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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 29, 2012

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: 0-27598

IRIDEX CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	77-0210467 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
1212 Terra Bella Avenue Mountain View, California (Address of principal executive offices)	94043-1824 (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 940-4700	

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 definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>	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

The number of shares of common stock, \$.01 par value, issued and outstanding as of October 22, 2012 was 8,973,071.

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Table of Contents**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)
IRIDEX Corporation****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(Unaudited, in thousands except share and per share data)**

	September 29, 2012	December 31, 2011 (1)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,734	\$ 10,789
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$148 at September 29, 2012 and \$162 at December 31, 2011	5,496	5,551
Inventories, net	7,542	6,659
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,117	464
Current assets of discontinued operations	724	6,043
Total current assets	28,613	29,506
Property and equipment, net	468	325
Intangible assets, net	602	745
Goodwill	533	533
Other long-term assets	219	199
Non-current assets of discontinued operations	4	841
Total assets	\$ 30,439	\$ 32,149
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,529	\$ 1,580
Accrued compensation	1,987	1,180
Accrued expenses	1,000	1,920
Accrued warranty	528	556
Deferred revenue	861	1,014
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	67	2,663
Total current liabilities	5,972	8,913
Long-term liabilities:		
Other long-term liabilities	706	810
Total liabilities	6,678	9,723
Stockholders' equity:		
Convertible preferred stock, \$0.01 par value:		
Authorized: 2,000,000 shares;		
Issued and outstanding: 500,000 shares at September 29, 2012 and at December 31, 2011	5	5
Common stock, \$0.01 par value:		
Authorized: 30,000,000 shares;		

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Issued and outstanding 8,960,397 and 8,917,824 shares at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively	94	92
Additional paid-in capital	42,712	42,032
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	0	(35)
Treasury stock, at cost (419,784 and 167,885 shares at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively)	(1,656)	(1,078)
Accumulated deficit	(17,394)	(18,590)
Total stockholders' equity	23,761	22,426
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 30,439	\$ 32,149

- (1) Derived from the audited consolidated financial statements included in the annual report filed on Form 10-K with the SEC for the year ended December 31, 2011.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**IRIDEX Corporation****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations****(Unaudited, in thousands except per share data)**

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
Total revenues	\$ 7,881	\$ 8,258	\$ 24,631	\$ 24,539
Cost of revenues	3,970	4,268	12,623	12,527
Gross profit	3,911	3,990	12,008	12,012
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	1,006	894	3,294	2,747
Sales and marketing	1,875	1,747	5,861	5,311
General and administrative	1,609	1,088	4,018	3,193
Total operating expenses	4,490	3,729	13,173	11,251
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(579)	261	(1,165)	761
Legal settlement	0	0	800	800
Interest and other expense, net	(117)	(53)	(192)	(46)
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes	(696)	208	(557)	1,515
(Benefit from) provision for income tax expense	(141)	(48)	(134)	175
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(555)	256	(423)	1,340
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax	(190)	93	(413)	484
Gain on sale of discontinued operations, net of tax	0	0	2,032	0
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax	(190)	93	1,619	484
Net (loss) income	\$ (745)	\$ 349	\$ 1,196	\$ 1,824
Net (loss) income per share:				
Basic				
Continuing operations	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.03	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.15
Discontinued operations	(0.02)	0.01	0.18	0.05
Net (loss) income	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.20
Diluted				
Continuing operations	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.13
Discontinued operations	(0.02)	0.01	0.18	0.05
Net (loss) income	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.18
Weighted average shares used in computing net (loss) income per common share				
Basic	9,005	8,965	8,974	8,963

Diluted 9,005 10,253 8,974 10,233

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income

(Unaudited, in thousands)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
Net (loss) income	\$ (745)	\$ 349	\$ 1,196	\$ 1,824
Foreign currency translation adjustments	0	20	0	(13)
Recognition of accumulated foreign currency translation loss related to sale of foreign operations	0	0	35	170
Comprehensive (loss) income	\$ (745)	\$ 369	\$ 1,231	\$ 1,981

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**IRIDEX Corporation****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****(Unaudited, in thousands)**

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 1,196	\$ 1,824
Less income from discontinued operations	1,619	484
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(423)	1,340
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	310	187
Change in fair value of earn-out liability	195	55
Stock compensation cost recognized	277	325
Provision for doubtful accounts	(24)	(12)
Provision for inventory reserves	171	31
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	79	(85)
Inventories	(1,054)	(995)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(653)	(25)
Other long-term assets	(20)	(7)
Accounts payable	(51)	251
Accrued compensation	807	(310)
Accrued expenses	(999)	(33)
Accrued warranty	(28)	25
Deferred revenue	(153)	(42)
Other long-term liabilities	21	20
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(1,545)	725
Investing activities:		
Acquisition of property and equipment	(310)	(140)
Cash paid in business combination	0	(75)
Payment on earn-out liability	(241)	0
Net cash used in investing activities	(551)	(215)
Financing activities:		
Proceeds from stock option exercises	405	371
Repurchase of common stock	(578)	(521)
Net cash used in financing activities	(173)	(150)
Net cash provided by operating activities from discontinued operations	547	620
Net cash provided by investing activities from discontinued operations	4,632	0
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes from discontinued operations	35	0
Net cash provided by discontinued operations	5,214	620

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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,945	980
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	10,789	8,347
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 13,734	\$ 9,327

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the period for:

Income taxes	\$ 2	\$ 32
Interest paid	\$ 0	\$ 0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of IRIDEX Corporation (the Company, we, our, or us) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (US GAAP) for interim financial information and pursuant to the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by US GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary for a fair statement of the financial statements have been included.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto, together with management's discussion and analysis of the Company's financial condition and results of operations, contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on March 30, 2012. The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results for the year ending December 29, 2012 or any future interim period.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Company's significant accounting policies are disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which was filed with the SEC on March 30, 2012.

Reclassifications.

In February 2012, we completed the sale of our aesthetics business to Cutera, Inc. In accordance with US GAAP, we have reclassified the financial information disclosed within this Form 10-Q to show the results from our ophthalmology business as continuing operations and the results from our aesthetics business as discontinued operations.

Discontinued Operations.

Discontinued operations are presented and accounted for in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 360, *Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*, (ASC 360). When a qualifying component of the Company is disposed of or has been classified as held for sale, the operating results of that component are removed from continuing operations for all periods presented and displayed as discontinued operations if: (a) elimination of the component's operations and cash flows from the Company's ongoing operations has occurred (or will occur) and (b) significant continuing involvement by the Company in the component's operations does not exist after the disposal transaction.

In February 2012, we completed the sale of our aesthetics business to Cutera, Inc. The operating results and the associated assets and liabilities of our aesthetics business have been classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented under the requirements of ASC 360. The Company received \$5.1 million in net cash and recorded a net pre-tax gain on the sale of \$1.1 million before income taxes, which was included as part of income from discontinued operations, net of tax, in the Company's condensed consolidated statement of operations in the first quarter of 2012.

The following table summarizes activities for discontinued operations during the three and nine month periods ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011.

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
Total revenues	\$ 399	\$ 2,535
(Loss) income from discontinued operations	\$ (56)	\$ 177

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(Loss) income before income taxes	\$ (56)	\$ 177
Income tax (expense)	\$ (134)	\$ (84)
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (190)	\$ 93

(in thousands)	Nine Months Ended	
	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
Total revenues	\$ 1,627	\$ 8,264
(Loss) income from discontinued operations	\$ (279)	\$ 616
Gain on sales of aesthetics business, net	\$ 1,149	\$ 0
Income before income taxes	\$ 870	\$ 616
Income tax benefit (expense)	\$ 749	\$ (132)
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ 1,619	\$ 484

A summary of the assets and liabilities of discontinued operations as of September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011 is provided as follows (in thousands):.

