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

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011
or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission File Number: 000-30269

PIXELWORKS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OREGON	91-1761992
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

224 Airport Parkway, Suite 400	95110
San Jose, California	
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
(408) 200-9200	
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

Number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of October 31: 17,950,420

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

PIXELWORKS, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$17,017	\$16,872
Short-term marketable securities	—	12,366
Accounts receivable, net	4,357	4,487
Inventories, net	4,683	4,858
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,149	2,337
Total current assets	28,206	40,920
Long-term marketable securities	—	603
Property and equipment, net	7,585	5,830
Other assets, net	3,265	5,061
Total assets	\$39,056	\$52,414
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$5,629	\$4,804
Accrued liabilities and current portion of long-term liabilities	8,545	8,983
Current portion of income taxes payable	97	282
Short-term line of credit	—	3,000
Debentures currently payable	—	15,779
Total current liabilities	14,271	32,848
Long-term liabilities, net of current portion	2,580	2,061
Income taxes payable, net of current portion	2,987	3,574
Total liabilities	19,838	38,483
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock	—	—
Common stock	346,381	336,254
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(64	) 167
Accumulated deficit	(327,099	) (322,490
Total shareholders' equity	19,218	13,931
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$39,056	\$52,414
See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.		

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PIXELWORKS, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September		Nine Months Ended September	
	30,		30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Revenue, net	\$17,391	\$18,027	\$47,781	\$55,384
Cost of revenue (1)	8,935	9,733	25,334	29,787
Gross profit	8,456	8,294	22,447	25,597
Operating expenses:				
Research and development (2)	5,982	5,612	17,531	16,505
Selling, general and administrative (3)	3,641	3,685	11,132	11,435
Restructuring	—	—	—	94
Total operating expenses	9,623	9,297	28,663	28,034
Loss from operations	(1,167)	(1,003)	(6,216)	(2,437)
Interest expense and other, net	(89)	(127)	(395)	(378)
Gain on sale of marketable securities	—	316	264	660
Gain on sale of patents	—	—	1,600	—
Total other income (expense), net	(89)	189	1,469	282
Loss before income taxes	(1,256)	(814)	(4,747)	(2,155)
Benefit for income taxes	(173)	(821)	(138)	(5,749)
Net income (loss)	\$(1,083)	\$7	\$(4,609)	\$3,594
Net income (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$(0.06)	\$0.00	\$(0.29)	\$0.27
Diluted	\$(0.06)	\$0.00	\$(0.29)	\$0.25
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	17,905	13,465	15,787	13,417
Diluted	17,905	14,335	15,787	14,370

(1) Includes:

Additional amortization of non-cancelable prepaid royalty	\$103	\$—	\$321	\$5
Stock-based compensation	34	17	93	41
Amortization of acquired developed technology	—	—	—	1,050
(2) Includes stock-based compensation	214	120	624	309
(3) Includes stock-based compensation	260	225	771	500

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$(4,609	) \$3,594
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	3,800	3,328
Gain on sale of patents	(1,600) —
Stock-based compensation	1,488	850
Reversal of uncertain tax positions	(967	) (5,957
Gain on sale of marketable securities	(264	) (660
Deferred income tax expense	69	—
Other non-cash tax expense (benefit)	26	(27
Amortization of acquired developed technology	—	1,050
Other	89	162
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	130	300
Inventories, net	175	692
Prepaid expenses and other current and long-term assets, net	808	1,024
Accounts payable	787	(1,797
Accrued current and long-term liabilities	(167	) 373
Income taxes payable	195	123
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(40	) 3,055
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sales and maturities of marketable securities	12,961	12,150
Purchases of property and equipment	(2,017	) (1,171
Proceeds from sale of patents	1,600	—
Purchases of marketable securities	—	(13,567
Purchases of other assets	—	(290
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	—	5
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	12,544	(2,873
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repurchase of debentures currently payable	(15,779) —
Net proceeds from equity offering	8,327	—
Payments on line of credit	(3,000) —
Payments on asset financings	(2,219	) (1,794
Proceeds from issuances of common stock	312	193
Net cash used in financing activities	(12,359	) (1,601
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	145	(1,419
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	16,872	17,797
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$17,017	\$16,378
See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.		

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(In thousands, except share and per share data)

(Unaudited)

NOTE 1: BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Nature of Business

We are an innovative designer, developer and marketer of video and pixel processing semiconductors and software for high-end digital video applications and hold 114 patents related to the visual display of digital image data. Our solutions enable manufacturers of digital display and projection devices, such as large-screen flat panel televisions and digital front projectors, to manufacture their products with a consistently high level of video quality, regardless of the content's source or format. Our core technology leverages unique proprietary techniques for intelligently processing video signals from a variety of sources to ensure that all resulting images are optimized. Additionally, our products help our customers reduce costs and differentiate their display and projection devices, an important factor in industries that experience rapid innovation. Pixelworks was founded in 1997 and is incorporated under the laws of the state of Oregon.

Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

These condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such regulations, although we believe that the disclosures provided are adequate to prevent the information presented from being misleading.

The financial information included herein for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 is unaudited; however, such information reflects all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company for these interim periods. The financial information as of December 31, 2010 is derived from our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, included in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on March 9, 2011, and should be read in conjunction with such consolidated financial statements.

The results of operations for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011 are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the entire fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-04, Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (Topic 820)-Fair Value Measurement ("ASU 2011-04"), to provide a consistent definition of fair value and ensure that the fair value measurement and disclosure requirements are similar between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. ASU 2011-04 changes certain fair value measurement principles and enhances the disclosure requirements. The provisions of this new guidance are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. The guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05, Comprehensive Income (Topic 220)-Presentation of Comprehensive Income ("ASU 2011-05"), to require an entity to present the total of comprehensive income, the components of net income, and the components of other comprehensive income either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. ASU 2011-05 eliminates the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of equity. The provisions of this new guidance require retrospective application and are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. The guidance will change the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but will not impact our financial position or results of operations.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2010 condensed consolidated financial statements and notes to conform to the 2011 presentation.

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Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Our significant estimates and judgments include those related to product returns, warranty obligations, bad debts, inventories, property and equipment, impairment of long-lived assets, amortization of prepaid royalties, valuation of share-based payments, income taxes, litigation and other contingencies. The actual results experienced could differ materially from our estimates.

NOTE 2: BALANCE SHEET COMPONENTS

Accounts Receivable, Net

Accounts receivable are recorded at invoiced amount and do not bear interest when recorded or accrue interest when past due. Accounts receivable are stated net of an allowance for doubtful accounts, which is maintained for estimated losses that may result from the inability of our customers to make required payments. Accounts receivable consists of the following:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Accounts receivable, gross	\$4,750	\$4,886
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(393)	(399)
Accounts receivable, net	\$4,357	\$4,487

The following is the change in our allowance for doubtful accounts:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
Balance at beginning of period	\$399	\$428
Additions charged (reductions credited)	(6)	8
Balance at end of period	\$393	\$436

Inventories, Net

Inventories consist of finished goods and work-in-process, and are stated at the lower of standard cost (which approximates actual cost on a first-in, first-out basis) or market (net realizable value), net of a reserve for slow-moving and obsolete items.

Inventories consist of the following:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Finished goods	\$2,475	\$2,961
Work-in-process	3,078	3,232
Total	5,553	6,193
Less: reserve for slow-moving and obsolete items	(870)	(1,335)
Inventories, net	\$4,683	\$4,858

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The following is the change in our reserve for slow-moving and obsolete items:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
Balance at beginning of period	\$1,335	\$2,140
New provision	356	476
Sales of previously reserved inventory	(56	) (84
Net provision for obsolete inventory	300	392
Final scrap of previously reserved inventory	(765	) (564
Balance at end of period	\$870	\$1,968

Based upon our forecast and backlog, we do not currently expect to be able to sell or otherwise use the reserved inventory we have on hand at September 30, 2011. However, it is possible that a customer will decide in the future to purchase a portion of the reserved inventory.

We recorded lower of cost or market write-downs of \$0 and \$771 for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Property and Equipment, Net

Property and equipment consists of the following:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Gross carrying amount	\$23,107	\$20,406
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(15,522	) (14,576
Property and equipment, net	\$7,585	\$5,830

Accrued Liabilities and Current Portion of Long-Term Liabilities

Accrued liabilities and current portion of long-term liabilities consist of the following:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	\$2,759	\$2,365
Current portion of accrued liabilities for asset financings	2,053	2,601
Accrued commissions and royalties	1,383	1,139
Accrued interest payable	469	358
Reserve for warranty returns	390	723
Accrued costs related to restructuring	80	172
Other	1,411	1,625
	\$8,545	\$8,983

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The following is the change in our reserves for warranty returns:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
Reserve for warranty returns:		
Balance at beginning of period	\$723	\$304
Provision (benefit)	(139	) 688
Charge-offs	(194	) (445
Balance at end of period	\$390	\$547

Long-Term Liabilities, Net of Current Portion

Long-term liabilities, net of current portion, consist of the following:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Accrued liabilities for asset financings	\$2,099	\$1,314
Deferred rent	163	302
Payroll and related liabilities	150	165
Accrued costs related to restructuring	61	119
Other	107	161
	\$2,580	\$2,061

Short-Term Line of Credit

On December 21, 2010, we entered into a Loan and Security Agreement (the “Revolving Loan Agreement”) with Silicon Valley Bank (the “Bank”). The Revolving Loan Agreement provides for a secured working capital-based revolving line of credit (the “Revolving Line”) in an aggregate amount of up to the lesser of (i) \$10,000, or (ii) 80% of eligible domestic accounts receivable and certain foreign accounts receivable. In addition, the Revolving Loan Agreement provides for non-formula advances of up to \$10,000 which may be made solely during the last five business days of any fiscal month or quarter and which must be repaid by the Company on or before the fifth business day after the applicable fiscal month or quarter end. Due to their repayment terms, non-formula advances do not provide the Company with usable liquidity.

