013		
Severance accruals	\$ 1,122	\$	884	\$	2,667	\$	1,874		
Severance reversals	(285)		(179)		(595)		(478)		
Operating lease obligations	—		2		—		2		
Operating lease obligations reversal	_		—		—		(157)		
Net restructuring accruals	837		707		2,072		1,241		
Other costs	87		344		2,384		1,259		
Net restructuring charges	\$ 924	\$	1,051	\$	4,456	\$	2,500		
Number of employees included in severance accruals	 25		30		65		50		

The majority of the employee reductions included in our restructuring accruals are expected to be completed by the end of 2014, and we expect most of the related severance payments to be paid by early 2015, utilizing cash from operations.

As a result of our employee reductions and facility closings, we expect to realize cost savings of approximately \$3 million in total cost of revenue and \$11 million in SG&A expense in 2014, in comparison to our 2013 results of operations, which represents a portion of the estimated \$55 million of total net cost reductions we expect to realize in 2014. Expense reductions consist primarily of labor and facility costs.

Further information regarding our restructuring charges can be found under the caption "Note 9: Restructuring charges" of the Condensed Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in Item 1 of this report.

# SEGMENT RESULTS

Additional financial information regarding our business segments appears under the caption "Note 14: Business segment information" of the Condensed Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in Item 1 of this report.

#### **Small Business Services**

This segment's products and services are promoted through direct response mail and internet advertising, referrals from financial institutions and telecommunications clients, Safeguard® distributors, a network of local dealers, a direct sales force which focuses on major accounts, and an outbound telemarketing group. Results for this segment were as follows:

		Quarte	er Ended June 3	0,	Six Months Ended June 30,						
(in thousands)	2014		2013	Change	2014		2013	Change			
Total revenue	\$ 273,763	\$	251,825	8.7% \$	543,607	\$	500,144	8.7%			
Operating income	48,765		46,193	5.6%	92,356		84,790	8.9%			
Operating margin	17.8%		18.3%	(0.5) pts.	17.0%		17.0%	_			

The increase in total revenue for the second quarter and first half of 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, was due primarily to growth in marketing solutions and other services revenue, including incremental revenue from acquisitions, as well as growth in our distributor channel and price increases. These increases in revenue were partially offset by a decrease in volume for our core business products.

The increase in operating income for the second quarter and first half of 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, was primarily due to price increases, benefits of our cost reduction initiatives and planned lower spending on brand awareness initiatives relative to 2013, as well as lower amortization expense related to previous acquisitions. Brand awareness spending decreased as we incurred considerable production start-up expenses in 2013. Partially offsetting these increases in operating income and operating margin was the shift in our revenue mix to lower margin services and outsourced products, an increase in investments in revenue growth opportunities, including those to grow our distributor channel, and increases in delivery rates, material costs, performance-based compensation and medical costs in 2014. In addition, restructuring charges for the first half of 2014 were \$2.1 million higher than in the first half of 2013.

The decrease in operating margin for the second quarter of 2014, as compared to the second quarter of 2013, was due primarily to increased SG&A expense associated with acquisitions and investments in revenue growth opportunities.



# **Financial Services**

Financial Services' products and services are sold primarily through a direct sales force, which executes supply contracts with our financial institution clients nationwide, including banks, credit unions and financial services companies. Once the financial institution relationship is established, consumers may submit their check orders through their financial institution or over the phone or internet. Results for this segment were as follows:

	(	Quarte	er Ended June 3	30,	Six Months Ended June 30,					
(in thousands)	2014		2013	Change	2014		2013	Change		
Total revenue	\$ 88,497	\$	83,082	6.5%	\$ 177,610	\$	170,213	4.3%		
Operating income	22,300		21,554	3.5%	43,929		44,492	(1.3%)		
Operating margin	25.2%		25.9%	(0.7) pts.	24.7%		26.1%	(1.4) pts.		

The increase in revenue for the second quarter and first half of 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, was due to price increases and growth in marketing solutions and other services, including incremental revenue from the acquisitions of Acton Marketing in August 2013 and Destination Rewards in December 2013. Partially offsetting these revenue increases was lower order volume, resulting primarily from the continued decline in check usage, and continuing competitive pricing pressure on contract renewals.