	September 29, 2012	December 31, 2011
Assets:		
Cash	\$ 81	\$ 382
Accounts receivable, net	5	2,065
Inventory, net	97	3,480
Other current assets	31	116
Restricted cash	510	0
Total current assets	724	6,043
Property, plant & equipment, net	4	24
Intangible assets, net	0	813
Other assets	0	4
Total assets	\$ 728	\$ 6,884
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 10	\$ 387
Accrued liabilities	57	967
Accrued warranty	0	234
Deferred revenue	0	1,075
Total current liabilities	\$ 67	\$ 2,663

Table of Contents*Revenue Recognition.*

Our revenues arise from the sale of laser consoles, delivery devices, consumables and service and support activities. Revenue from product sales is recognized upon receipt of a purchase order and product shipment provided that no significant obligations remain and collection of the receivables is reasonably assured. Shipments are generally made with Free-On-Board (FOB) shipping point terms, whereby title passes upon shipment from our dock. Any shipments with FOB receiving point terms are recorded as revenue when the shipment arrives at the receiving point. Cost is recognized as product sales revenue is recognized. The Company's sales may include post-sales obligations for training or other deliverables. For revenue arrangements such as these, we recognize revenue in accordance with ASC 605, *Revenue Recognition, Multiple-Element Arrangements*. The Company allocates revenue among deliverables in multiple-element arrangements using the relative selling price method. Revenue allocated to each element is recognized when the basic revenue recognition criteria is met for each element. The Company is required to apply a hierarchy to determine the selling price to be used for allocating revenue to deliverables: (i) vendor-specific objective evidence of selling price (VSOE), (ii) third-party evidence of selling price (TPE) and (iii) best estimate of the selling price (ESP). In general, the Company is unable to establish VSOE or TPE for all of the elements in the arrangement; therefore, revenue is allocated to these elements based on the Company's ESP, which the Company determines after considering multiple factors such as management approved pricing guidelines, geographic differences, market conditions, competitor pricing strategies, internal costs and gross margin objectives. These factors may vary over time depending upon the unique facts and circumstances related to each deliverable. As a result, the Company's ESP for products and services could change. Revenues for post-sales obligations are recognized as the obligations are fulfilled.

In international regions, we utilize distributors to market and sell our products. We recognize revenue upon shipment for sales to these independent, third party distributors as we have no continuing obligations subsequent to shipment. Generally our distributors are responsible for all marketing, sales, installation, training and warranty labor coverage for our products. Our standard terms and conditions do not provide price protection or stock retention rights to any of our distributors.

Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities.

Taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are recognized on a net basis in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Deferred Revenue

Revenue related to service contracts is deferred and recognized on a straight line basis over the period of the applicable service contract. Costs associated with these service arrangements are recognized as incurred. A reconciliation of the changes in the Company's deferred revenue balance for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011 is as follows:

(in thousands)	Nine Months Ended	
	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 1,014	\$ 1,002
Additions to deferral	680	823
Revenue recognized	(833)	(865)
Balance, end of period	\$ 861	\$ 960

Warranty

The Company accrues for estimated warranty cost upon shipment of products. Actual warranty costs incurred have not materially differed from those accrued. The Company's warranty policy is applicable to products which are considered defective in their performance or fail to meet the product specifications. Warranty costs are reflected in the statements of operations as cost of revenues. A reconciliation of the changes in the Company's warranty liability for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011 is as follows:

Nine Months Ended

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(in thousands)	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 556	\$ 607
Accruals for product warranties	123	125
Cost of warranty claims and adjustments	(151)	(100)
Balance, end of period	\$ 528	\$ 632

Goodwill

Goodwill is tested for impairment at least annually in our second quarter or whenever there is a change in circumstances that indicates the carrying value of these assets may be impaired. In accordance with Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2011-08, the Company assesses qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test described in Topic 350, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other*. The Company did not record any impairment of goodwill for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011. The carrying value of goodwill was \$533 thousand at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

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The purchase method of accounting for acquisitions requires estimates and assumptions to allocate the purchase price to the fair value of net tangible and intangible assets acquired. The amounts allocated to, and the useful lives estimated for, intangible assets, affect future amortization. There are a number of generally accepted valuation methods used to estimate fair value of intangible assets, and we primarily use a discounted cash flow method, which requires management judgment to forecast the future operating results and to estimate the discount factors used in the analysis. An asset is considered impaired if its carrying amount exceeds the value of future net cash flow the asset is expected to generate. If an asset is considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its fair value. The Company did not record any impairment for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011.

Future changes in events or circumstances, such as an inability to achieve the cash flows determined above, may indicate that the recorded value of the intangible assets will not be recovered through future cash flows and the Company may be required to record an impairment charge for the intangible assets or modify the period of expected lives for the intangible assets.

Intangible assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	September 29, 2012			December 31, 2011			Amortization Life
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	
Patents	\$ 720	\$ 318	\$ 402	\$ 720	\$ 187	\$ 533	Varies
Customer Relations	240	40	200	240	28	212	13.4 years
	\$ 960	\$ 358	\$ 602	\$ 960	\$ 215	\$ 745	

Amortization expense totaled \$143 thousand and \$145 thousand for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011, respectively.

Future estimated amortization expense (in thousands):	
2012 (three months)	\$ 89
2013	242
2014	107
2015	16
2016	16
Thereafter	132
Total	\$ 602

Stock Repurchases

In May 2011, the Company approved a stock repurchase program authorizing the Company to purchase in open market or privately negotiated transactions, up to \$2.0 million worth of our common stock, from time to time during the next 12 months. In February 2012, the Company approved an extension of its stock repurchase program authorizing the Company to purchase up to \$4.0 million worth of our common stock, from time to time prior to March 2013. During the nine months ended September 29, 2012, the Company has purchased 148,899 shares at an average price of \$3.86 per share. As of September 29, 2012, the Company still has the authorization to purchase up to \$3.0 million in common shares under the stock repurchase program. See Item 2, Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds in Part II, Other Information, for additional information. In March 2011, the Company purchased the remaining 75,698 shares of our common stock held by American Medical Systems Holdings, Inc. (AMS) that were issued to AMS as part of a 2007 purchase transaction at \$4.00 per share.

Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Standards

In September 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU 2011-08, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other* (Topic 350): Testing Goodwill for Impairment (ASU 2011-08). This standard is intended to simplify how entities test goodwill for impairment. ASU 2011-08 permits an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than

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its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test described in Topic 350, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other*. The more likely than not threshold is defined as having a likelihood of more than 50%. ASU 2011-08 is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company adopted this standard in the first quarter of fiscal year 2012 and it did not have a material effect on its financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In June 2011, FASB issued ASU 2011-05, *Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income (ASU 2011-05)*. ASU 2011-05 allows an entity the option 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. In both choices, an entity is required to present each component of net income along with total net income, each component of other comprehensive income along with a total for other comprehensive income, and a total amount for comprehensive income. ASU 2011-05 eliminates the option to present the components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. It does not, however, change the items that must be reported in other comprehensive income or when an item of other comprehensive income must be reclassified to net income. In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-12, *Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassifications of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05*, in order to redeliberate the portion of the earlier ASU relating to presentation of reclassifications from other comprehensive income. Both updates are effective for us during the first quarter of 2012, applied retrospectively. As ASU 2011-05 and ASU 2011-12 are only presentation standards, these standards did not have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

3. Business Combination

Ocunetics, Inc:

On September 15, 2011, the Company acquired certain assets of Ocunetics, Inc. The purchase price for the acquired assets consisted of \$75 thousand in cash consideration and an earn-out provision with an estimated fair value of \$105 thousand. The earn-out is tied to future revenues and could result in additional cash and share consideration being paid to Ocunetics, Inc. based on the future performance of the acquired products and intellectual property. In accordance with ASC 805, *Business Combinations*, the acquisition has been accounted for as a business combination.

Under the purchase method of accounting, the assets acquired from Ocunetics, Inc. at the date of acquisition are recorded in the consolidated financial statements at their respective fair values as of the acquisition date. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the acquired net assets has been recorded as goodwill in the amount of \$60 thousand. This goodwill is expected to be non-deductible for tax purposes. The purchase price includes the fair value of the cash earn-out which is recorded as a long-term liability. No value was attributed to the contingent equity-based consideration because management does not believe certain targets will be

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achieved in the future. Costs incurred associated with the acquisition were immaterial. The financial results of Ocunetics, Inc. prior to the acquisition were immaterial for purposes of pro forma financial disclosures. As of the end of the reporting period, there has been no revenues or earnings generated by the acquiree since the acquisition date.