The Revolving Loan Agreement contains customary affirmative and negative covenants as well as customary events of default. The occurrence of an event of default could result in the acceleration of the Company’s obligations under the Revolving Loan Agreement and an increase to the applicable interest rate, and would permit the Bank to exercise remedies with respect to its security interest. As of September 30, 2011, we were in compliance with all of the terms of the Revolving Loan Agreement.

As of September 30, 2011, we had no outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Line. As of December 31, 2010, short-term borrowings outstanding under the Revolving Line were non-formula advances in the aggregate of \$3,000, which were repaid within required terms.

Debentures

In 2004, we issued \$150,000 of 1.75% convertible subordinated debentures (the “debentures”) due 2024. Between 2006 and 2009, we repurchased and retired \$134,221 principal amount of the debentures. On April 13, 2011, we announced an offer to repurchase all of the remaining outstanding debentures, as required under the terms of the indenture

governing the debentures. In connection with the offer, we filed a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO on that day, including as an exhibit, a notice to holders of the debentures specifying the terms, conditions and procedures of our offer to repurchase. The remaining \$15,779 principal amount of the debentures were properly tendered to us and were redeemed for cash at par value on May 16, 2011.

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NOTE 3: MARKETABLE SECURITIES AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

As of September 30, 2011 we had no short- or long-term marketable securities. As of December 31, 2010, short- and long-term marketable securities, classified as available-for-sale, consisted of the following:

	Cost	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Fair Value
Short-term marketable securities:			
US government agencies debt securities	\$5,513	\$3	\$5,516
Commercial paper	5,747	—	5,747
Corporate debt security	1,104	(1	) 1,103
Total	\$12,364	\$2	\$12,366
Long-term marketable securities:			
Equity securities	\$348	\$255	\$603

Unrealized holding gains and losses are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, a component of shareholders' equity, in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we sold the remaining portion of our long-term equity investment. We determined the cost of the securities sold using specific identification. Net unrealized holding gains of \$255 on available-for-sale securities were reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Three levels of inputs may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1: Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 2: Valuations based on inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Valuations based on unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data available, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

The following table presents information about our assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis in the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
As of September 30, 2011:				
Money market funds	\$9,191	\$—	\$—	\$9,191
As of December 31, 2010:				
Money market funds	\$10,933	\$—	\$—	\$10,933
Certificates of deposit	200	—	—	200
US government agencies debt securities	—	5,516	—	5,516
Commercial paper	—	6,947	—	6,947
Corporate debt security	—	1,605	—	1,605
Long-term marketable securities	603	—	—	603
Total	\$11,736	\$14,068	\$—	\$25,804

We have excluded \$3,000 previously included in money market funds as of December 31, 2010, as the amount represents cash not subject to fair value reporting requirements.

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We primarily use the market approach to determine the fair value of our financial assets. The fair value of our current assets and liabilities, including accounts receivable and accounts payable approximates the carrying value due to the short-term nature of these balances. We have currently chosen not to elect the fair value option for any items that are not already required to be measured at fair value in accordance with GAAP.

NOTE 4: RESTRUCTURINGS

All actions under our prior restructuring plans were completed in the second quarter of 2009; however, due to decreases in estimated future sublease income and related professional fees, lease termination costs of \$94 were recorded in the first quarter of 2010.

As of September 30, 2011, accrued lease termination costs of \$141 are included in current and non-current accrued liabilities in the condensed consolidated balance sheets and will be paid in cash over the remaining lease terms of approximately two years.

NOTE 5: INCOME TAXES

The benefit for income taxes recorded for the third quarter of 2011 and 2010 was primarily due to a benefit of \$636 and \$673, respectively, for the reversal of previously recorded tax contingencies due to the expiration of applicable statutes of limitation, partially offset by current and deferred tax expense for our profitable cost-plus foreign entities and accruals for tax contingencies in foreign jurisdictions.

The benefit for income taxes recorded for the first nine months of 2011 and 2010 was primarily due to a benefit of \$967 and \$5,957, respectively, for the reversal of previously recorded tax contingencies due to the expiration of the applicable statutes of limitation, partially offset by current and deferred tax expense for our profitable cost-plus foreign entities and accruals for tax contingencies in foreign jurisdictions.

As of September 30, 2011, we continued to provide a full valuation allowance against essentially all of our U.S. and Canadian net deferred tax assets as we do not believe that it is more likely than not that we will realize a benefit from those assets. We have not recorded a valuation allowance against our other foreign net deferred tax assets as we believe that it is more likely than not that we will realize a benefit from those assets.

As of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the amount of our uncertain tax positions was a liability of \$2,870 and \$3,574, respectively. A number of years may elapse before an uncertain tax position is resolved by settlement or statute of limitation. Settlement of any particular position could require the use of cash. If the uncertain tax positions we have accrued for are sustained by the taxing authorities in our favor, the reduction of the liability will reduce our effective tax rate. We reasonably expect reductions in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits and interest and penalties of approximately \$1,416 within the next twelve months due to the expiration of statutes of limitation in foreign jurisdictions. We recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense in our consolidated statements of operations.

NOTE 6: INTEREST EXPENSE AND OTHER, NET

Interest expense and other, consists of the following:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Interest expense	\$ (90) \$ (125) \$ (378) \$ (372

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Amortization of debt issuance costs	—	(19) (31) (55)
Interest income	1	17	14	49	
Total interest expense and other, net	\$(89) \$(127) \$(395) \$(378)

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NOTE 7: COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

Total comprehensive income (loss) is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Net income (loss)	\$(1,083	) \$7	\$(4,609	) \$3,594
Reclassification of unrealized gain upon sale of available-for-sale securities	—	(469	) (255	) (409
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale investments	—	(218	) (2	) 205
Tax effect of unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale investments	—	102	26	(27
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$(1,083	) \$(578	) \$(4,840	) \$3,363

NOTE 8: EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share amounts are computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted weighted average shares outstanding include the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus potentially dilutive common shares outstanding during the period.

Potentially dilutive common shares from employee equity incentive plans are determined by applying the treasury stock method to the assumed exercise of outstanding stock options, the assumed vesting of outstanding restricted stock awards and units, and the assumed issuance of common stock under the employee stock purchase plan. Potentially dilutive common shares issuable upon conversion of our convertible subordinated debentures were computed using the if-converted-method.

The following schedule reconciles the computation of basic net income (loss) per share and diluted net income (loss) per share (in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Net income (loss) used in basic net income (loss) per share	\$(1,083	) \$7	\$(4,609	) \$3,594
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	17,905	13,465	15,787	13,417
Dilutive effect of employee equity incentive plans	—	870	—	953
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	17,905	14,335	15,787	14,370
Net income (loss) per common share:				
Basic	\$(0.06	) \$0.00	\$(0.29	) \$0.27
Diluted	\$(0.06	) \$0.00	\$(0.29	) \$0.25

The following weighted average shares were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income (loss) per share as their effect would have been anti-dilutive (in thousands):

Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
2011	2010	2011	2010

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Employee equity incentive plans	3,798	1,834	3,715	1,608
Conversion of debentures	—	216	—	216

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NOTE 9: SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information is as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$234	\$237
Income taxes	472	111
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Acquisitions of property and equipment and other assets under extended payment terms	\$2,457	\$4,210

NOTE 10: SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

In May 2011, we sold 4,197,500 shares of common stock in an underwritten registered offering at a price to the public of \$2.24 per share. Net proceeds to the Company, after deducting underwriting discounts, commissions, and other expenses, were approximately \$8,327.

NOTE 11: SEGMENT INFORMATION

We have identified a single operating segment: the design and development of integrated circuits for use in electronic display devices. A majority of our assets are located in the United States.

Geographic Information

Revenue by geographic region, attributed to countries based on the domicile of the end customer, is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Japan	\$12,024	\$12,014	\$32,090	\$34,695
Taiwan	2,939	2,747	7,883	10,044
China	687	165	1,787	945
Europe	541	884	1,879	2,553
Korea	306	648	1,319	2,093
United States	410	635	1,177	2,394
Other	484	934	1,646	2,660
	\$17,391	\$18,027	\$47,781	\$55,384

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Significant Customers

The percentage of revenue attributable to our distributors, top five end customers, and individual distributors or end customers that represented more than 10% of revenue in at least one of the periods presented, is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2011	2010	2011	2010	
Distributors:					
All distributors	75	% 65	% 69	% 59	%
Distributor A	58	% 49	% 52	% 42	%
End customers: ⁽¹⁾					
Top five end customers	55	% 59	% 55	% 58	%
End customer A	16	% 12	% 13	% 12	%
End customer B	12	% 11	% 10	% 11	%
End customer C	11	% 18	% 15	% 20	%
End customer D	7	% 10	% 7	% 6	%

(1) End customers include customers who purchase directly from us, as well as customers who purchase our products indirectly through distributors.

The following accounts represented 10% or more of total accounts receivable in at least one of the periods presented:

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010	
Account A	38	% 45	%
Account B	14	% 25	%
Account C	11	% 6	%

NOTE 12: RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Concentration of Suppliers

We do not own or operate a semiconductor fabrication facility and do not have the resources to manufacture our products internally. We rely on four third-party foundries to produce all of our wafers and three assembly and test vendors for completion of finished products. We do not have any long-term agreements with any of these suppliers. In light of these dependencies, it is reasonably possible that failure to perform by one of these suppliers could have a severe impact on our results of operations. Additionally, the concentration of these vendors within the People's Republic of China and Taiwan increases our risk of supply disruption due to natural disasters, economic instability, political unrest or other regional disturbances.