Operating income increased for the second quarter of 2014, as compared to the second quarter of 2013, primarily due to price increases and the benefit of our continuing cost reduction initiatives. Partially offsetting these increases in operating income were increased delivery and material costs in 2014, as well as the impact of acquisitions. Operating margin decreased for the second quarter of 2014, as compared to the second quarter of 2013, primarily due to the increased material and delivery rates and the impact of acquisitions.

Operating income and operating margin decreased for the first half of 2014, as compared to the first half of 2013, primarily due to increased delivery and material costs in 2014, as well as the impact of acquisitions. Partially offsetting these decreases in operating income and operating margin were price increases and the benefit of our continuing cost reduction initiatives.

#### **Direct Checks**

Direct Checks sells products and services directly to consumers using direct response marketing, including print advertising and search engine marketing and optimization strategies. Direct Checks sells under various brand names, including Checks Unlimited®, Designer® Checks, Checks.com, Check Gallery®, The Styles Check Company®, and Artistic Checks®, among others. Results for this segment were as follows:

		Quart	er Ended June	30,	Six Months Ended June 30,					
(in thousands)	2014		2013	Change	2014		2013	Change		
Total revenue	\$ 43,150	\$	46,526	(7.3%)	\$ 91,148	\$	98,630	(7.6%)		
Operating income	13,894		14,714	(5.6%)	29,470		30,913	(4.7%)		
Operating margin	32.2%		31.6%	0.6 pts.	32.3%		31.3%	1.0 pts.		

The decrease in revenue for the second quarter and first half of 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, was due to a reduction in orders stemming from the continued decline in check usage. Partially offsetting the revenue decline was higher revenue per order, partly due to price increases.

The decrease in operating income for the second quarter and first half of 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, was due primarily to the lower order volume and increased delivery rates and material costs in 2014. These decreases in operating income were partially offset by benefits from our cost reduction initiatives and price increases.

Operating margin increased for the second quarter and first half of 2014, as compared to the same periods in 2013, as the benefits from our cost reduction initiatives and price increases exceeded the impact of increased delivery rates and material costs in 2014.



# CASH FLOWS AND LIQUIDITY

As of June 30, 2014, we held cash and cash equivalents of \$146.9 million. The following table shows our cash flow activity for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated statements of cash flows appearing in Item 1 of this report.

	Six Months Ended June 30,										
(in thousands)	20	14		2013	Cha	nge					
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	25,849	\$	102,142	\$	23,707					
Net cash used by investing activities		(27,751)		(45,682)		17,931					
Net cash used by financing activities		(72,083)		(47,072)		(25,011)					
Effect of exchange rate change on cash		(162)		(1,993)		1,831					
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	\$	25,853	\$	7,395	\$	18,458					

The \$23.7 million increase in net cash provided by operating activities for the first half of 2014, as compared to the first half of 2013, was primarily due to the positive impact of working capital changes, higher cash provided by earnings, a \$9.8 million decrease in the funding of medical benefits, as we utilized more of the plan assets of our postretirement benefit plan and reduced pre-funding of the trust used to pay medical benefits, and a \$5.2 million decrease in employee performance-based compensation payments related to our 2013 performance. These increases in net cash provided by operating activities were partially offset by a \$5.9 million increase in income tax payments.

Included in net cash provided by operating activities were the following operating cash outflows:

	Six Months Ended June 30,										
(in thousands)		2014		2013		Change					
Income tax payments	\$	52,076	\$	46,194	\$	5,882					
Employee performance-based compensation payments		25,050		30,286		(5,236)					
Interest payments		19,675		19,109		566					
Funding of medical benefits		9,300		19,078		(9,778)					
Severance payments		4,714		3,445		1,269					
Contract acquisition payments		4,326		5,753		(1,427)					

Net cash used by investing activities in the first half of 2014 was \$17.9 million lower than the first half of 2013, driven primarily by a decrease in payments for acquisitions of \$26.2 million. In 2014, we acquired small business distributors, NetClime, Inc. and Gift Box Corporation of America for an aggregate of \$8.9 million, net of cash acquired. In 2013, we acquired VerticalResponse and small business distributors for an aggregate of \$35.1 million, net of cash acquired. Partially offsetting this decrease in cash used by investing activities was a decrease of \$3.8 million in benefits received from company-owned life insurance policies, as well as an increase of \$3.3 million in purchases of capital assets, as we continue to invest in key revenue growth initiatives and in order fulfillment and information technology infrastructure.