Identifiable intangible assets. Intangible assets included in the purchase price allocation consist of technology patents of \$120 thousand, assigned an economic useful life whereby the economic value of the asset is its ability to provide the Company relief from royalty and is being amortized as a percentage of revenues generated per units sold.

Goodwill. Approximately \$60 thousand has been allocated to goodwill. Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the underlying net tangible and intangible assets. In accordance with ASC 350-20, goodwill is not amortized but instead is tested for impairment at least annually in our second quarter (more frequently if certain indicators are present). In the event that management determines that the value of goodwill has become impaired, an accounting charge for the amount of impairment is incurred in the fiscal quarter in which the determination is made. The Company believes the goodwill realized was the result of a number of factors, including expected revenue growth opportunities for existing products and the opportunity to commercialize acquired intellectual property.

4. Inventories, net

The components of the Company's inventories as of September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011 are as follows:

(in thousands)	September 29, 2012	December 31, 2011
Raw materials and work in process	\$ 4,488	\$ 2,694
Finished goods	3,054	3,965
Total inventories	\$ 7,542	\$ 6,659

5. Fair Value Measurement

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. The fair value hierarchy distinguishes between (1) market participant assumptions developed based on market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs) and (2) an entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions developed based on the best information available in the circumstances (unobservable inputs). The fair value hierarchy consists of three broad levels, which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Directly or indirectly observable inputs as of the reporting date through correlation with market data, including quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and quoted prices in markets that are not active. Level 2 also includes assets and liabilities that are valued using models or other pricing methodologies that do not require significant judgment since the input assumptions used in the models, such as interest rates and volatility factors, are corroborated by readily observable data from actively quoted markets for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and reflect the use of significant management judgment. These values are generally determined using pricing models for which the assumptions utilize management's estimates of market participant assumptions.

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In determining fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible as well as considers counterparty credit risk in its assessment of fair value.

The carrying amounts of the Company's financial assets and liabilities, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and accounts payable at September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011, approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

As of September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011, financial assets and liabilities measured and recognized at fair value on a recurring basis and classified under the appropriate level of the fair value hierarchy as described above was as follows (in thousands):

	September 29, 2012 Fair Value Measurements				December 31, 2011 Fair Value Measurements			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:								
Cash equivalents	\$ 12,838	0	0	\$ 12,838	\$ 10,133	0	0	\$ 10,133
Liabilities:								
Earn-out-cash	\$ 0	0	719	\$ 719	\$ 0	0	765	\$ 765

The Company's Level 1 financial assets are money market funds whose fair values are based on quoted market prices. The Company does not have any Level 2 financial assets or liabilities. The Company's Level 3 financial liabilities are related to the fair value of the contingent consideration (the earn-out to be paid in cash) in connection with the RetinaLabs and OcuNetics, Inc. acquisitions. At September 29, 2012, observable market information was not available to determine the fair value of the Company's liability. Therefore, the fair value is based on valuation models that relied on Level 3 inputs including those that are based on probability of outcomes, expected cash flow streams, market discount rates and overall capital market liquidity. The valuation of the earn-out liability related to the RetinaLabs and OcuNetics, Inc. acquisitions is subject to uncertainties that are difficult to predict.

A reconciliation of the changes in the Company's earn-out cash (Level 3 liabilities) balance for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011 is as follows (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
Balance at the beginning of the period	\$ 765	\$ 380
Addition of earn-out - cash related to OcuNetics, Inc. acquisition	0	105
Payment made on earn-out - RetinaLabs	(241)	0
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	195	55
Balance at the end of the period	\$ 719	\$ 540

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The earn-out liability is recorded in accrued expenses and other long-term liabilities on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. At September 29, 2012 and December 31, 2011, accrued expenses included \$175 thousand and \$197 thousand, respectively, and other long-term liabilities included \$544 thousand and \$568 thousand, respectively, related to the earn-out liability. The change in the fair value of the earn-out liability is recorded in other income (expense).

6. Bank Borrowings

The Company had a Loan and Security Agreement with Silicon Valley Bank which expired in June 2012.

7. Stock Based Compensation*2008 Equity Incentive Plan*

For the nine months ended September 29, 2012, the only active share-based compensation plan was the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan (the Incentive Plan). The terms of awards granted during the nine months ended September 29, 2012 were consistent with those described in the consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Summary of Stock Options

The following table summarizes information regarding activity in our stock option plan during the nine months ended September 29, 2012:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (thousands)
Outstanding at December 31, 2011	1,766,401	\$ 3.63	
Granted	137,150	\$ 4.00	
Exercised	(154,657)	\$ 2.62	
Canceled or forfeited	(322,737)	\$ 4.32	
Outstanding at September 29, 2012	1,426,157	\$ 3.61	\$ 1,000

The weighted-average grant date fair value of the options granted under the Company's stock plans as calculated using Black-Scholes option-pricing model was \$2.37 per share for the three months ended September 29, 2012. The weighted-average grant date fair value of the options granted under the Company's stock plans as calculated using Black-Scholes option-pricing model was \$2.70 per share for the nine months ended September 29, 2012.

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to estimate fair value of stock-based awards with the following weighted average assumptions:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
Average risk free interest rate	0.59%	0.94%	0.68%	1.23%
Expected life (in years)	4.55 years	4.69 years	4.55 years	4.71 years
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Average volatility	90%	91%	91%	91%

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The following table shows stock-based compensation expense included in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine month periods ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
Cost of revenues	\$ 17	\$ 15	\$ 51	\$ 43
Research and development	19	15	58	52
Sales and marketing	29	26	84	81
General and administrative	(85)	50	84	149
	\$ (20)	\$ 106	\$ 277	\$ 325

Approximately \$11 thousand and \$10 thousand of the stock based compensation expense recognized was capitalized into inventory as a component of overhead at September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011, respectively.

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Information regarding stock options outstanding, exercisable and expected to vest at September 29, 2012 is summarized below:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (thousands)
Options outstanding	1,426,157	\$ 3.61	3.17	\$ 1,000
Options vested and expected to vest	1,351,086	\$ 3.61	3.05	\$ 979
Options exercisable	1,127,084	\$ 3.59	2.56	\$ 935

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the pre-tax intrinsic value, based on the Company's closing price as of September 28, 2012, that would have been received by option holders had all option holders exercised their stock options as of that date. This amount changes based on the fair market value of the Company's stock. The total intrinsic value of options exercised for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011 were approximately \$225 thousand and \$84 thousand, respectively.

As of September 29, 2012, there was \$738 thousand of total unrecognized compensation cost, net of forfeitures, related to non-vested share-based compensation arrangements under the Incentive Plan. The cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.68 years.

Summary of Restricted Stock Units and Awards

The Company recognizes the estimated compensation expense of restricted stock units and awards, net of estimated forfeitures, over the vesting term. The estimated compensation expense is based on the fair value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant.

Information regarding the restricted stock units outstanding, vested and expected to vest as of September 29, 2012 is summarized below:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (thousands)
Restricted stock units outstanding	120,999	1.17	\$ 448
Restricted stock units vested and expected to vest	39,665	1.14	\$ 147

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the pre-tax intrinsic value, based on the Company's closing price as of September 28, 2012.

As of December 31, 2011, there were 90,189 restricted stock units outstanding. During the nine months ended September 29, 2012, there were 45,999 restricted stock units awarded and 15,189 restricted stock units released.

The following table summarizes information regarding activity in restricted stock awards during the nine months ended September 29, 2012:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2011	10,126	\$ 3.95
Awarded	10,666	\$ 3.75
Released	(10,126)	\$ 3.95

Outstanding at September 29, 2012	10,666	\$	3.75
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8. Income Taxes

Provision for Income Tax

Under ASC Topic 740-270, Interim Reporting - Income Taxes, we are required to make our best estimate of the annual effective tax rate for the full fiscal year and use that rate to provide for income taxes on a current year-to-date basis. An exception applied to the three and nine months ended September 29, 2012 as the Company was not able to provide a sufficiently precise forecast of taxable income for the year primarily due to the sale of the aesthetics business. The Company recorded a benefit from income taxes for continuing operations of \$134 thousand and a provision for income taxes of \$175 thousand for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011, respectively. The Company's estimated annual effective tax rate for continuing operations was 24.06% and 11.55% for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011, respectively. The increase in our effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 was associated primarily with the decrease in income (loss) from continuing operations.