Risk of Technological Change

The markets in which we compete, or seek to compete, are subject to rapid technological change, frequent new product introductions, changing customer requirements for new products and features and evolving industry standards. The introduction of new technologies and the emergence of new industry standards could render our products less desirable or obsolete, which could harm our business.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject us to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash equivalents and accounts receivable. We limit our exposure to credit risk associated with cash equivalent balances by holding our funds in highly liquid money market accounts. We limit our exposure to credit risk associated with accounts

receivable by carefully evaluating creditworthiness before offering terms to customers.

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NOTE 13: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Indemnifications

Certain of our agreements include indemnification provisions for claims from third-parties relating to our intellectual property. It is not possible for us to predict the maximum potential amount of future payments or indemnification costs under these or similar agreements due to the conditional nature of our obligations and the unique facts and circumstances involved in each particular agreement. We have not made any payments under these agreements in the past, and as of September 30, 2011, we have not incurred any material liabilities arising from these indemnification obligations. In the future, however, such obligations could impact our results of operations.

Legal Proceedings

We are subject to legal matters that arise from time to time in the ordinary course of our business. Although we currently believe that resolving such matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, our results of operations, or our cash flows, these matters are subject to inherent uncertainties and our view of these matters may change in the future.

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

Forward-looking Statements

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains "forward-looking statements" that are based on current expectations, estimates, beliefs, assumptions and projections about our business. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates" and variations words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include the disclosure contained under the caption "Results of Operations—Business Outlook" below. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict and which may cause actual outcomes and results to differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements. A detailed discussion of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from such forward-looking statements is included in Part II, Item 1A of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made, and we do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. If we do update or correct one or more forward-looking statements, you should not conclude that we will make additional updates or corrections with respect thereto or with respect to other forward-looking statements. Except where the context otherwise requires, in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the "Company," "Pixelworks," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Pixelworks, Inc., an Oregon corporation, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries.

Overview

We are an innovative designer, developer and marketer of video and pixel processing semiconductors and software for high-end digital video applications and hold 114 patents related to the visual display of digital image data. Our solutions enable manufacturers of digital display and projection devices, such as large-screen flat panel televisions and digital front projectors, to manufacture their products with a consistently high level of video quality, regardless of the content's source or format. Our core technology leverages unique proprietary techniques for intelligently processing video signals from a variety of sources to ensure that all resulting images are optimized. Additionally, our products help our customers reduce costs and differentiate their display and projection devices, an important factor in industries that experience rapid innovation. Pixelworks was founded in 1997 and is incorporated under the laws of the state of Oregon.

Results of Operations

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Revenue, net

Net revenue for the three month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		2011 v. 2010	
	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2010	\$ Change	% Change
Revenue, net	\$17,391	\$18,027	\$(636)	(4)%
Net revenue decreased \$0.6 million, or 4%, from the third quarter of 2010 to the third quarter of 2011. The decrease was primarily attributable to a 22% decrease in average selling price ("ASP"), partially offset by a 23% increase in units sold.				

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The increase in units sold was attributable to increased sales into the advanced television market of our MotionEngine® co-processor integrated circuits (“ICs”) as sales associated with recent design wins ramped in volume at top-tier advanced television market customers. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in sales of end-of-life products we acquired in conjunction with our June 2005 acquisition of Equator Technologies, Inc. The decrease in ASP was primarily due to a greater proportion of unit sales of our MotionEngine® advanced video co-processor ICs, which have a lower price point than our other product lines. The decrease in ASP was also attributable to reduced pricing on our earlier generation digital projector products and changes in the mix of digital projector product sales. Net revenue for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,		2011 v. 2010	
	2011	2010	\$ Change	% Change
Revenue, net	\$47,781	\$55,384	\$(7,603)	(14)%

Net revenue decreased \$7.6 million, or 14% from the first nine months of 2010 to the first nine months of 2011. The decrease was primarily attributable to a 19% decrease in ASP, partially offset by a 7% increase in units sold.

The increase in units sold was attributable to increased sales into the advanced television market of our MotionEngine® co-processor ICs as sales associated with recent design wins ramped in volume at top-tier advanced television market customers. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in digital projector product sales which was primarily due to an inventory correction during the first half of 2011. The decrease in ASP was primarily due to a greater proportion of unit sales of our MotionEngine® advanced video co-processor ICs, which have a lower price point than our other product lines. The decrease in ASP was also attributable to reduced pricing on our earlier generation digital projector products and changes in the mix of digital projector product sales.

Cost of revenue and gross profit

Cost of revenue and gross profit for the three month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three months ended September 30,			
	2011	% of revenue	2010	% of revenue
Direct product costs and related overhead ¹	\$8,800	51%	\$9,403	52%
Inventory charges ²	(2)	0	313	2
Amortization of acquired developed technology	—	0	—	0
Other cost of revenue ³	137	1	17	0
Total cost of revenue	\$8,935	51%	\$9,733	54%
Gross profit	\$8,456	49%	\$8,294	46%

¹ Includes purchased materials, assembly, test, labor, employee benefits, warranty expense and royalties.

² Includes the net provision for inventory reserves and lower of cost or market write-downs.

³ Includes stock based compensation and additional amortization of a non-cancelable prepaid royalty.

Cost of revenue decreased to 51% of total revenue in the third quarter of 2011, down from 54% of total revenue in the third quarter of 2010. The percentage decrease resulted primarily from a decrease in inventory charges as we transitioned our customers to our next generation of MotionEngine® co-processor IC products. The decrease is also partially due to a reduction in direct product costs as a percentage of revenue due to improvements in our manufacturing processes and an increased benefit from scrap disposal, partially offset by customer transition to our new digital projector products and MotionEngine® co-processor IC products, which have higher material costs than earlier generation products.

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Cost of revenue and gross profit for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Nine months ended September 30,					
	2011	% of revenue		2010	% of revenue	
Direct product costs and related overhead ¹	\$24,620	52	%	\$27,528	50	%
Inventory charges ²	300	1		1,163	2	
Amortization of acquired developed technology	—	0		1,050	2	
Other cost of revenue ³	414	1		46	0	
Total cost of revenue	\$25,334	53	%	\$29,787	54	%
Gross profit	\$22,447	47	%	\$25,597	46	%

¹ Includes purchased materials, assembly, test, labor, employee benefits, warranty expense and royalties.

² Includes the net provision for inventory reserves and lower of cost or market write-downs.

³ Includes stock based compensation and additional amortization of a non-cancelable prepaid royalty.

Cost of revenue decreased to 53% of total revenue in the first nine months of 2011, down from 54% of total revenue in the first nine months of 2010. The percentage decrease resulted primarily from reduced inventory charges as we transitioned our customers to our next generation of MotionEngine® co-processor IC products as well as the elimination of amortization expense for acquired developed technology assets that were fully amortized as of the second quarter of 2010. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in direct product costs as a percentage of revenue due to customer transition to our new digital projector products and MotionEngine® co-processor IC products, which have higher material costs than earlier generation products, partially offset by improvements in our manufacturing processes and an increased benefit from scrap disposal.

Research and development

Research and development expense includes compensation and related costs for personnel, development-related expenses including non-recurring engineering and fees for outside services, depreciation and amortization, expensed equipment, facilities and information technology expense allocations and travel and related expenses.

Research and development expense for the three month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended				
	September 30,		2011 v. 2010		
	2011	2010	\$ Change	% Change	
Research and development	\$5,982	\$5,612	\$370	7	%

Research and development expense increased \$0.4 million, or 7%, from the third quarter of 2010 to the third quarter of 2011. The increase is primarily attributable to an increase of \$0.4 million in compensation expense due to annual merit salary increases at the beginning of the third quarter of 2011.

Research and development expense for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended				
	September 30,		2011 v. 2010		
	2011	2010	\$ Change	% Change	
Research and development	\$17,531	\$16,505	\$1,026	6	%

Research and development expense increased \$1.0 million, or 6%, from the first nine months of 2010 to the first nine months of 2011. The increase is primarily attributable to the following:

• Compensation expense increased \$0.8 million as a result of annual merit salary increases at the beginning of the third

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quarter of 2011 and increased headcount during the 2011 period compared to the 2010 period;

• Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$0.7 million due to intellectual property and engineering software tool additions; and

• Non-recurring engineering and outside services expense decreased \$0.4 million due to the timing of development activities.

Selling, general and administrative

Selling, general and administrative expense includes compensation and related costs for personnel, sales commissions, allocations for facilities and information technology expenses, travel, outside services and other general expenses incurred in our sales, marketing, customer support, management, legal and other professional and administrative support functions.

Selling, general and administrative expense for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,		% Change	September 30,		% Change
	2011	2010		2011	2010	
Selling, general and administrative	\$3,641	\$3,685	(1)%	\$11,132	\$11,435	(3)%

Selling, general and administrative expense decreased slightly from the third quarter of 2010 to the third quarter of 2011, and decreased \$0.3 million or 3%, from the first nine months of 2010 to the first nine months of 2011. The decrease in the 2011 periods compared to the 2010 periods is due primarily to non-recurring legal expenses incurred during 2010 and a general decrease in several expense categories. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in compensation expense due to annual merit salary increases at the beginning of the third quarter of 2011.

Restructuring

All actions under our prior restructuring plans were completed in the second quarter of 2009; however, due to decreases in estimated future sublease income and related professional fees, lease termination costs of \$0.1 million were recorded in the first quarter of 2010. As of September 30, 2011, accrued lease termination costs of \$0.1 million are included in current and non-current accrued liabilities in the condensed consolidated balance sheets and will be paid in cash over the remaining lease terms of approximately two years.