Net cash used by financing activities in the first half of 2014 was \$25.0 million higher than the first half of 2013 due primarily to an increase of \$19.9 million in payments to repurchase common shares. In addition, dividend payments increased \$2.3 million, as we increased our per share dividend amount in the second quarter of 2014, and proceeds from issuing shares under employee plans decreased \$2.2 million, as fewer stock options were exercised in 2014.

Significant cash inflows, excluding those related to operating activities, for each period were as follows:

	S	ix Mo	nths Ended June	30,	
(in thousands)	2014		2013		Change
Proceeds from issuing shares under employee plans	\$ 7,133	\$	9,366	\$	(2,233)
Proceeds from company-owned life insurance policies	764		4,599		(3,835)

Significant cash outflows, excluding those related to operating activities, for each period were as follows:

		S	ix Mon	ths Ended June	30,	
(in thousands)	20	14		2013		Change
Payments for common shares repurchased	\$	51,940	\$	32,000	\$	19,940
Cash dividends paid to shareholders		27,677		25,362		2,315
Purchases of capital assets		19,851		16,590		3,261
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired		8,886		35,080		(26,194)

We anticipate that net cash provided by operating activities will be between \$270 million and \$280 million in 2014, compared to \$262 million in 2013, driven by higher earnings, lower contributions to our trust used to fund medical benefits, and lower employee performance-based compensation payments, partially offset by higher income tax payments. We anticipate that net cash generated by operating activities in 2014 will be utilized for share repurchases, dividend payments, capital expenditures of approximately \$40 million and possible small-to-medium-sized acquisitions. We intend to focus our capital spending on key revenue growth initiatives and investments in order fulfillment and information technology infrastructure. We plan to accumulate cash in advance of our October 2014 senior note maturity of \$253.5 million. In February 2014, we increased the amount available for borrowing under our credit facility from \$200.0 million to \$350.0 million, along with extending the term of the agreement from February 2017 to February 2019. We currently anticipate using cash on hand and our credit facility to meet the October 2014 debt obligation. We may also, from time to time, consider retiring outstanding debt through open market repurchases, privately negotiated transactions or other means.

As of June 30, 2014, our subsidiaries located in Canada held cash and marketable securities of \$49.6 million. Deferred income taxes have not been recognized on unremitted earnings of our foreign subsidiaries, as these amounts are intended to be reinvested indefinitely in the operations of those subsidiaries. If we were to repatriate all of the Canadian cash and marketable securities into the U.S. at one time, we would incur a U.S. tax liability of approximately \$7 million, based on current federal tax law.

We had \$341.0 million available for borrowing under our credit facility as of June 30, 2014. We believe that net cash generated by operating activities, along with availability under our credit facility, will be sufficient to support our operations for the next 12 months, including required interest and principal payments related to our long-term debt, share repurchases, dividend payments, capital expenditures and possible small-to-medium-sized acquisitions.

## CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our total debt was \$646.0 million as of June 30, 2014, an increase of \$5.3 million from December 31, 2013. We have entered into interest rate swaps to hedge against changes in the fair value of a portion of our long-term debt. As of June 30, 2014, interest rate swaps with a notional amount of \$398.0 million were designated as fair value hedges. The carrying amount of long-term debt as of June 30, 2014 included a \$9.8 million decrease related to adjusting the hedged debt for changes in its fair value. As of December 31, 2013, this fair value adjustment was a decrease of \$14.7 million. Further information concerning the interest rate swaps and our outstanding debt can be found under the captions "Note 7: Derivative financial instruments" and "Note 11: Debt" of the Condensed Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in Item 1 of this report. Information regarding our debt service obligations can be found under *Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements, Guarantees and Contractual Obligations* in the 2013 Form 10-K.

Our capital structure for each period was as follows:

	June 30, 2014			Decembe			
(in thousands)	 Weighted- Amount average interest rate			Amount	e Change		
Fixed interest rate	\$ 257,826	6.6%	\$	257,408	6.6%	\$	418
Floating interest rate	388,150	4.5%		383,296	4.5%		4,854
Total debt	645,976	5.3%		640,704	5.3%		5,272
Shareholders' equity	581,833			550,457			31,376
Total capital	\$ 1,227,809		\$	1,191,161		\$	36,648

We have an outstanding authorization from our board of directors to purchase up to 10 million shares of our common stock. This authorization has no expiration date, and 2.1 million shares remained available for purchase under this authorization as of June 30, 2014. During the first half of 2014, we purchased 1.0 million shares for \$51.9 million. Information regarding changes in shareholders' equity can be found in the consolidated statement of shareholders' equity appearing in Item 1 of this report.