Deferred Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with ASC Topic 740, Income Taxes (ASC 740), which requires that deferred tax assets and liabilities be recognized using enacted tax rates for the effect of temporary differences between the book and tax bases of recorded assets and liabilities. ASC 740 also requires that deferred tax assets be reduced by a valuation allowance if it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had a deferred tax asset of approximately \$11.7 million which is fully offset by a valuation allowance. At September 29, 2012, management has concluded that there is no sufficient positive evidence to support the release of the valuation allowance due to its projected current year tax loss and its incapability of forecasting the income for the near future. The Company will evaluate the position on a quarterly basis.

Uncertain Tax Positions

The Company accounts for its uncertain tax positions in accordance with ASC 740. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had \$1.2 million of unrecognized tax benefits which would impact the income statement if recognized.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2012, the Company incurred a tax loss from the disposal of discontinued operations and anticipates the ability to carry back the loss to 2010 and 2011 for federal income tax purpose. As a result, the Company recognized a tax benefit of \$0.3 million from the release and reclassification of the ASC 740 long term liability. The Company is not aware of any other uncertain tax positions that could result in significant additional payments, accruals, or other material deviation in this estimate during the fiscal year.

The Company files U.S. federal and state returns as well as foreign returns in France. The tax years 2001 to 2010 remain open in several jurisdictions, none of which have individual significance.

Table of Contents**9. Computation of Basic and Diluted Net (Loss) Income Per Common Share**

Basic net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) for the period by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) for the period by the weighted average number of shares, plus common stock equivalents outstanding during the period which includes 1,000,000 shares of common stock issuable upon the conversion of 500,000 shares of convertible Series A Preferred Stock. Common stock equivalents also include the effect of outstanding dilutive stock options and awards computed using the treasury stock method. In periods of loss from continuing operations, the Company excludes common stock equivalents from the computation of diluted weighted average shares outstanding because their inclusion would be anti-dilutive.

A reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of basic and diluted net income per common share is provided as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
Numerator:				
(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (555)	\$ 256	\$ (423)	\$ 1,340
(Loss) income from discontinued operations	(190)	93	1,619	484
Net (loss) income	\$ (745)	\$ 349	\$ 1,196	\$ 1,824
Denominator:				
Weighted average shares of common stock (basic)	9,005	8,965	8,974	8,963
Effect of dilutive preferred shares	0	1,000	0	1,000
Effect of dilutive stock options	0	251	0	250
Effect of dilutive contingent shares	0	37	0	20
Weighted average shares of common stock (diluted)	9,005	10,253	8,974	10,233
Per share data:				
Basic (loss) income per share:				
(Loss) income before discontinued operations	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.03	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.15
Discontinued operations	(0.02)	0.01	0.18	0.05
Net (loss) income	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.20
Diluted (loss) income per share:				
(Loss) income before discontinued operations	(0.06)	0.02	(0.05)	0.13
Discontinued operations	(0.02)	0.01	0.18	0.05
Net (loss) income	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.18

The Company excludes options from the computation of diluted weighted average shares outstanding if the exercise price of the options is greater than the average market price of the shares because the inclusion of these options would be anti-dilutive to earnings per share. Accordingly, for the three months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011, respectively, stock options to purchase 881,893 and 639,246 shares were excluded from the computation of diluted weighted average shares outstanding. For the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011, respectively, stock options to purchase 899,809 and 661,491 shares were excluded from the computation of diluted weighted average shares outstanding.

10. Business Segments

The Company operates in one segment, ophthalmology. Our revenues arise from the sale of laser consoles, delivery devices, consumables, service and support activities.

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Our revenues by geographic region, based on the location at which each sale originates, is summarized as follows:

Revenue information shown by geographic region is as follows (in thousands):

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
United States	\$ 4,516	\$ 4,403	\$ 13,180	\$ 13,368
Europe	1,686	1,721	5,463	5,204
Rest of Americas	394	738	1,722	1,801
Asia/Pacific Rim	1,285	1,396	4,266	4,166
	\$ 7,881	\$ 8,258	\$ 24,631	\$ 24,539

Revenues are attributed to countries based on location of end customers. No individual country accounted for more than 10% of the Company's sales, except for the United States, which accounted for 53.5% and 54.5% of sales for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011, respectively.

No one customer accounted for more than 10% of total revenue for the three and nine month periods ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011, respectively.

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

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains trend analysis and other forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, such as statements relating to levels of future sales, long term growth, market acceptance and adoption of our products and operating results; license revenue; gross margins; expenses; managing cash flows; general economic conditions and levels of international sales; tax and corporate strategy; effects of seasonality; FDA inspections; our current and future liquidity and capital requirements; and levels of future investment in research and development efforts. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology, such as may, will, should, expects, plans, anticipates, believes, estimates, predicts, intends, potential, continue, or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including as a result of the factors set forth under Factors That May Affect Future Operating Results and other risks detailed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 30, 2012 and detailed from time to time in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management's analysis only as of the date of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q. We undertake no obligation to update such forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this report.

Overview

IRIDEX Corporation is a leading worldwide provider of therapeutic based laser systems, delivery devices and consumable instrumentation used to treat sight-threatening eye diseases in ophthalmology. In February 2012, we completed the sale of our aesthetics business to Cutera, Inc. We view this as a significant step forward in executing our long term strategy because it allows us to focus solely on our ophthalmology business which is our core strength, and affords us with the best opportunity for long term profitable growth. In accordance with US GAAP, we have disclosed the financial results from our aesthetics business as discontinued operations. This discussion and analysis will focus on our ophthalmology business because it constitutes our continuing business and therefore provides more relevant information to the reader of our financial statements both on a retrospective and prospective basis.

We manage and evaluate our business in one segment - ophthalmology. We break down this segment by geography - Domestic (U.S.) and International (the rest of the world). In addition, we review trends by laser system sales (consoles and durable delivery devices) and recurring sales (single use disposable laser probes and other associated instrumentation (consumables), service and support).

Our ophthalmology revenues arise from the sale of our IQ and OcuLight laser systems, consumables and service and support activities. Our current family of IQ products includes IQ 532, IQ 577 and IQ 810 laser photocoagulation systems and our OcuLight products include OcuLight TX, OcuLight Symphony (Laser Delivery System), OcuLight SL, OcuLight SLx, OcuLight GL and OcuLight GLx laser photocoagulation systems.

Our ophthalmology products are sold in the United States predominantly through a direct sales force and internationally through approximately 70 independent distributors into over 100 countries. Sales to international distributors are made on open credit terms or letters of credit and are currently denominated in U.S. dollars and accordingly are not subject to risks associated with currency fluctuations.

Cost of revenues consists primarily of the cost of purchasing components and sub-systems; assembling, packaging, shipping and testing components at our facility; direct labor and associated overhead; warranty, royalty and amortization of intangible assets; and depot service costs.

Research and development expenses consist primarily of personnel costs, materials to support new product development and research support provided to clinicians at medical institutions developing new applications which utilize our products, and regulatory expenses. Research and development costs have been expensed as incurred.

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of costs of personnel, sales commissions, travel expenses, advertising and promotional expenses.

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of costs of personnel, legal, accounting and other public company costs, insurance and other expenses not allocated to other departments.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth certain operating data as a percentage of revenues:

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	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011	September 29, 2012	October 1, 2011
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of revenues	50.4%	51.7%	51.2%	51.0%
Gross margin	49.6%	48.3%	48.8%	49.0%
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	12.8%	10.8%	13.4%	11.2%
Sales and marketing	23.8%	21.2%	23.8%	21.7%
General and administrative	20.4%	13.2%	16.3%	13.0%
Total operating expenses	57.0%	45.2%	53.5%	45.9%
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(7.4)%	3.1%	(4.7)%	3.1%
Legal settlement	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	3.2%
Interest and other expense, net	(1.5)%	(0.6)%	(0.8)%	(0.2)%
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes	(8.9)%	2.5%	(2.3)%	6.1%
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(1.8)%	(0.6)%	(0.6)%	0.7%
(Loss) income from continuing operations, net of tax	(7.1)%	3.1%	(1.7)%	5.4%
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax	(2.4)%	1.1%	6.6%	2.0%
Net (loss) income	(9.5)%	4.2%	4.9%	7.4%

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The following comparisons are between the three month periods ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011:

Revenues.