Other income (expense), net

Net other income (expense) for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,		\$ Change	September 30,		\$ Change
	2011	2010		2011	2010	
Interest expense and other, net ¹	\$(89)	\$(127)	\$38	\$(395)	\$(378)	\$(17)
Gain on sale of marketable securities ²	—	316	(316)	264	660	(396)
Gain on sale of patents ³	—	—	—	1,600	—	1,600
Total other income (expense), net	\$(89)	\$189	\$(278)	\$1,469	\$282	\$1,187

Interest expense and other, net consists of interest expense, interest income and amortization of debt issuance costs.

The decrease from the third quarter of 2010 to the third quarter of 2011 is due primarily to a decrease in interest expense and amortization of debt issuance costs attributable to the repayment of our convertible subordinated debentures (the “debentures”) in the second quarter of 2011. The increase from the first nine months of 2010 to the first nine months of 2011 is due to an increase in interest under other contractual agreements offset by a decrease in interest expense and debt amortization costs due to the repayment of our debentures.

² Realized gains on the sale of available-for-sale marketable securities.

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In the first quarter of 2011, we sold certain patents and related rights and materials for proceeds and a net gain of \$1.6 million. All of the patents were originally obtained by us during our June 2005 acquisition of Equator Technologies, Inc., and the underlying technologies pertain to markets that we no longer pursue.

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Provision (benefit) for income taxes

The benefit for income taxes recorded for the third quarter of 2011 and 2010 was primarily due to a benefit of \$0.6 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, for the reversal of previously recorded tax contingencies due to the expiration of applicable statutes of limitation, partially offset by current and deferred tax expense for our profitable cost-plus foreign entities and accruals for tax contingencies in foreign jurisdictions.

The benefit for income taxes recorded for the first nine months of 2011 and 2010 was primarily due to a benefit of \$1.0 million and \$5.9 million, respectively, for the reversal of previously recorded tax contingencies due to the expiration of the applicable statutes of limitation, partially offset by current and deferred tax expense for our profitable cost-plus foreign entities and accruals for tax contingencies in foreign jurisdictions.

Business Outlook

On October 20, 2011, we provided an outlook for the fourth quarter of 2011 in our earnings release, which was furnished on a current report on Form 8-K. The outlook provided the following anticipated financial results prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles:

- Fourth quarter revenue of \$17 million to \$18 million;
- Gross profit margin of approximately 46% to 48%; and
- Operating expenses of \$9.5 million to \$10.5 million.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash and short- and long-term marketable securities

Our cash and cash equivalents and short- and long-term marketable securities were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	September 30, 2011	December 31, 2010	\$ Change	% Change
Cash and cash equivalents	\$17,017	\$16,872	\$145	1
Short-term marketable securities	—	12,366	(12,366)	(100)
Long-term marketable securities	—	603	(603)	(100)
Total cash and marketable securities	\$17,017	\$29,841	\$(12,824)	(43)

Total cash and marketable securities decreased \$12.8 million from December 31, 2010 to September 30, 2011. The net decrease in the first nine months of 2011 resulted primarily from \$15.8 million used to repurchase our outstanding debentures, \$4.2 million in payments on property and equipment and other asset financing and \$3.0 million used to repay the outstanding balance on our line of credit. These decreases were partially offset by \$8.3 million in net proceeds from our equity offering and \$1.6 million proceeds from the sale of patents.

As of September 30, 2011, cash equivalents consisted of \$9.2 million in U.S. denominated money market funds. Although we do not hold short- or long-term investments as of September 30, 2011, our investment policy requires that our portfolio maintains a weighted average maturity of less than 12 months. Additionally, no maturities can extend beyond 24 months and concentrations with individual securities are limited. Investments must be rated at least A-1 / P-1 by Standard & Poor's / Moody's, and our investment policy is reviewed at least annually by our Audit Committee.

Although cash balances held at our foreign subsidiaries would be subject to U.S. taxes if repatriated, we have sufficient U.S. net operating losses to eliminate the liability associated with any such repatriation and foreign taxes due upon repatriation would not be significant.

Accounts receivable, net

Accounts receivable, net decreased to \$4.4 million as of September 30, 2011 from \$4.5 million as of December 31, 2010. The average number of days sales outstanding decreased to 23 days as of September 30, 2011 from 29 days as of December 31, 2010. The decrease in days sales outstanding was primarily due to an increase in customer payments received in advance of payment terms.

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Inventories, net

Inventories, net decreased to \$4.7 million as of September 30, 2011 from \$4.9 million as of December 31, 2010. Inventory turnover increased to 7.5 as of September 30, 2011 from 5.8 as of December 31, 2010, primarily due to lower average inventory balances and increased cost of goods sold, associated with increased revenue for the third quarter of 2011 compared to the fourth quarter of 2010. Inventory turnover is calculated based on annualized operating results and average inventory balances for the respective quarters.

Capital resources

Equity offering

In May 2011, we sold 4,197,500 shares of common stock in an underwritten registered offering at a price to the public of \$2.24 per share. Net proceeds to the Company, after deducting underwriting discounts, commissions, and other expenses, were approximately \$8.3 million.

Short-term line of credit

On December 21, 2010, we entered into a Loan and Security Agreement (the “Revolving Loan Agreement”) with Silicon Valley Bank (the “Bank”). The Revolving Loan Agreement provides for a secured working capital-based revolving line of credit (the “Revolving Line”) in an aggregate amount of up to the lesser of (i) \$10.0 million, or (ii) 80% of eligible domestic accounts receivable and certain foreign accounts receivable. In addition, the Revolving Loan Agreement provides for non-formula advances of up to \$10.0 million which may be made solely during the last five business days of any fiscal month or quarter and which must be repaid by the Company on or before the fifth business day after the applicable fiscal month or quarter end. Due to their repayment terms, non-formula advances do not provide the Company with usable liquidity.

The Revolving Loan Agreement contains customary affirmative and negative covenants as well as customary events of default. The occurrence of an event of default could result in the acceleration of the Company’s obligations under the Revolving Loan Agreement and an increase to the applicable interest rate, and would permit the Bank to exercise remedies with respect to its security interest. As of September 30, 2011, we were in compliance with all of the terms of the Revolving Loan Agreement.

As of September 30, 2011, we had no outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Line. As of December 31, 2010, short-term borrowings outstanding under the Revolving Line were non-formula advances in the aggregate of \$3.0 million which were repaid within required terms.

Debentures

In 2004, we issued \$150.0 million of 1.75% convertible subordinated debentures due 2024. Between 2006 and 2009, we repurchased and retired \$134.2 million principal amount of the debentures. On April 13, 2011, we announced an offer to repurchase all of the remaining outstanding debentures, as required under the terms of the indenture governing the debentures. In connection with the offer, we filed a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO on that day, including as an exhibit, a notice to holders of the debentures specifying the terms, conditions and procedures of our offer to repurchase. The remaining \$15.8 million principal amount of the debentures were properly tendered to us and were redeemed for cash at par value on May 16, 2011.

Liquidity

While total cash and marketable securities decreased \$12.8 million during the first nine months of 2011, primarily due to the payment of \$18.8 million to repurchase our outstanding debentures and repay our line of credit, our working capital increased by \$5.9 million over the same period. As of September 30, 2011, we have no short- or long-term debt and our cash and cash equivalents balance of \$17.0 million is highly liquid. We anticipate that our existing working capital, as well as funds available under our Revolving Line, will be adequate to fund our operating, investing and financing needs for the next twelve months. If necessary, management will pursue financing arrangements including the issuance of debt or equity securities or will reduce expenditures, in order to meet the Company’s cash requirements. There is no assurance that, if required, we will be able to raise additional capital or reduce discretionary spending to provide the required liquidity which, in turn, may have an adverse effect on our results of operations and

financial position.

From time to time, we may evaluate acquisitions of businesses, products or technologies that complement our business. Any further transactions, if consummated, may consume a material portion of our working capital or require additional financing activities, including the issuance of equity securities that may result in dilution to existing shareholders.

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Contractual Payment Obligations

Our contractual obligations for 2011 and beyond are included in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2011, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 5, 2011. Our obligations for 2011 and beyond have not changed materially as of September 30, 2011.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a material current or future effect on our financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

Interest Rate Risk

As of September 30, 2011, all of our invested funds were held in highly liquid money market accounts with yields approaching zero, accordingly, we do not have significant exposure to changes in interest rates.

Exchange Rate Risk

All of our sales and inventory purchases are denominated in U.S. dollars and, as a result, we have relatively little exposure to foreign currency exchange risk with respect to our sales or cost of goods sold. We have employees located in offices in Japan, Taiwan, Korea and the People's Republic of China and as such, a portion of our operating expenses as well as foreign income taxes payable are denominated in foreign currencies. Accordingly, our operating results are affected by changes in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and those currencies. Any future strengthening of those currencies against the U.S. dollar could negatively impact our operating results by increasing our operating expenses as measured in U.S. dollars. We analyze our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations and may engage in financial hedging techniques in the future to attempt to minimize the effect of these potential fluctuations; however, foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations may adversely affect our financial results in the future.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based on management's evaluation (with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO")), as of the end of the period covered by this report, our CEO and CFO have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Exchange Act")) are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes to our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

Our management, including the CEO and CFO, does not expect that our Disclosure Controls or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. The design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Further, because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that misstatements due to error or fraud will not occur or that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected. The design of any system of controls is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of controls to future periods are subject to risks. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in

conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures.