We may, from time to time, consider retiring outstanding debt through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or other means. Any such repurchases or exchanges would depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements and other potential uses of cash, including acquisitions or share repurchases.

As of June 30, 2014, we had a \$350.0 million credit facility, which expires in February 2019. Our commitment fee ranges from 0.20% to 0.40% based on our leverage ratio. Borrowings under the credit facility are collateralized by substantially all of our personal and intangible property. The credit agreement governing the credit facility contains customary covenants regarding limits on levels of subsidiary indebtedness and capital expenditures, liens, investments, acquisitions, certain mergers, certain asset sales outside the ordinary course of business, and change in control as defined in the agreement. The agreement also contains financial covenants regarding our leverage ratio, interest coverage and liquidity. We were in compliance with all debt covenants as of June 30, 2014 and we expect to remain in compliance with all debt covenants throughout the next 12 months.

No amounts were outstanding under our credit facility during the first half of 2014 or during 2013. As of June 30, 2014, amounts were available for borrowing under our credit facility as follows:

(in thousands)	Total available
Credit facility commitment	\$ 350,000
Outstanding letters of credit <sup>(1)</sup>	(9,000)
Net available for borrowing as of June 30, 2014	\$ 341,000

<sup>(1)</sup>We use standby letters of credit primarily to collateralize certain obligations related to our self-insured workers' compensation claims. These letters of credit reduce the amount available for borrowing under our credit facility.

# OTHER FINANCIAL POSITION INFORMATION

*Contract acquisition costs* – Other non-current assets include contract acquisition costs of our Financial Services segment. These costs, which are essentially pre-paid product discounts, are recorded as non-current assets upon contract execution and are amortized, generally on the straight-line basis, as reductions of revenue over the related contract term. Changes in contract acquisition costs during the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 can be found under the caption "Note 3: Supplemental balance sheet information" of the Condensed Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in Item 1 of this report. Cash payments for contract acquisition costs were \$4.3 million for the first half of 2014 and \$5.8 million for the first half of 2013. We anticipate cash payments of approximately \$15 million for the year ending December 31, 2014.

The number of checks being written has been declining, which has contributed to increased competitive pressure when attempting to retain or acquire clients. Both the number of financial institution clients requesting contract acquisition payments and the amount of the payments has fluctuated significantly from year to year. Although we anticipate that we will selectively continue to make contract acquisition payments, we cannot quantify future amounts with certainty. The amount paid depends on numerous factors, such as the number and timing of contract executions and renewals, competitors' actions, overall product discount levels and the structure of up-front product discount payments versus providing higher discount levels throughout the term of the contract.

Liabilities for contract acquisition payments are recorded upon contract execution. These obligations are monitored for each contract and are adjusted as payments are made. Contract acquisition payments due within the next year are included in accrued liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets. These accruals were \$13.1 million as of June 30, 2014 and \$3.9 million as of December 31, 2013. Accruals for contract acquisition payments included in other non-current liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets were \$41.8 million as of June 30, 2014 and \$2.4 million as of December 31, 2013.

#### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS, GUARANTEES AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

It is not our general business practice to enter into off-balance sheet arrangements or to guarantee the performance of third parties. In the normal course of business we periodically enter into agreements that incorporate general indemnification language. These indemnifications encompass third-party claims arising from our products and services, including service failures, breach of security, intellectual property rights, governmental regulations and/or employment-related matters. Performance under these indemnities would generally be triggered by our breach of terms of the contract. In disposing of assets or businesses, we often provide representations, warranties and/or indemnities to cover various risks, including, for example, unknown damage to the assets, environmental risks involved in the sale of real estate, liability to investigate and remediate environmental contamination at waste disposal sites and manufacturing facilities, and unidentified tax liabilities and legal fees related to periods prior to disposition. We do not have the ability to estimate the potential liability from such indemnities because they relate to unknown conditions. However, we have no reason to believe that any possible liability under these indemnities would have a material adverse effect on our financial position, annual results of operations or annual cash flows. We have recorded liabilities for known indemnifications related to environmental matters. Further information can be found under the caption "Note 12: Other commitments and contingencies" of the Condensed Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in the Item 1 of this report.

We are not engaged in any transactions, arrangements or other relationships with unconsolidated entities or other third parties that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on our liquidity or on our access to, or requirements for, capital resources. In addition, we have not established any special purpose entities.