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended September 29, 2012	Three Months Ended October 1, 2011	Change in \$	Change in %
Systems domestic	\$ 1,694	\$ 1,623	\$ 71	4.4%
Systems international	1,959	2,596	(637)	(24.5)%
Recurring revenues	4,123	3,894	229	5.9%
OEM	105	145	(40)	(27.6)%
Total revenues	\$ 7,881	\$ 8,258	\$ (377)	(4.6)%

Domestic System sales were fairly constant however International System sales were down significantly. We experienced lighter sales in the Middle East and South America due mainly to the unsettled business climates in those areas. Recurring revenues increased primarily by the addition of sales of our licensed GreenTip product by our distribution partner, Alcon, and we anticipate benefiting from these sales for the foreseeable future. OEM sales are expected to cease shortly as our OEM partner, B&L, has discontinued selling this product.

Gross Profit and Gross Margin.

Gross profit was \$3.9 million compared with \$4.0 million in the prior period, a decrease of \$0.1 million, or 2.0%. Despite the reduction in revenues, gross margin improved to 49.6% up from 48.3%. This is the result of lowering our cost structure within operations. Our short term goal for gross margin remains 50%.

Gross margins as a percentage of revenues will continue to fluctuate due to changes in the relative proportions of domestic and international sales, the product mix of sales, manufacturing variances, total unit volume changes that lead to greater or lesser production efficiencies and a variety of other factors. See Item 1A. Risk Factors - Factors That May Affect Future Results *Our Operating Results May Fluctuate from Quarter to Quarter and Year to Year.*

Research and Development.

Research and development (R&D) expenses increased \$0.1 million or 12.5% from \$0.9 million to \$1.0 million, as a result of increasing headcount and spending on materials and outside services in support of an increased rate of new product introductions. We anticipate expenses will moderate going forward.

Sales and Marketing.

Sales and marketing expenses increased \$0.2 million or 7.3% from \$1.7 million to \$1.9 million. The increases were attributable to an increase in headcount and related cost and to an increase in associated selling and marketing expenses due to and in support of sales. We anticipate our sales and marketing expenses to moderate going forward.

General and Administrative.

General and administrative expenses increased by \$0.5 million or 47.9%, from \$1.1 million to \$1.6 million. We incurred \$0.7 million in severance costs as a result of terminating certain employees.

Interest and Other Income (Expense), Net.

Interest and other income (expense), net consisted primarily of additional expense recorded for the fair value remeasurement of the contingent earn-out liabilities incurred as a result of the Company's recent acquisitions.

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Income Taxes.

The Company recorded an income tax benefit of \$141 thousand and \$48 thousand, respectively, for continuing operations.

The following comparisons are between the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011:

(in thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2012	Nine Months Ended October 1, 2011	Change in \$	Change in %
Systems domestic	\$ 4,485	\$ 4,884	\$ (399)	(8.2)%
Systems international	7,008	7,179	(171)	(2.4)%
Recurring revenues	12,893	12,090	803	6.6%
OEM	245	386	(141)	(36.5)%
Total revenues	\$ 24,631	\$ 24,539	\$ 92	0.4%

Fluctuations in systems sales were driven primarily by local economic conditions. Recurring revenues increased primarily as a result of the addition of sales of our licensed GreenTip product by our distribution partner, Alcon, and we anticipate benefiting from these sales for the foreseeable future. OEM sales are expected to cease shortly as our OEM partner, B&L, has discontinued selling this product.

Gross Profit and Gross Margin.

Gross profit remained constant at \$12.0 million. Gross margin remained fairly constant at 48.8% compared to 49.0%. Our short term goal for gross margin remains 50%.

Gross margins as a percentage of revenues will continue to fluctuate due to changes in the relative proportions of domestic and international sales, the product mix of sales, manufacturing variances, total unit volume changes that lead to greater or lesser production efficiencies and a variety of other factors. See Item 1A. Risk Factors - Factors That May Affect Future Results - *Our Operating Results May Fluctuate from Quarter to Quarter and Year to Year.*

Research and Development.

R&D expenses increased \$0.5 million or 19.9% from \$2.7 million to \$3.3 million, as a result of increasing headcount and spending on materials and outside services in support of an increased rate of new product introductions. We anticipate expenses to moderate going forward.

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Sales and Marketing.

Sales and marketing expenses increased by \$0.6 million or 10.3% from \$5.3 million to \$5.9 million. The increases were attributable to an increase in headcount and related cost and to an increase in associated selling and marketing expenses due to and in support of sales. We anticipate our sales and marketing spending to moderate going forward.

General and Administrative.

General and administrative expenses increased by \$0.8 million or 25.8%, from \$3.2 million to \$4.0 million. We incurred \$0.7 million in severance costs as a result of terminating certain employees

Legal Settlement and Interest and Other Income (Expense), Net.

Legal settlement income amounted to \$0.8 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011, and related to a settlement with Synergetics for legal claims related to patent infringement. The payment received during the nine months ended September 29, 2012 represented the final payment. Interest and other income (expense), net consisted primarily of additional expense recorded for the fair value remeasurement of the contingent earn-out liabilities incurred as a result of the Company's recent acquisitions.

Income from Continuing Operations.

We are moderating our investment in people and programs to promote sales growth while balancing our investments with our revenue growth to return to profitability.

Income Taxes.

For the nine months ended September 29, 2012 and October 1, 2011, the Company recorded an income tax benefit of \$134 thousand and a tax provision of \$175 thousand, respectively, for continuing operations. The tax benefit is recognized mainly for the anticipated tax refund from carrying back to 2010 the current year's net operating loss from continuing operations.

As a result of the sale of the aesthetics business the Company generated an \$18.6 million tax loss from discontinued operations. This loss was created primarily as a result of writing off goodwill and intangibles related to the aesthetics business for tax purposes that had previously been writing off for financial statement purposes in prior accounting periods. The Company intends to carry the tax loss generated back to profits made in 2010 and 2011 and obtain a tax refund of approximately \$0.6 million. Resulting from the tax loss carryback, the Company also recognizes a tax benefit from a reduction and reclassification in uncertain tax liabilities of \$0.3 million. The remainder of the tax loss (approximately \$14.3 million) will be carried forward to offset current and future tax profits. Because of the uncertainty of future taxable profits the Company maintains a full valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets.

Discontinued Operations.

In February 2012, we sold our aesthetics business to Cutera, Inc. The operating results and the associated assets and liabilities of our aesthetics business have been classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented. The Company received \$5.1 million in net cash and recorded a pre-tax net gain on the sale of \$1.1 million. In addition, as a result of the sale, we were able to record a tax benefit in the amount of \$0.9 million, thus the total gain recorded on the sale of the aesthetics business was \$2.0 million.

For the quarter ended September 29, 2012, a loss of \$190 thousand, net of tax, was incurred, compared with income of \$93 thousand, net of tax, generated for the comparable quarter in 2011. For the nine month period ended September 29, 2012, income of \$1.6 million, net of tax, generated, compared with income of \$0.5 million, net of tax, generated for the comparable nine month period in 2011.

As a result of the sale of the aesthetics business the Company generated an \$18.6 million tax loss. This loss was created primarily as a result of writing off goodwill and intangibles related to the aesthetics business for tax purposes that had previously been written off for financial statement purposes in prior accounting periods. The Company intends to carry the tax loss generated back to offset profits made in 2010 and 2011 and obtain a tax refund of approximately \$0.6 million. The potential net operating loss carry back also results in a reduction in uncertain tax liabilities of \$0.3 million. The remainder of the tax loss (approximately \$14.3 million) will be carried forward to be used to offset current year and future tax profits. Because of the uncertainty of future taxable profits the Company maintains a valuation reserve allowance against its deferred tax assets.

Liquidity and Capital Resources.

Liquidity is our ability to generate sufficient cash flows from operating activities to meet our obligations and commitments. In addition, liquidity includes the ability to obtain appropriate financing or to raise capital.