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PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

For a discussion of legal proceedings, see “Note 13: Commitments and Contingencies” in the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Investing in our shares of common stock involves a high degree of risk, and investors should carefully consider the risks described below before making an investment decision. If any of the following risks occur, the market price of our shares of common stock could decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment. Additional risks that we currently believe are immaterial may also impair our business operations. In assessing these risks, investors should also refer to the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, including our consolidated financial statements and related notes, and our other filings made from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Company Specific Risks

Our product strategy, which is targeted at markets demanding superior video and image quality, may not lead to new design wins or significantly increased revenue in a timely manner or at all, which could materially adversely affect our results of operations and limit our ability to grow.

We have adopted a product strategy that focuses on our core competencies in pixel processing and delivering high levels of video and image quality. With this strategy, we continue to make further investments in the development of our ImageProcessor architecture for the digital projector market, with particular focus on adding increased performance and functionality. For the advanced television market, our strategy focuses on implementing our intellectual property (“IP”) to improve the video performance of our customers’ image processors through the use of our MotionEngine® advanced video co-processor integrated circuits (“ICs”). This strategy is designed to address the needs of the large-screen, high-resolution, high-quality segment of the television market. Although our product strategy is developed to take advantage of market trends, such markets may not develop or may take longer to develop than we expect. We cannot assure you that the products we are developing will adequately address the demands of our target customers, or that we will be able to produce our new products at costs that enable us to price these products competitively.

Even if our product strategy is properly targeted, we cannot assure you that the products we are developing will lead to a significant increase in revenue from new design wins. To achieve design wins, we must design and deliver cost-effective, innovative and integrated semiconductors that overcome the significant costs associated with qualifying a new supplier and which make developers reluctant to change component sources. Additionally, potential developers may be less likely or unwilling to select our products due to concerns over our financial strength. Further, design wins do not necessarily result in developers ordering large volumes of our products. Developers can choose at any time to discontinue using our products in their designs or product development efforts. A design win is not a binding commitment by a developer to purchase our products, but rather a decision by a developer to use our products in its design process. Even if our products are chosen to be incorporated into a developer’s products, we may still not realize significant revenue from the developer if its products are not commercially successful or it chooses to qualify, or incorporate the products, of a second source. Additionally, even if our product strategy is successful at achieving design wins and increasing our revenue, we may continue to incur operating losses due to the significant research and development costs that are required to develop competitive products for the advanced television market.

We may fail to retain or attract the specialized technical and management personnel required to successfully operate our business.

Our success depends on the continued services of our executive officers and other key management, engineering, and sales and marketing personnel and on our ability to continue to attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel. Competition for skilled engineers and management personnel is intense within our industry, and we may not be successful in hiring and retaining qualified individuals. The loss of, or inability to hire, key personnel could limit our

ability to develop new products and adapt existing products to our customers' requirements, and may result in lost sales and a diversion of management resources. We have experienced, and may continue to experience difficulty and increased compensation expense, in order to hire and retain qualified engineering personnel in our Shanghai design center.

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The May 16, 2011, repurchase of our convertible debentures consumed a significant portion of our cash balances and we may be unable to successfully implement new products or enhancements to our current products, or we may need to implement future restructuring plans, which could adversely affect our future sales and financial condition.

The repurchase of the debentures required a significant portion of our available cash. The reduction of our financial resources could limit our ability to execute our product strategy or may require the need to implement future restructuring plans, particularly if we are unable to generate cash from operations or obtain additional sources of financing. Any future restructuring actions may slow our development of new or enhanced products by limiting our research and development and engineering activities. If we are unable to successfully introduce new or enhanced products, our sales and financial condition will be adversely affected.

We may not be able to borrow funds under our credit facility or secure future financing.

In December 2010, we entered into a Loan and Security Agreement with Silicon Valley Bank to provide for a secured, working capital-based, revolving line of credit. We view this line of credit as a source of available liquidity to fund fluctuations in our working capital requirements. For example, if we experience an increase in order activity from our customers, our cash balance may decrease due to the need to purchase inventories to fulfill those orders. If this occurs, we may need to draw on this facility in order to maintain our liquidity.

This facility contains various conditions, covenants and representations with which we must be in compliance in order to borrow funds. We cannot assure you that we will be in compliance with these conditions, covenants and representations in the future when we may need to borrow funds under this facility. In addition, this facility expires on December 21, 2012, after which time we may need to secure new financing to continue funding fluctuations in our working capital requirements. We cannot assure you that we will be able to secure new financing, or financing on terms that are acceptable to us.

Dependence on a limited number of sole-source, third-party manufacturers for our products exposes us to shortages based on low manufacturing yield, errors in manufacturing, uncontrollable lead-times for manufacturing, capacity allocation, price increases with little notice, volatile inventory levels and delays in product delivery, which could result in delays in satisfying customer demand, increased costs and loss of revenue.

We do not own or operate a semiconductor fabrication facility and do not have the resources to manufacture our products internally. We rely on four third-party foundries to produce all of our wafers and three assembly and test vendors for completion of finished products. The wafers used in any one of our products are fabricated by only one foundry. Sole sourcing each product increases our dependence on our suppliers.

We have limited control over delivery schedules, quality assurance, manufacturing yields, potential errors in manufacturing and production costs. We do not have long-term supply contracts with our third-party manufacturers, so they are not obligated to supply us with products for any specific period of time, quantity or price, except as may be provided in a particular purchase order. Our suppliers can increase the prices of the products we purchase from them with little notice, which may cause us to increase the prices to our customers and harm our competitiveness. Because our requirements represent only a small portion of the total production capacity of our contract manufacturers, they could reallocate capacity to other customers even during periods of high demand for our products, as they have done in the past. We expect this may occur again in the future.

Establishing a relationship with a new contract manufacturer in the event of delays or increased prices would be costly and burdensome. The lead time to make such a change would be at least nine months, and the estimated time for us to adapt a product's design to a particular contract manufacturer's process is at least four months. Additionally, we have, and may continue to choose new foundries to manufacture our wafers which may require us to modify our design methodology flow for the process technology and intellectual property cores of the new foundry. If we have to qualify a new foundry or packaging, assembly and testing supplier for any of our products or if we are unable to obtain our products from our contract manufacturers on schedule, at costs that are acceptable to us, or at all, we could incur significant delays in shipping products, our ability to satisfy customer demand could be harmed, our revenue from the sale of products may be lost or delayed and our customer relationships and ability to obtain future design wins could be damaged.

If we are not profitable in the future, we may be unable to continue our operations.

We have incurred operating losses since 2004. If and when we achieve profitability depends upon a number of factors, including our ability to develop and market innovative products, accurately estimate inventory needs, contract effectively for manufacturing capacity and maintain sufficient funds to finance our activities. We cannot assure you that we will ever achieve profitability. If we are not profitable in the future, we may be unable to continue our operations.

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The concentration of our employees, manufacturers and customers in Japan, the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), Korea, Taiwan and Singapore increases our risk that a natural disaster, or a work stoppage, or economic or political instability in the region could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Most of our current manufacturers and customers are located in the PRC, Japan, Korea, Taiwan or Singapore. In addition, a majority of our employees are located in this region. Disruptions from natural disasters, health epidemics and political, social and economic instability may affect the region and would have a negative impact on our results of operations. In addition, the economy of the PRC differs from the economies of many countries in respects such as structure, government involvement, level of development, growth rate, capital reinvestment, allocation of resources, self-sufficiency, rate of inflation, foreign currency flows and balance of payments position, among others. We cannot be assured that the PRC's economic policies will be consistent or effective. Our results of operations and financial position may be harmed by changes in the PRC's political, economic or social conditions.

In addition, the risk of natural disasters in the Pacific Rim region, such as the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, is significant due to the proximity of major earthquake fault lines in the area. Although we are not currently experiencing adverse effects to our business from the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, common consequences of earthquakes include power outages and disruption or impairment of production capacity. Other natural disasters or events such as political unrest, labor strikes or work stoppages in countries where our manufacturers and customers are located, would likely result in the disruption of our manufacturers' and customers' operations. Any disruption resulting from these types of events could cause significant delays in shipments of our products until we are able to shift our manufacturing from the affected contractor to another third-party vendor. There can be no assurance that alternative capacity could be obtained on favorable terms, or in a timely manner, if at all.

Because of our long product development process and sales cycles, we may incur substantial costs before we earn associated revenue and ultimately may not sell as many units of our products as we originally anticipated.

We develop products based on anticipated market and customer requirements and incur substantial product development expenditures, which can include the payment of large up-front, third-party license fees and royalties, prior to generating associated revenue. Our work under these projects is technically challenging and places considerable demands on our limited resources, particularly on our most senior engineering talent. Because the development of our products incorporates not only our complex and evolving technology but also our customers' specific requirements, a lengthy sales process is often required before potential customers begin the technical evaluation of our products. Our customers typically perform numerous tests and extensively evaluate our products before incorporating them into their systems. The time required for testing, evaluation and design of our products into a customer's system can take up to nine months or more. It can take an additional nine months or longer before a customer commences volume shipments of systems that incorporate our products.

Because of the lengthy development and sales cycles, we will experience delays between the time we incur expenditures for research and development, sales and marketing and inventory and the time we generate revenue, if any, from these expenditures. Additionally, if actual sales volumes for a particular product are substantially less than originally anticipated, we may experience large write-offs of capitalized license fees, software development tools, product masks, inventories or other capitalized or deferred product-related costs, or increased amortization of non-cancelable prepaid royalties, any of which would negatively affect our operating results. For example, our provisions for obsolete inventory and lower of cost or market write-downs were \$1.6 million and \$1.2 million in 2010 and 2009, respectively and \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

We may be unable to successfully manage any future growth, including the integration of any future acquisition or equity investment, which could disrupt our business and severely harm our financial condition.