A table of our contractual obligations was provided in the *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* section of the 2013 Form 10-K. There were no significant changes in these obligations during the first half of 2014.

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

We did not enter into any material related party transactions during the first half of 2014 or during 2013.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A description of our critical accounting policies was provided in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section of the 2013 Form 10-K. There were no changes in these policies during the first half of 2014.

#### NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Information regarding the accounting pronouncement adopted during 2014 can be found under the caption "Note 2: New accounting pronouncements" of the Condensed Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in Item 1 of this report.

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-08, *Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*. This standard changes the criteria for determining which disposals should be presented as discontinued operations and modifies the related disclosure requirements. Additionally, the new guidance requires that a business which qualifies as held for sale upon acquisition should be reported as discontinued operations. The new guidance is effective for us on January 1, 2015 and applies prospectively to new disposals and new classifications of disposal groups as held for sale after the effective date. We are currently assessing the impact of this new standard on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. The new standard provides revenue recognition guidance for any entity that enters into contracts with customers to transfer goods or services or enters into contracts for the transfer of non-financial assets, unless those contracts are within the scope of other accounting standards. The new standard also expands the required financial statement disclosures regarding revenue recognition. The new guidance is effective for us on January 1, 2017. We are currently assessing the impact of this new standard on our consolidated financial statements, as well as the method of transition that we will use in adopting the new standard.

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-12, Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period. The new standard requires that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period should be treated as a performance condition. As such, the performance target should not be reflected in estimating the grant-date fair value of the award. The new guidance is effective for us on January 1, 2016. We currently have share-based payment awards that fall within the scope of this standard. Our current accounting treatment is in compliance with the new standard, so we expect no impact on our consolidated financial statements.

# CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the Reform Act) provides a "safe harbor" for forward-looking statements to encourage companies to provide prospective information. We are filing this cautionary statement in connection with the Reform Act. When we use the words or phrases "should result," "believe," "intend," "plan," "are expected to," "targeted," "will continue," "will approximate," "is anticipated," "estimate," "project," "outlook" or similar expressions in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, in future filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in our press releases and in oral statements made by our representatives, they indicate forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Reform Act.

We want to caution you that any forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf are subject to uncertainties and other factors that could cause them to be incorrect. Known material risks are discussed in Item 1A of the 2013 Form 10-K and are incorporated into this Item 2 of this report on Form 10-Q as if fully stated herein. Although we have attempted to compile a comprehensive list of these important factors, we want to caution you that other factors may prove to be important in affecting future operating results. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of these factors, nor can we assess the impact each factor or combination of factors may have on our business.

You are further cautioned not to place undue reliance on those forward-looking statements because they speak only of our views as of the date the statements were made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

We are exposed to changes in interest rates primarily as a result of the borrowing activities used to support our capital structure, maintain liquidity and fund business operations. We do not enter into financial instruments for speculative or trading purposes. The nature and amount of debt outstanding can be expected to vary as a result of future business requirements, market conditions and other factors. As of June 30, 2014, our total debt was comprised of the following:

(in thousands)	Carı	ying amount	Fair value <sup>(1)</sup>	Weighted-average interest rate
Long-term notes maturing October 2014, including increase of \$538 related to cumulative change in fair value of hedged debt	\$	254,024	\$ 255,852	4.3%
Long-term notes maturing March 2019		200,000	214,900	7.0%
Long-term notes maturing November 2020, including decrease of \$10,377 related to cumulative change in fair value of hedged debt		189,623	212,180	4.9%
Capital lease obligations		2,329	2,329	2.1%
Total debt	\$	645,976	\$ 685,261	5.3%

<sup>(1)</sup>For our long-term notes, fair value is based on quoted market prices as of June 30, 2014 for identical liabilities when traded as assets. Capital lease obligations are presented at their carrying amount.

We may, from time to time, retire outstanding debt through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or other means. Any such repurchases or exchanges would depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements and other potential uses of cash, including acquisitions or share repurchases.

We have entered into interest rate swaps to hedge against changes in the fair value of a portion of our long-term debt. As of June 30, 2014, interest rate swaps with a notional amount of \$398.0 million were designated as fair value hedges. The carrying amount of long-term debt as of June 30, 2014 included a \$9.8 million decrease related to adjusting the hedged debt for

changes in its fair value. Changes in the fair value of the interest rate swaps and the related long-term debt are included in interest expense in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income. When the change in the fair value of the interest rate swaps and the hedged debt are not equal (i.e., hedge ineffectiveness), the difference in the changes in fair value affects the reported amount of interest expense in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income. Information regarding hedge ineffectiveness can be found under the caption "Note 8: Fair value measurements" of the Condensed Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in Item 1 of this report.