As of September 29, 2012, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$13.7 million, working capital of \$22.6 million and \$0.5 million of cash held in escrow compared to cash and cash equivalents of \$10.8 million and working capital of \$20.6 million as of December 31, 2011. The \$2.9 million increase in cash and cash equivalents and the \$0.5 million of cash held in escrow for the nine months ended September 29, 2012 was generated primarily by the sale of the aesthetics business for \$5.1 million. For the nine months ended September 29, 2012, net cash used in operating activities amounted to \$1.5 million as a result of a \$0.4 million net loss from continuing operations, change in operating assets of \$2.1 million, offset by non-cash add back items of \$1.0 million. We used \$0.3 million on capital expenditures and used \$0.2 million to pay on the earn-out liability to RetinaLabs. Exercises of stock options generated \$0.4 million and we spent \$0.6 million to purchase stock under our stock repurchase program. See Item 2, Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds in Part II, Other Information, for additional information.

Management is of the opinion that the Company's current cash and cash equivalents together with our ability to generate cash flows from operations provide sufficient liquidity to operate for the next 12 months.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure about Market Risk

Market risk represents the risk of loss that may impact the financial position, results of operations or cash flows due to adverse changes in financial and commodity market prices and rates. We transact the majority of our business in US dollars and therefore changes in foreign currency rates will not have a significant impact on our income statement or cash flows. However, increases in the value of the US dollar against any local currencies could cause our products to become relatively more expensive to customers in a particular country or region, leading to reduced revenue or profitability in that country or region. As we continue to expand our international sales, our non-US dollar denominated revenue and our exposure to gains and losses on international currency transactions may increase. We currently do not engage in transactions to hedge against the risk of the currency fluctuation, but we may do so in the future.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, that are designed to ensure 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 SEC rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the disclosure controls and procedures are met. Additionally, in designing disclosure controls and procedures, our management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible disclosure controls and procedures. The design of any disclosure controls and procedures also is based in part upon 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.

As required by SEC Rule 13a-15(b), we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 29, 2012. Based on the foregoing, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this Form 10-Q that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we may be involved in legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. We believe there is no litigation currently pending that could have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on our operations or financial condition.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Factors That May Affect Future Results

In addition to the other information contained in this Quarterly Report Form 10-Q, we have identified the following risks and uncertainties that may have a material adverse effect on our business, common stock price, financial condition or results of operation. You should carefully consider the risks described below before making an investment decision.

We have marked with an asterisk () those risk factors below that reflect substantive changes from the risk factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 30, 2012.*

We Recently Sold our Aesthetics Business Unit and Therefore Our Operating Results Will Be Adversely Affected in the Near Term

In February 2012, we completed the sale of our aesthetics business. Prior to the sale, our aesthetics business covered its direct costs and therefore contributed to the profitability of the overall company. The sale of the aesthetics business means that we will need to adjust our cost structure and/or grow revenues from our continuing ophthalmology business to remain profitable. In addition, we provided the purchaser typical indemnification provisions associated with this type of transaction, and there is a risk that an adverse event may occur that requires us to fulfill our indemnity obligation. In the near term these factors will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our Operating Results May Fluctuate from Quarter to Quarter and Year to Year.

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Our sales and operating results may vary significantly from quarter to quarter and from year to year in the future. Our operating results are affected by a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control. Factors contributing to these fluctuations include the following:

general economic uncertainties and political concerns;

the timing of the introduction and market acceptance of new products, product enhancements and new applications;

changes in demand for our existing line of ophthalmology products;

the cost and availability of components and subassemblies, including the willingness and ability of our sole or limited source suppliers to timely deliver components at the times and prices that we have planned;

our ability to increase revenues at a level sufficient to cover existing manufacturing costs and increases in operating expenses;

fluctuations in our product mix within ophthalmology products and foreign and domestic sales;

the effect of regulatory approvals and changes in domestic and foreign regulatory requirements;

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introduction of new products , including new drugs product enhancements and new applications by our competitors, entry of new competitors into our markets, pricing pressures and other competitive factors;

our long and highly variable sales cycle;

changes in the prices at which we can sell our products;

changes in customers or potential customers budgets as a result of, among other things, reimbursement policies of government programs and private insurers for treatments that use our products; and

increased product innovation costs.

In addition to these factors, our quarterly results have been, and are expected to continue to be, affected by seasonal factors. For example, our European sales during the third quarter are generally lower due to many businesses being closed for the summer vacation season.

Our expense levels are based, in part, on expected future sales. If sales levels in a particular quarter do not meet expectations, we may be unable to adjust operating expenses quickly enough to compensate for the shortfall of sales, and our results of operations may be adversely affected. In addition, we have historically made a significant portion of each quarter's product shipments near the end of the quarter. If that pattern continues, any delays in shipment of products could have a material adverse effect on results of operations for such quarter. Due to these and other factors, we believe that quarter to quarter and year to year comparisons of our past operating results may not be meaningful. You should not rely on our results for any quarter or year as an indication of our future performance. Our operating results in future quarters and years may be below expectations, which would likely cause the price of our common stock to fall.

Our Stock Price Has Been and May Continue to be Volatile and an Investment in Our Common Stock Could Suffer a Decline in Value.

The trading price of our common stock has been subject to wide fluctuations in response to a variety of factors, some of which are beyond our control, including quarterly variations in our operating results, announcements by us or our competitors of new products or of significant clinical achievements, changes in market valuations of other similar companies in our industry and general market conditions. In addition, the trading price of our common stock has been significantly adversely affected by our recent operating performance and by liquidity issues. For the current year to date, the trading price of our common stock has fluctuated from a low of \$3.1 per share to a high of \$4.0 per share. There can be no assurance that our common stock trading price will not suffer declines. Our common stock may experience an imbalance between supply and demand resulting from low trading volumes and therefore broad market fluctuations could have a significant impact on the market price of our common stock regardless of our performance.

We Rely on Continued Market Acceptance of Our Existing Products and Any Decline in Sales of Our Existing Products Would Adversely Affect Our Business and Results of Operations.

We currently market visible and infrared medical laser systems, delivery devices and consumable instrumentation to the ophthalmology market. We believe that continued and increased sales, if any, of products is dependent upon a number of factors including the following:

acceptance of product performance, features, ease of use, scalability and durability;

recommendations and opinions by ophthalmologists, other clinicians, and their associated opinion leaders;

clinical study outcomes;

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price of our products and prices of competing products and technologies particularly in light of the current macro-economic environment where healthcare systems and healthcare operators are becoming increasingly price sensitive;

availability of competing products, technologies and alternative treatments; and

level of reimbursement for treatments administered with our products.

We derive a meaningful portion of our sales in the form of recurring revenues from selling consumable instrumentation including our EndoProbe devices and service. Our ability to increase recurring revenues from the sale of consumable products will depend primarily upon the features of our current products and product innovation, the quality of our products, ease of use and prices of our products, including the relationship to prices of competing products. The level of our service revenues will depend on the quality of service we provide and the responsiveness and the willingness of our customers to request our services rather than purchase competing products or services. Any significant decline in market acceptance of our products or our revenues derived from the sales of laser systems, delivery devices, consumables or services may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We Face Strong Competition in Our Markets and Expect the Level of Competition to Grow in the Foreseeable Future.

Competition in the market for devices used for ophthalmic treatment procedures is intense and is expected to increase. Our competitive position depends on a number of factors including product performance, characteristics and functionality, ease of use, scalability, durability and cost. Our principal competitors in ophthalmology are Alcon Inc., Carl Zeiss Meditec AG, Nidek Co. Ltd., Synergetics, Topcon Corporation, Ellex Medical Lasers, Ltd., Quantel Medical SA, and Lumenis Ltd. Most of these companies currently offer a competitive, semiconductor-based laser system for ophthalmology. Also within ophthalmology, pharmaceutical alternative treatments for AMD and DME such as Lucentis/Avastin (Genentech), Eylea (Regeneron), and to a lesser extent Visudyne (Novartis), Macugen (OSI Pharmaceuticals) and Osurdex (Allergan) compete rigorously with traditional laser procedures. A number of these competitors have substantially greater financial, engineering, product development, manufacturing, marketing and technical resources than we do, including greater name recognition, and benefit from long-standing customer relationships. Some medical companies, academic and research institutions, or others, may develop new technologies or therapies that are more effective in treating conditions targeted by us or are less expensive than our current or future products. Any such developments could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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** Our Operating Results May be Adversely Affected by Uncertainty Regarding Healthcare Reform Measures and Changes in Third Party Coverage and Reimbursement Policies.*

The recent decision to uphold the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act means that we are likely to have to pay a 2.3% tax on our products sold in the US. If we are not able to pass this tax on to our customers our profits will be significantly reduced or losses significantly enlarged.