We may determine that it is beneficial to increase our capacity to develop new and enhanced products in the future. If we fail to effectively manage internal growth, our operating expenses may increase more rapidly than our revenue, adversely affecting our financial condition and results of operations. To manage any future growth effectively in a rapidly evolving market, we must be able to maintain and improve our operational and financial systems, train and manage our employee base and attract and retain qualified personnel with relevant experience. We must also manage multiple relationships with customers, business partners, contract manufacturers, suppliers and other third parties. We

could spend substantial amounts of time and money in connection with expansion efforts for which we may not realize any profit. Our systems, procedures, controls or financial resources may not be adequate to support our operations and we may not be able to grow quickly enough to exploit potential market opportunities.

In addition, we may not be able to successfully integrate the businesses, products, technologies or personnel of any entity that we might acquire in the future, and any failure to do so could disrupt our business and seriously harm our financial condition.

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A significant amount of our revenue comes from a limited number of customers and distributors, exposing us to increased credit risk and subjecting our cash flow to the risk that any of our customers or distributors could decrease or cancel its orders.

The display manufacturing market is highly concentrated and we are, and will continue to be, dependent on a limited number of customers and distributors for a substantial portion of our revenue. Sales to our top distributor represented 52%, 44% and 35% of revenue for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 and the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Revenue attributable to our top five end customers represented 55%, 58% and 56% of revenue for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 and the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. As of September 30, 2011 and 2010, we had three accounts that each represented 10% or more of accounts receivable. All of the orders included in our backlog are cancelable. A reduction, delay or cancellation of orders from one or more of our significant customers, or a decision by one or more of our significant customers to select products manufactured by a competitor or to use its own internally-developed semiconductors, would significantly impact our revenue. Further, the concentration of our accounts receivable with a limited number of customers increases our credit risk. The failure of these customers to pay their balances, or any customer to pay future outstanding balances, would result in an operating expense and reduce our cash flows.

Our dependence on selling to distributors and integrators increases the complexity of managing our supply chain and may result in excess inventory or inventory shortages.

Selling to distributors and original equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”) that build display devices based on specifications provided by branded suppliers, also referred to as integrators, reduces our ability to forecast sales accurately and increases the complexity of our business. Our sales are made on the basis of customer purchase orders rather than long-term purchase commitments. Our distributors, integrators and customers may cancel or defer purchase orders at any time but we must order wafer inventory from our contract manufacturers three to four months in advance.

The estimates we use for our advance orders from contract manufacturers are based, in part, on reports of inventory levels and production forecasts from our distributors and integrators, which act as intermediaries between us and the companies using our products. This process requires us to make numerous assumptions concerning demand and to rely on the accuracy of the reports and forecasts of our distributors and integrators, each of which may introduce error into our estimates of inventory requirements. Our failure to manage this challenge could result in excess inventory or inventory shortages that could materially impact our operating results or limit the ability of companies using our semiconductors to deliver their products. For example, we overestimated demand for certain of our products which led to significant charges for obsolete inventory in 2010, 2009 and 2008. On the other hand, if we underestimate demand, we would forego revenue opportunities, lose market share and damage our customer relationships.

International sales account for almost all of our revenue, and if we do not successfully address the risks associated with international sales and operations, our revenue and expenses could be adversely affected.

Sales outside the U.S. accounted for approximately 98%, 96% and 97% of revenue for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 and the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. We anticipate that sales outside the U.S. will continue to account for a substantial portion of our revenue in future periods. In addition, customers who incorporate our products into their products sell a substantial portion of their products outside of the U.S., and all of our products are manufactured outside of the U.S. We are, therefore, subject to many international risks, including, but not limited to:

- difficulties in managing international distributors and manufacturers due to varying time zones, languages and business customs;
- compliance with U.S. laws affecting operations outside of the U.S., such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act;
- foreign currency exchange fluctuations in the currencies of Japan, the PRC, Taiwan or Korea;
- reduced or limited protection of our IP, particularly in software, which is more prone to design piracy;
- difficulties in collecting outstanding accounts receivable balances;
- changes in tax laws and the interpretation of those laws;
- difficulties regarding timing and availability of export and import licenses;

political and economic instability, particularly in the PRC, Japan, Taiwan, or Korea;
difficulties in maintaining sales representatives outside of the U.S. that are knowledgeable about our industry and products;
changes in the regulatory environment in the PRC, Japan, Taiwan and Korea that may significantly impact purchases of our products by our customers;

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- outbreaks of health epidemics in the PRC or other parts of Asia;
- imposition of new tariffs, quotas, trade barriers and similar trade restrictions on our sales; and
- greater vulnerability to infrastructure and labor disruptions than established markets.

All of these factors could result in increased costs or decreased revenues, and could materially affect our product sales, financial condition and results of operations.

Additionally, we have employees located in offices in Japan, Taiwan, Korea and the PRC and as such, a portion of our operating expenses as well as foreign income taxes payable are denominated in foreign currencies. Accordingly, our operating results are affected by changes in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and those currencies. Any future strengthening of those currencies against the U.S. dollar could negatively impact our operating results by increasing our operating expenses as measured in U.S. dollars. We analyze our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations and may engage in financial hedging techniques in the future to attempt to minimize the effect of these potential fluctuations; however, foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations may adversely affect our financial results in the future.

Continued compliance with regulatory and accounting requirements will be challenging and will require significant resources.

We spend a significant amount of management time and external resources to comply with changing laws, regulations and standards relating to corporate governance and public disclosure, including evolving Securities and Exchange Commission rules and regulations, NASDAQ Global Market rules, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 which requires management's annual review and evaluation of internal control over financial reporting. Failure to comply with these laws and rules could lead to investigation by regulatory authorities, de-listing from the NASDAQ Global Market, or penalties imposed on us. If we are unable to maintain an effective system of internal controls, our shareholders could lose confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports which in turn could cause our stock price to decline.

Our net operating loss carryforwards may be limited or they may expire before utilization.

As of December 31, 2010, we had federal, state and foreign net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$173.1 million, \$73.5 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, which expire between 2011 and 2027. These net operating loss carryforwards may be used to offset future taxable income and thereby reduce our U.S. federal income taxes otherwise payable. Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), imposes an annual limit on the ability of a corporation that undergoes an "ownership change" to use its net operating loss carry forwards to reduce its tax liability. In the event of certain changes in our shareholder base, we may at some point in the future experience an "ownership change" as defined in Section 382 of the Code. Accordingly, our use of the net operating loss carryforwards may be limited by the annual limitations described in Section 382 of the Code. In addition, all or a portion of these net operating loss carryforwards may expire unutilized.

Our effective income tax rate is subject to unanticipated changes in, or different interpretations of tax rules and regulations and forecasting our effective income tax rate is complex and subject to uncertainty.

As a global company, we are subject to taxation by a number of taxing authorities and as such, our tax rates vary among the jurisdictions in which we operate. Unanticipated changes in our tax rates could affect our future results of operations. Our effective tax rates could be adversely affected by changes in the mix of earnings in countries with differing statutory tax rates, changes in tax laws or the interpretation of tax laws either in the United States or abroad, or by changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities. The ultimate outcomes of any future tax audits are uncertain, and we can give no assurance as to whether an adverse result from one or more of them would have a material effect on our operating results and financial position.

The computation of income tax expense is complex as it is based on the laws of numerous tax jurisdictions and requires significant judgment on the application of complicated rules governing accounting for tax provisions under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Income tax expense for interim quarters is based on our forecasted tax rate for the year, which includes forward looking financial projections, including the expectations of profit and loss by jurisdiction, and contains numerous assumptions. For these reasons, our tax rate may be materially different than our forecast.

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Company Risks Related to the Semiconductor Industry and Our Markets

Our highly integrated products and high-speed mixed signal products are difficult to manufacture without defects and the existence of defects could result in increased costs, delays in the availability of our products, reduced sales of products or claims against us.

The manufacture of semiconductors is a complex process and it is often difficult for semiconductor foundries to produce semiconductors free of defects. Because many of our products are more highly integrated than other semiconductors and incorporate mixed signal analog and digital signal processing, multi-chip modules and embedded memory technology, they are even more difficult to produce without defects. Defective products can be caused by design or manufacturing difficulties. Therefore, identifying quality problems can occur only by analyzing and testing our semiconductors in a system after they have been manufactured. The difficulty in identifying defects is compounded because the process technology is unique to each of the multiple semiconductor foundries we contract with to manufacture our products. Despite testing by both our customers and us, errors or performance problems may be found in existing or new semiconductors.

Failure to achieve defect-free products may result in increased costs and delays in the availability of our products. Additionally, customers could seek damages from us for their losses and shipments of defective products may harm our reputation with our customers. We have experienced field failures of our semiconductors in certain customer applications that required us to institute additional testing. As a result of these field failures, we have incurred warranty costs due to customers returning potentially affected products and have experienced reductions in revenues due to delays in production. Our customers have also experienced delays in receiving product shipments from us that resulted in the loss of revenue and profits. In 2010, for example, we incurred higher than expected yield losses due to defective third party IP incorporated into certain of our products, which resulted in higher direct material cost and a temporary inability to meet our customer's requested demand. Although we were able to resolve the issue without incurring material losses and have implemented additional processes to control this type of risk, similar issues may occur again in the future. Additionally, shipments of defective products could cause us to lose customers or to incur significant replacement costs, either of which would harm our business.

The development of new products is extremely complex and we may be unable to develop our new products in a timely manner and without defects, errors or bugs, or at all, which would result in a failure to obtain new design wins and/or maintain our current revenue levels.