Based on the outstanding variable rate debt in our portfolio, a one percentage point change in interest rates would have resulted in a \$2.0 million change in interest expense for the first half of 2014, excluding any hedge ineffectiveness related to our interest rate swaps.

We are exposed to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Investments in, loans and advances to foreign subsidiaries and branches, as well as the operations of these businesses, are denominated in foreign currencies, primarily the Canadian dollar. The effect of exchange rate changes is expected to have a minimal impact on our earnings and cash flows, as our foreign operations represent a relatively small portion of our business. We have not entered into any hedges against changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

See Business Challenges/Market Risks in Item 2 of this report for further discussion of market risks.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

(a) *Disclosure Controls and Procedures* — As of the end of the period covered by this report (the "Evaluation Date"), we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act")). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in applicable rules and forms, and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Internal Control Over Financial Reporting — There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with our evaluation during the quarter ended June 30, 2014, which have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II-OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

We record provisions with respect to identified claims or lawsuits when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Claims and lawsuits are reviewed quarterly and provisions are taken or adjusted to reflect the status of a particular matter. We believe the recorded reserves in our consolidated financial statements are adequate in light of the probable and estimable outcomes. Recorded liabilities were not material to our financial position, results of operations or liquidity, and we do not believe that any of the currently identified claims or litigation, either individually or in the aggregate, will materially affect our financial position, results of operations or liquidity upon resolution.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Our risk factors are outlined in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (the "2013 Form 10-K"). There have been no significant changes to these risk factors since we filed the 2013 Form 10-K.

# Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

The following table shows purchases of our own equity securities, based on trade date, which were completed during the second quarter of 2014:

Period	Total number of shares (or units) purchased	Aver	rage price paid per share (or unit)	Total number of shares (or units) purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	Maximum number (or approximate dollar value) of shares (or units) that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
April 1, 2014 - April 30, 2014	_	\$	_	_	2,472,904
May 1, 2014 - May 31, 2014	327,675		54.78	327,675	2,145,229
June 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014	37,522		54.87	37,522	2,107,707
Total	365,197	\$	54.79	365,197	2,107,707

In August 2003, our board of directors approved an authorization to purchase up to 10 million shares of our common stock. This authorization has no expiration date and 2.1 million shares remained available for purchase under this authorization as of June 30, 2014.

While not considered repurchases of shares, we do at times withhold shares that would otherwise be issued under equity-based awards to cover the withholding taxes due as a result of the exercising or vesting of such awards. During the second quarter of 2014, we withheld 8 shares in conjunction with the vesting and exercise of equity-based awards.

# Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

# Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

# Item 5. Other Information.

None.

# Item 6. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description	Method of Filing
3.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2010)	*
3.2	Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on October 23, 2008)	*
4.1	Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of December 20, 2006, by and between us and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Rights Agent, which includes as Exhibit A thereto, the Form of Rights Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on December 21, 2006)	*