Changes in government legislation or regulation or in private third-party payers' policies toward reimbursement for procedures employing our products may prohibit adequate reimbursement. There have been a number of legislative and regulatory proposals to change the healthcare system, reduce the costs of healthcare and change medical reimbursement policies. Doctors, clinics, hospitals and other users of our products may decline to purchase our products to the extent there is uncertainty regarding reimbursement of medical procedures using our products and any healthcare reform measures. Further proposed legislation, regulation and policy changes affecting third party reimbursement are likely. We are unable to predict what legislation or regulation, if any, relating to the health care industry or third-party coverage and reimbursement may be enacted in the future, or what effect such legislation or regulation may have on us. However, denial of coverage and reimbursement of our products would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our ophthalmology products are typically purchased by doctors, clinics, hospitals and other users, which bill various third-party payers, such as governmental programs and private insurance plans, for the health care services provided to their patients. Third-party payers are increasingly scrutinizing and challenging the coverage of new products and the level of reimbursement for covered products. Doctors, clinics, hospitals and other users of our products may not obtain adequate reimbursement for use of our products from third-party payers. While we believe that the laser procedures using our products have generally been reimbursed, payers may deny coverage and reimbursement for our products if they determine that the device was not reasonable and necessary for the purpose used, was investigational or was not cost-effective.

We Depend on International Sales for a Significant Portion of Our Operating Results.

We derive, and expect to continue to derive, a large portion of our revenues from international sales. For the third quarter of fiscal year 2012, our international ophthalmology sales were \$3.4 million or 42.7% of total sales. We anticipate that international sales will continue to account for a significant portion of our revenues in the foreseeable future. None of our international revenues and costs are denominated in foreign currencies. As a result, an increase in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currencies makes our products more expensive and thus less competitive in foreign markets. Our international operations and sales are subject to a number of risks and potential costs, including:

impact of international conflicts, terrorist and military activity, civil unrest;

impact of recessions in global economies and availability of credit;

fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates;

foreign certification requirements, including continued ability to use the CE mark in Europe, and other local regulatory requirements;

performance of our international channel of distributors;

longer accounts receivable collection periods;

differing local product preferences and product requirements;

cultural differences;

changes in foreign medical reimbursement and coverage policies and programs;

political and economic instability;

reduced or limited protections of intellectual property rights in jurisdictions outside the United States;

potentially adverse tax consequences; and

multiple protectionist, adverse and changing foreign governmental laws and regulations.

Any one or more of these factors stated above could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

As we expand our existing international operations we may encounter new risks. For example, as we focus on building our international sales and distribution networks in new geographic regions, we must continue to develop relationships with qualified local distributors and trading companies. If we are not successful in developing and maintaining these relationships, we may not be able to grow sales in these geographic regions. These or other similar risks could adversely affect our revenues and profitability.

Our Future Success Depends on Our Ability to Develop and Successfully Introduce New Products and New Applications.

Our future success is dependent upon, among other factors, our ability to develop, obtain regulatory approval or clearance of, manufacture and market new products. Successful commercialization of new products and new applications will require that we effectively transfer production processes from research and development to manufacturing and effectively coordinate with our suppliers. In addition, we must successfully sell and achieve market acceptance of new products and applications and enhanced versions of existing products. The extent of, and rate at which, market acceptance and penetration are achieved by future products is a function of many variables, which include, among other things, price, safety, efficacy, reliability, marketing and sales efforts, the development of new applications for these products, the availability of third-party reimbursement of procedures using our new products, the existence of competing products and general economic conditions affecting purchasing patterns. Our ability to market and sell new products may also be subject to government regulation, including approval or clearance by

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the FDA and foreign government agencies. Any failure in our ability to successfully develop and introduce new products or enhanced versions of existing products and achieve market acceptance of new products and new applications could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and would cause our net revenues to decline.

We Are Exposed to Risks Associated With Worldwide Economic Slowdowns and Related Uncertainties.

We are subject to macro-economic fluctuations in the U.S. and worldwide economy. Concerns about consumer and investor confidence, volatile corporate profits and reduced capital spending, international conflicts, terrorist and military activity, civil unrest and pandemic illness could reduce customer orders or cause customer order cancellations. In addition, political and social turmoil related to international conflicts and terrorist acts may put further pressure on economic conditions in the United States and abroad.

Weak economic conditions and declines in consumer spending and consumption may harm our operating results. During uncertain economic times, customers or potential customers may delay, reduce or forego their purchases of our products and services, which may impact our business in a number of ways, including lower prices for our products and services and reducing or delaying sales. There could be a number of follow-on effects from economic uncertainty on our business, including insolvency of key suppliers resulting in product delays, delays in customer payments of outstanding accounts receivable and/or customer insolvencies, counterparty failures negatively impacting our operations, and increasing expense or inability to obtain future financing.

If economic uncertainty persisted, or if the economy entered a prolonged period of decelerating growth, our results of operations may be harmed.

If We Cannot Increase Our Sales Volumes, Reduce Our Costs or Introduce Higher Margin Products to Offset Anticipated Reductions in the Average Unit Price of Our Products, Our Operating Results May Suffer.

The average unit price of our products may decrease in the future in response to changes in product mix, competitive pricing pressures, new product introductions by our competitors or other factors. If we are unable to offset the anticipated decrease in our average selling prices by increasing our sales volumes or through new product introductions, our net revenues will decline. In addition, to maintain our gross margins we must continue to reduce the manufacturing cost of our products. If we cannot maintain our gross margins our business could be seriously harmed, particularly if the average selling price of our products decreases significantly without a corresponding increase in sales.

** We Depend on Collaborative Relationships to Develop, Introduce and Market New Products, Product Enhancements and New Applications.*

We depend on both clinical and commercial collaborative relationships. We have entered into collaborative relationships with academic medical centers and physicians in connection with the research and innovation and clinical testing of our products. Commercially, we currently have a distribution and licensing agreement with Alcon for our GreenTip SoftTip Cannula. Sales of and royalties from the GreenTip SoftTip Cannula are dependent upon the sales performance of Alcon, which depends on their efforts and is beyond our control. Historically we have collaborated with Bausch & Lomb to design and manufacture a solid-state green wavelength (532nm) laser photocoagulator module for Bausch & Lomb, called the Millennium Endolase module. Bausch & Lomb has introduced a new product to replace the product that included the Millennium Endolase module and as such we have seen sales to Bausch & Lomb decline and we anticipate sales to continue to decline. The failure to obtain any additional future clinical or commercial collaborations and the resulting failure or success of such arrangements of any current or future clinical or commercial collaboration relationships could have a material adverse effect on our ability to introduce new products or applications and therefore could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

If We Fail to Manage Growth Effectively, Our Business Could Be Disrupted Which Could Harm Our Operating Results.

We have experienced and may in the future experience growth in our business, both organically and through the acquisition of businesses and products. We have made and expect to continue to make significant investments to enable our future growth through, among other things, new product innovation and clinical trials for new applications and products. We must also be prepared to expand our work force and to train, motivate and manage additional employees as the need for additional personnel arises. Our personnel, systems, procedures and controls may not be adequate to support our future operations. Any failure to effectively manage future growth could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

While We Devote Significant Resources to Research and Development, Our Research and Development May Not Lead to New Products that Achieve Commercial Success.

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The Company's ability to generate incremental revenue growth will depend, in part, on the successful outcome of research and development activities, including clinical trials that lead to the development of new products and new applications using our products. Our research and development process is expensive, prolonged, and entails considerable uncertainty. Because of the complexities and uncertainties associated with ophthalmic research and development, products we are currently developing may not complete the development process or obtain the regulatory approvals required to market such products successfully. The products currently in our development pipeline may not be approved by regulatory entities and may not be commercially successful, and our current and planned products could be surpassed by more effective or advanced products of current or future competitors. Therefore, even if we are able to successfully develop enhancements or new generations of our products, these enhancements or new generations of products may not produce revenue in excess of the costs of development and they may be quickly rendered obsolete by changing customer preferences or the introduction by our competitors of products embodying new technologies or features.