The development of semiconductors is a complex process and many of our products are highly integrated and incorporate mixed analog and digital signal processing, multichip modules and embedded memory technology, further complicating the development process. In addition to the inherent difficulty of designing complex ICs, product development delays may result from:

- difficulties in hiring and retaining necessary technical personnel;
- difficulties with contract manufacturers;
- difficulties in reallocating engineering resources and overcoming resource limitations;
- changes to product specifications and customer requirements;
- changes to market or competitive product requirements; and
- unanticipated engineering complexities.

Even if we are able to meet our customers' design windows, the highly complex products we provide to our customers may contain defects, errors and bugs when they are first introduced. We have in the past and may in the future experience these defects, errors and bugs. In addition, if any of our products do contain defects, errors or bugs when first introduced, we may be unable to correct the problems at an acceptable cost or at all. Consequently, our reputation may be damaged and customers may be reluctant to buy our products, which could harm our ability to retain existing customers and to attract new customers. In addition, any defects, errors or bugs could interrupt or delay sales of our new products to our customers. If we are not successful in development of new products, our financial results will be adversely affected.

We use a customer-owned tooling process for manufacturing most of our products which exposes us to the possibility of poor yields and unacceptably high product costs.

We build most of our products on a customer-owned tooling basis, also known in the semiconductor industry as COT, whereby we directly contract the manufacture of our products, including wafer production, assembly and test. As a result, we are subject to increased risks arising from wafer manufacturing yields and risks associated with coordination of the manufacturing, assembly and testing process. Poor product yields result in higher product costs, which could make our products less competitive if we increase our prices to compensate for our higher costs, or could result in lower gross profit margins if we do not increase our prices.

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Intense competition in our markets may reduce sales of our products, reduce our market share, decrease our gross profit and result in large losses.

We compete with specialized and diversified electronics and semiconductor companies that offer display processors or scaling components. Some of these include CSR plc, i-Chips Technologies Inc., Intersil Corporation, MediaTek Inc., MStar Semiconductor, Novatech Co., Ltd., Realtek Semiconductor Corp., Renesas Electronics America, Sigma Designs, Inc., Silicon Image, Inc., STMicroelectronics N.V., Sunplus Technology Co., Ltd., Trident Microsystems, Inc. and other companies. Potential and current competitors may include diversified semiconductor manufacturers and the semiconductor divisions or affiliates of some of our customers, including LG Electronics, Inc., Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., Mitsubishi Digital Electronics America, Inc., NEC Corporation, NVIDIA Corporation, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., SANYO Electric Co., Ltd., Seiko Epson Corporation, Sharp Electronics Corporation, Sony Corporation, Texas Instruments Incorporated and Toshiba America, Inc. In addition, start-up companies may seek to compete in our markets.

Many of our competitors have longer operating histories and greater resources to support development and marketing efforts than we do. Some of our competitors operate their own fabrication facilities. These competitors may be able to react more quickly and devote more resources to efforts that compete directly with our own. Our current or potential customers have developed, and may continue to develop, their own proprietary technologies and become our competitors. Increased competition from both competitors and our customers' internal development efforts could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations by, for example, increasing pressure on our profit margin or causing us to lose sales opportunities. In 2010 and 2011, for example, frame rate conversion technology similar to that used in our line of MotionEngine® advanced video co-processors continued to be integrated into the system-on-chip ("SoC") products of our competitors, particularly in lower refresh rate television products. We cannot assure you that we can compete successfully against current or potential competitors.

If we are not able to respond to the rapid technological changes and evolving industry standards in the markets in which we compete, or seek to compete, our products may become less desirable or obsolete.

The markets in which we compete or seek to compete are subject to rapid technological change and miniaturization capabilities, frequent new product introductions, changing customer requirements for new products and features and evolving industry standards. The introduction of new technologies and emergence of new industry standards could render our products less desirable or obsolete, which could harm our business and significantly decrease our revenue. Examples of changing industry standards include the growing use of broadband to deliver video content, increased display resolution and size, faster screen refresh rates, video capability such as high definition and 3D, the proliferation of new display devices and the drive to network display devices together. Our products are incorporated into our customers' products, which have different parts and specifications and utilize multiple protocols that allow them to be compatible with specific computers, video standards and other devices. If our customers' products are not compatible with these protocols and standards, consumers will return, or not purchase, these products and the markets for our customers' products could be significantly reduced. Additionally, if the technology used by our customers becomes less competitive due to cost, customer preferences or other factors relative to alternative technologies, sales of our products could decline.

Shortages of materials used in the manufacturing of our products and other key components of our customers' products may increase our costs, impair our ability to ship our products on time and delay our ability to sell our products.

From time to time, shortages of components and materials that are critical to the manufacture of our products and our customers' products may occur. Such critical components and materials include semiconductor wafers and packages, double data rate memory die, display components, analog-to-digital converters, digital receivers, video decoders and voltage regulators. If material shortages occur, we may incur additional costs or be unable to ship our products to our customers in a timely fashion, both of which could harm our business and adversely affect our results of operations. Our contract manufacturers may be required to source these components from alternate vendors, which would require us to re-qualify our parts with customers, which could cause delays in shipments. Our customers are also currently evaluating whether material shortages will decrease their ability to produce and ship their products. Although these risks have not materially adversely affected our business, financial condition or results of operations to date we cannot assure you that such risks will not do so in the future.

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Our developed software may be incompatible with industry standards and challenging and costly to implement, which could slow product development or cause us to lose customers and design wins.

We provide our customers with software development tools and with software that provides basic functionality for our ICs and enables enhanced connectivity of our customers' products. Software development is a complex process and we are dependent on software development languages and operating systems from vendors that may limit our ability to design software in a timely manner. Also, as software tools and interfaces change rapidly, new software languages introduced to the market may be incompatible with our existing systems and tools, requiring significant engineering efforts to migrate our existing systems in order to be compatible with those new languages. Software development disruptions could slow our product development or cause us to lose customers and design wins. The integration of software with our products adds complexity, may extend our internal development programs and could impact our customers' development schedules. This complexity requires increased coordination between hardware and software development schedules and increases our operating expenses without a corresponding increase in product revenue. This additional level of complexity lengthens the sales cycle and may result in customers selecting competitive products requiring less software integration.

The competitiveness and viability of our products could be harmed if necessary licenses of third-party technology are not available to us on terms that are acceptable to us or at all.

We license technology from independent third parties that is incorporated into our products or product enhancements. Future products or product enhancements may require additional third-party licenses that may not be available to us on terms that are acceptable to us or at all. In addition, in the event of a change in control of one of our licensors, it may become difficult to maintain access to its licensed technology. If we are unable to obtain or maintain any third-party license required to develop new products and product enhancements, we may have to obtain substitute technology with lower quality or performance standards, or at greater cost, either of which could seriously harm the competitiveness of our products.

Our limited ability to protect our IP and proprietary rights could harm our competitive position by allowing our competitors to access our proprietary technology and to introduce similar products.

Our ability to compete effectively with other companies will depend, in part, on our ability to maintain the proprietary nature of our technology, including our semiconductor designs and software code. We provide the computer programming code for our software to customers in connection with their product development efforts, thereby increasing the risk that customers will misappropriate our proprietary software. We rely on a combination of patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret laws, as well as nondisclosure agreements and other methods, to help protect our proprietary technologies. We hold 114 patents and have 25 patent applications pending for protection of our significant technologies. Competitors in both the U.S. and foreign countries, many of whom have substantially greater resources than we do, may apply for and obtain patents that will prevent, limit or interfere with our ability to make and sell our products, or they may develop similar technology independently or design around our patents. Effective patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret protection may be unavailable or limited in foreign countries.

We cannot assure you that the degree of protection offered by patent or trade secret laws will be sufficient.

Furthermore, we cannot assure you that any patents will be issued as a result of any pending applications or that any claims allowed under issued patents will be sufficiently broad to protect our technology. In addition, it is possible that existing or future patents may be invalidated, diluted, circumvented, challenged or licensed to others.

Others may bring infringement actions against us that could be time consuming and expensive to defend.

We may become subject to claims involving patents or other IP rights. IP claims could subject us to significant liability for damages and invalidate our proprietary rights. In addition, IP claims may be brought against customers that incorporate our products in the design of their own products. These claims, regardless of their success or merit and regardless of whether we are named as defendants in a lawsuit, would likely be time consuming and expensive to resolve and would divert the time and attention of management and technical personnel. Additionally, certain of our customer agreements include indemnification provisions for claims from third-parties related to our IP. Any IP litigation or claims also could force us to do one or more of the following:

- stop selling products using technology that contains the allegedly infringing IP;
- attempt to obtain a license to the relevant IP, which may not be available on terms that are acceptable to us or at all;

• attempt to redesign those products that contain the allegedly infringing IP; or
• pay damages for past infringement claims that are determined to be valid or which are arrived at in settlement of such litigation or threatened litigation.

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If we are forced to take any of the foregoing actions, we may incur significant additional costs or be unable to manufacture and sell our products, which could seriously harm our business. In addition, we may not be able to develop, license or acquire non-infringing technology under reasonable terms. These developments could result in an inability to compete for customers or otherwise adversely affect our results of operations.

We are dependent on manufacturers of our semiconductor products not only to respond to changes in technology and industry standards but also to continue the manufacturing processes on which we rely.

To respond effectively to changes in technology and industry standards, we are dependent on our foundries to implement advanced semiconductor technologies and our operations could be adversely affected if those technologies are unavailable, delayed or inefficiently implemented. In order to increase performance and functionality and reduce the size of our products, we are continuously developing new products using advanced technologies that further miniaturize semiconductors and we are dependent on our foundries to develop and provide access to the advanced processes that enable such miniaturization. We cannot be certain that future advanced manufacturing processes will be implemented without difficulties, delays or increased expenses. Our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected if advanced manufacturing processes are unavailable to us, substantially delayed or inefficiently implemented.