Exhibit Number	Description	Method of Filing
4.2	Indenture, dated as of April 30, 2003, by and between us and Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-104858) filed with the Commission on April 30, 2003)	*
4.3	Form of Officer's Certificate and Company Order authorizing the 2014 Notes, series B (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.9 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-120381) filed with the Commission on November 12, 2004)	*
4.4	Specimen of 5 1/8% notes due 2014, series B (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.10 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-120381) filed with the Commission on November 12, 2004)	*
4.5	Indenture, dated as of March 15, 2011, by and among us, the guarantors listed on the signature pages thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (including form of 7.00% Senior Notes due 2019) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 15, 2011)	*
4.6	Supplemental Indenture, dated as of July 30, 2012, among us, OrangeSoda, Inc., the guarantors listed on the signature pages thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.11 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012)	*
4.7	Indenture, dated as of November 27, 2012, by and among us, the guarantors listed on the signature pages thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (including form of 6.000% Senior Notes due 2020) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on November 27, 2012)	*
4.8	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 28, 2013 among us, VerticalResponse, Inc., the guarantors listed on the signature pages thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.13 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013)	*
4.9	Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 28, 2013 among us, VerticalResponse, Inc., the guarantors listed on the signature pages thereto, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.14 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013)	*
4.10	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 25, 2013 among us, ChecksByDeluxe.com, LLC, Direct Checks Unlimited, LLC, Direct Checks Unlimited Sales, Inc., Safeguard Acquisitions, Inc., Safeguard Franchise Systems, Inc., the guarantors listed on the signature pages thereto, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.15 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013)	*
4.11	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 25, 2013 among us, ChecksByDeluxe.com, LLC, Direct Checks Unlimited, LLC, Direct Checks Unlimited Sales, Inc., Safeguard Acquisitions, Inc., Safeguard Franchise Systems, Inc., the guarantors listed on the signature pages thereto, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.16 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013)	*
10.1	Omnibus Amendment No. 2 to Credit Agreement, Amendment No. 1 to Subsidiary Guaranty and Amendment No. 1 to Pledge and Security Agreement, dated as of February 21, 2014, by and among us, the institutions from time to time parties thereto as lenders, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. in its capacity as Administrative Agent for itself and the other lenders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on February 25, 2014)	*
12.1	Statement re: Computation of Ratios	Filed herewith

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31.1	CEO Certification of Periodic Report pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Filed herewith
31.2	CFO Certification of Periodic Report pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Filed herewith
32.1	CEO and CFO Certification of Periodic Report pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Furnished herewith
101	Interactive data files pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T: (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the quarters and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, (iii) Consolidated Statement of Shareholders' Equity for the six months ended June 30, 2014, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, and (v) Condensed Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements**	Filed herewith
* Incorporated by r ** Submitted electr	eference onically with this report	

# SIGNATURES

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

	DELUXE CORPORATION (Registrant)
Date: August 1, 2014	/s/ Lee Schram
	Lee Schram Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
Date: August 1, 2014	/s/ Terry D. Peterson
	Terry D. Peterson Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
Date: August 1, 2014	/s/ Jeffrey J. Bata
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Deluxe Corporation Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

		ix Months Ended June 30,			Yea	r End	ded Decemb	er 31					
<u>Earnings:</u>	<u>2014</u>			2014			<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>		<u>2011</u>		<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$	147,157	\$	281,059	\$ 250,753	\$	216,084	\$	235,949	\$ 155,021			
Interest expense (excluding capitalized interest) <sup>(1)</sup>		19,097		38,301	46,847		47,797		44,165	46,280			
Portion of rent expense under long-term operating leases representative of an interest factor		<u>2,012</u>		<u>3,952</u>	<u>4,463</u>		<u>3,215</u>		<u>3,438</u>	<u>2,716</u>			
Total earnings	\$	168,266	\$	323,312	\$ 302,063	\$	267,096	\$	283,552	\$ 204,017			
Fixed charges:													
Interest expense (including capitalized interest) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	19,097	\$	38,301	\$ 46,847	\$	47,797	\$	44,165	\$ 46,280			
Portion of rent expense under long-term operating leases representative of an interest factor		<u>2,012</u>		<u>3,952</u>	<u>4,463</u>		<u>3,215</u>		<u>3,438</u>	<u>2,716</u>			
Total fixed charges	\$	21,109	\$	42,253	\$ 51,310	\$	51,012	\$	47,603	\$ 48,996			
		8.0		7.7	5.9		5.2		6.0	4.2			

<sup>(1)</sup> Does not include interest expense related to uncertain tax positions.

## CEO CERTIFICATION OF PERIODIC REPORT UNDER SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Lee Schram, Chief Executive Officer of Deluxe Corporation, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Deluxe Corporation;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

- (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
- (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

- (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 1, 2014

/s/ Lee Schram

Lee Schram Chief Executive Officer

# CFO CERTIFICATION OF PERIODIC REPORT UNDER SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Terry D. Peterson, Chief Financial Officer of Deluxe Corporation, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Deluxe Corporation;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

- (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
- (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

- (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 1, 2014

/s/ Terry D. Peterson

Terry D. Peterson Chief Financial Officer

# CEO AND CFO CERTIFICATION OF PERIODIC REPORT

We, Lee Schram, Chief Executive Officer of Deluxe Corporation (the "Company"), and Terry D. Peterson, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

- (1) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2014 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m or 78o(d)); and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: August 1, 2014

/s/ Lee Schram

Lee Schram Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Terry D. Peterson

Terry D. Peterson Chief Financial Officer