Creating the capacity for new technological changes may cause manufacturers to discontinue older manufacturing processes in favor of newer ones. We must then either retire the affected part or port (develop) a new version of the part that can be manufactured with a newer process technology. In the event that a manufacturing process is discontinued, our current suppliers may be unwilling or unable to manufacture our current products. We may not be able to place last time buy orders for the old technology or find alternate manufacturers of our products to allow us to continue to produce products with the older technology while we expend the significant costs for research and development and time to migrate to new, more advanced processes. For example, we utilize 0.18um and 0.15um standard logic processes, which may only be available for the next five to seven years. Additionally, a portion of our products use 0.11um technology for memory die, which is being phased out in favor of 65nm technology node (memory die) to increase yields and decrease cost. Because of this transition, our customers must re-qualify the affected parts.

Our products are characterized by average selling prices that decline over relatively short periods of time, which will negatively affect our financial results unless we are able to reduce our product costs or introduce new products with higher average selling prices.

Average selling prices for our products decline over relatively short periods of time, while many of our product costs are fixed. When our average selling prices decline, our gross profit declines unless we are able to sell more units or reduce the cost to manufacture our products. We have experienced declines in our average selling prices and expect that we will continue to experience them in the future, although we cannot predict when they may occur or how severe they will be. Our financial results will suffer if we are unable to offset any reductions in our average selling prices by increasing our sales volumes, reducing our costs, adding new features to our existing products or developing new or enhanced products in a timely manner with higher selling prices or gross profits.

The cyclical nature of the semiconductor industry may lead to significant variances in the demand for our products and could harm our operations.

In the past, the semiconductor industry has been characterized by significant downturns and wide fluctuations in supply and demand. Also, the industry has experienced significant fluctuations in anticipation of changes in general economic conditions, including economic conditions in Asia, Europe and North America. The cyclical nature of the semiconductor industry has also led to significant variances in product demand and production capacity. We have experienced, and may continue to experience, periodic fluctuations in our financial results because of changes in industry-wide conditions.

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Environmental laws and regulations have caused us to incur, and may again cause us to incur, significant expenditures to comply with applicable laws and regulations, and we may be assessed considerable penalties for noncompliance. We are subject to numerous environmental laws and regulations. Compliance with current or future environmental laws and regulations could require us to incur substantial expenses which could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations. We have worked, and will continue to work, with our suppliers and customers to ensure that our products are compliant with enacted laws and regulations. Failure by us or our contract manufacturers to comply with such legislation could result in customers refusing to purchase our products and could subject us to significant monetary penalties in connection with a violation, either of which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Current environmental laws and regulations could become more stringent over time, imposing even greater compliance costs and increasing risks and penalties associated with violations, which could seriously harm our business, financial condition and results of operations. There can be no assurance that violations of environmental laws or regulations will not occur in the future as a result of our inability to obtain permits, human error, equipment failure or other causes.

Other Risks

The continued adverse global economic environment and volatility in global credit and financial markets could materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Slow economic activity, increased unemployment, decreased business and consumer confidence, reduced corporate profits and capital spending, adverse business conditions and liquidity concerns have contributed to and continue to contribute to a challenging economic environment. This environment has led to reduced spending in the markets in which we compete and made it difficult for our customers, our vendors and us to accurately forecast and plan future business activities. Furthermore, the constraints in the capital and credit markets may limit the ability of our customers to meet their liquidity needs, which could result in an impairment of their ability to make timely payments to us and to reduce their demand for our products, adversely impacting our results of operations and cash flows.

Future sales of our equity could result in significant dilution to our existing shareholders and depress the market price of our common stock.

We may need to seek additional capital from time to time. If this financing is obtained through the issuance of equity securities, debt convertible into equity securities, options or warrants to acquire equity securities or similar instruments or securities, our existing shareholders will experience dilution in their ownership percentage upon the issuance, conversion or exercise of such securities and such dilution could be significant. For example, in May 2011, we issued 4.2 million shares of our common stock in an underwritten registered offering. Further, new equity securities issued by us could have rights, preferences or privileges senior to those of our common stock.

In addition, any such issuance by us or sales of our securities by our security holders, or the perception that such issuances or sales could occur, could negatively impact the market price of our securities. For example, we have a number of institutional shareholders that own significant blocks of our common stock. If one or more of these shareholders were to sell large portions of their holdings in a relatively short time, for liquidity or other reasons, the prevailing market price of our common stock could be negatively affected. This could result in further potential dilution to our existing shareholders and the impairment of our ability to raise capital through the sale of equity, debt or other securities.

The price of our common stock has and may continue to fluctuate substantially.

Our stock price and the stock prices of technology companies similar to Pixelworks have been highly volatile. The price of our common stock may decline and the value of your investment may be reduced regardless of our performance.

The trading volume of our common stock each day is relatively low. As a result, our shareholders may be unable to sell significant quantities of common stock in the public trading markets without a significant reduction in the price of our common shares. Additionally, market fluctuations, as well as general economic and political conditions, including recessions, interest rate changes or international currency fluctuations, may negatively impact the market price of our common stock. Other factors that could negatively impact our stock price include:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our operating results;
- changes in expectations as to our future financial performance;

• changes in financial estimates of securities analysts;
• announcements by us or our competitors of technological innovations, design wins, contracts, standards, acquisitions or divestitures;
• the operating and stock price performance of other comparable companies;

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issuances or proposed issuances of equity, debt or other securities by us, or sales of securities by our security holders; and

• changes in market valuations of other technology companies.

Any inability or perceived inability of investors to realize a gain on an investment in our common stock could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations by potentially limiting our ability to retain our customers, to attract and retain qualified employees and to raise capital.

We may be unable to maintain compliance with NASDAQ Marketplace Rules which could cause our common stock to be delisted from the NASDAQ Global Market. This could result in the lack of a market for our common stock, cause a decrease in the value of our common stock, and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

On June 4, 2008, we effected a one-for-three reverse split of our common stock. We effected the reverse split to regain compliance with NASDAQ Marketplace Rules, particularly the minimum \$1.00 per share requirement for continued inclusion on the NASDAQ Global Market. The per share price of our common stock has fluctuated significantly and was below \$1.00 as recently as May 6, 2009. We cannot guarantee that it will remain at or above \$1.00 per share and if the price again drops below \$1.00 per share, the stock could become subject to delisting again, and we may seek shareholder approval for an additional reverse split. A second reverse split could produce adverse effects and may not result in a long-term or permanent increase in the price of our common stock. In addition to the minimum \$1.00 per share requirement, NASDAQ Global Market also requires satisfaction of one of the following in addition to certain other requirements: (i) a minimum of \$50.0 million in total asset value and \$50.0 million in revenues (in the latest fiscal year or in two of the last three fiscal years), (ii) a minimum of \$50.0 million in market value of listed securities, or (iii) a minimum of \$10.0 million in stockholders' equity. As of September 30, 2011, we had a total asset value of less than \$50.0 million and as recently as December 31, 2008, our shareholders' equity was below \$10.0 million. In the future, we may be unable to meet these continued listing requirements and our stock could become subject to delisting.

If our common stock is delisted, trading of the stock will most likely take place on an over-the-counter market established for unlisted securities. An investor is likely to find it less convenient to sell, or to obtain accurate quotations in seeking to buy, our common stock on an over-the-counter market, and many investors may not buy or sell our common stock due to difficulty in accessing over-the-counter markets, or due to policies preventing them from trading in securities not listed on a national exchange or other reasons. For these reasons and others, delisting would adversely affect the liquidity, trading volume and price of our common stock, causing the value of an investment in us to decrease and having an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations by limiting our ability to attract and retain qualified executives and employees and limiting our ability to raise capital. The anti-takeover provisions of Oregon law and in our articles of incorporation could adversely affect the rights of the holders of our common stock, including by preventing a sale or takeover of us at a price or prices favorable to the holders of our common stock.

Provisions of our articles of incorporation and bylaws and provisions of Oregon law may have the effect of delaying or preventing a merger or acquisition of us, making a merger or acquisition of us less desirable to a potential acquirer or preventing a change in our management, even if our shareholders consider the merger, acquisition or change in management favorable or if doing so would benefit our shareholders. In addition, these provisions could limit the price that investors would be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock. The following are examples of such provisions in our articles of incorporation or bylaws:

• our board of directors is authorized, without prior shareholder approval, to change the size of the board (our articles of incorporation provide that if the board is increased to eight or more members, the board will be divided into three classes serving staggered terms, which would make it more difficult for a group of shareholders to quickly change the composition of our board);

• our board of directors is authorized, without prior shareholder approval, to create and issue preferred stock with voting or other rights or preferences that could impede the success of any attempt to acquire us or to effect a change of control, commonly referred to as "blank check" preferred stock;

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members of our board of directors can be removed only for cause and at a meeting of shareholders called expressly for that purpose, by the vote of 75 percent of the votes then entitled to be cast for the election of directors; and our board of directors may alter our bylaws without obtaining shareholder approval; and shareholders are required to provide advance notice for nominations for election to the board of directors or for proposing matters to be acted upon at a shareholder meeting.

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Item 6. Exhibits.

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| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer. |
| 31.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer. |
| 32.1* | Certification of Chief Executive Officer. |
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* Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2 are being furnished and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall such exhibits be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as otherwise stated in such filing.

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SIGNATURE

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.

PIXELWORKS, INC.

Dated: November 4, 2011

/s/ Steven L. Moore
Steven L. Moore
Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer, Secretary and Treasurer