Efforts to Acquire Additional Companies or Product Lines May Divert Our Managerial Resources Away from Our Business Operations, and If We Complete Additional Acquisitions, We May Incur or Assume Additional Liabilities or Experience Integration Problems.

Since 1989, we have completed 6 acquisitions. As part of our growth strategy we are seeking to acquire additional businesses or product lines for various reasons, including adding new products, adding new customers, increasing penetration with existing customers, adding new manufacturing capabilities or expanding into new geographic markets. Our ability to successfully grow through additional acquisitions depends upon our ability to identify, negotiate, complete and integrate suitable acquisitions and to obtain any necessary financings. These additional efforts could divert the attention of our management and key personnel from our business operations. If we complete additional acquisitions, we may also experience:

difficulties integrating any acquired products into our existing business;

delays in realizing the benefits of the acquired products;

diversion of our management's time and attention from other business concerns;

adverse customer reaction to the product acquisition; and

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increases in expenses.

Any one or more of these factors stated above could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Furthermore, additional acquisitions could materially impair our operating results by causing us to amortize acquired assets, incur acquisition expenses and add debt.

We Rely on Our Direct Sales Force and Network of International Distributors to Sell Our Products and Any Failure to Maintain Our Direct Sales Force and Distributor Relationships Could Harm Our Business.

Our ability to sell our products and generate revenues depends upon our direct sales force within the United States and relationships with independent distributors outside the United States. Currently our direct sales force within the United States consists of 13 employees focused on ophthalmology and we maintain relationships with approximately 70 independent distributors internationally selling our products into over 100 countries, managed by a team of 5 people. We generally grant our distributors exclusive territories for the sale of our products in specified countries. The amount and timing of resources dedicated by our distributors to the sales of our products is not within our control. Our international sales are entirely dependent on the efforts of these third parties. If any distributor breaches terms of its distribution agreement or fails to generate sales of our products, we may be forced to replace the distributor and our ability to sell our products into that exclusive sales territory would be adversely affected.

We do not have any long-term employment contracts with the members of our direct sales force. We may be unable to replace our direct sales force personnel with individuals of equivalent technical expertise and qualifications, which may limit our revenues and our ability to maintain market share. The loss of the services of these key personnel would harm our business. Similarly, our distributor agreements are generally terminable at will by either party and distributors may terminate their relationships with us, which would affect our international sales and results of operations.

We Rely on Patents and Proprietary Rights to Protect our Intellectual Property and Business.

Our success and ability to compete is dependent in part upon our proprietary information. We rely on a combination of patents, trade secrets, copyright and trademark laws, nondisclosure and other contractual agreements and technical measures to protect our intellectual property rights. We file patent applications to protect technology, inventions and improvements that are significant to the development of our business. We have been issued twenty six United States patents and sixteen foreign patents on the technologies related to our products and processes. We have approximately three pending patent applications in the United States and eight foreign pending patent applications that have been filed. Our patent applications may not be approved. Any patents granted now or in the future may offer only limited protection against potential infringement and development by our competitors of competing products. Moreover, our competitors, many of which have substantial resources and have made substantial investments in competing technologies, may seek to apply for and obtain patents that will prevent, limit or interfere with our ability to make, use or sell our products either in the United States or in international markets.

Patents have a limited lifetime and once a patent expires competition may increase. For example our Connector Patent used to connect our delivery devices (consumable & durable) to our laser consoles expired in 2010. Delivery devices which do not utilize our Connector Patent technology are not recognized by our laser consoles. We derive, and expect to continue to derive, a large portion of our recurring revenue and profits from sales of our consumable EndoProbe devices. Expiration of this patent may increase competition from our competitors for our consumable EndoProbe device business and there can be no guarantees that we will maintain our market share of this business.

In addition to patents, we rely on trade secrets and proprietary know-how which we seek to protect, in part, through proprietary information agreements with employees, consultants and other parties. Our proprietary information agreements with our employees and consultants contain industry standard provisions requiring such individuals to assign to us without additional consideration any inventions conceived or reduced to practice by them while employed or retained by us, subject to customary exceptions. Proprietary information agreements with employees, consultants and others may be breached, and we may not have adequate remedies for any breach. Also, our trade secrets may become known to or independently developed by competitors.

The laser and medical device industry is characterized by frequent litigation regarding patent and other intellectual property rights. Companies in the medical device industry have employed intellectual property litigation to gain a competitive advantage. Numerous patents are held by others, including academic institutions and our competitors. Patent applications filed in the United States after November 2000 generally will be published eighteen months after the filing date. However, since patent applications continue to be maintained in secrecy for at least some period of time, both within the United States and with regards to international patent applications, we cannot assure you that our technology does not infringe any patents or patent applications held by third parties. We have, from time to time, been notified of, or have otherwise been made aware of, claims that we may be infringing upon patents or other proprietary intellectual property owned by others. If it appears necessary or

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desirable, we may seek licenses under such patents or proprietary intellectual property. Although patent holders commonly offer such licenses, licenses under such patents or intellectual property may not be offered or the terms of any offered licenses may not be reasonable.

Any claims, with or without merit, and regardless of whether we are successful on the merits, would be time-consuming, result in costly litigation and diversion of technical and management personnel, cause shipment delays or require us to develop non-infringing technology or to enter into royalty or licensing agreements. For example, during fiscal year 2007, the Company settled patent litigations with Synergetics, Inc., which was time-consuming, costly and a diversion of technical and management personnel. An adverse determination in a judicial or administrative proceeding and failure to obtain necessary licenses or develop alternate technologies could prevent us from manufacturing and selling our products, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The Clinical Trial Process Required to Obtain Regulatory Approvals is Costly and Uncertain, and Could Result in Delays in New Product Introductions or Even an Inability to Release a Product.

The clinical trials required to obtain regulatory approvals for our products are complex and expensive and their outcomes are uncertain. We incur substantial expense for, and devote significant time to, clinical trials but cannot be certain that the trials will ever result in the commercial sale of a product. We may suffer significant setbacks in clinical trials, even after earlier clinical trials showed promising results. Any of our products may produce undesirable side effects that could cause us or regulatory authorities to interrupt, delay or halt clinical trials of a product candidate. We, the FDA, or another regulatory authority may suspend or terminate clinical trials at any time if they or we believe the trial participants face unacceptable health risks.

If We Lose Key Personnel or Fail to Integrate Replacement Personnel Successfully, Our Ability to Manage Our Business Could Be Impaired.

Our future success depends upon the continued service of our key management, technical, sales, and other critical personnel. Our officers and other key personnel are employees-at-will, and we cannot assure you that we will be able to retain them. Key personnel have left our Company in the past, and there likely will be additional departures of key personnel from time to time in the future. The loss of any key employee could result in significant disruptions to our operations, including adversely affecting the timeliness of product releases, the successful implementation and completion of Company initiatives, and the results of our operations. Competition for these individuals is intense, and we may not be able to attract, assimilate or retain highly qualified personnel. Competition for qualified personnel in our industry and

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the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as other geographic markets in which we recruit, is intense and characterized by increasing salaries, which may increase our operating expenses or hinder our ability to recruit qualified candidates. In addition, the integration of replacement personnel could be time consuming, may cause additional disruptions to our operations, and may be unsuccessful.

If We Fail to Accurately Forecast Demand For Our Product and Component Requirements For the Manufacture of Our Product, We Could Incur Additional Costs or Experience Manufacturing Delays and May Experience Lost Sales or Significant Inventory Carrying Costs.

We use quarterly and annual forecasts based primarily on our anticipated product orders to plan our manufacturing efforts and determine our requirements for components and materials. It is very important that we accurately predict both the demand for our product and the lead times required to obtain the necessary components and materials. Lead times for components vary significantly and depend on numerous factors, including the specific supplier, the size of the order, contract terms and current market demand for such components. If we overestimate the demand for our product, we may have excess inventory, which would increase our costs. If we underestimate demand for our product and consequently, our component and materials requirements, we may have inadequate inventory, which could interrupt our manufacturing, delay delivery of our product to our customers and result in the loss of customer sales. Any of these occurrences would negatively impact our business and operating results.

We Depend on Sole Source or Limited Source Suppliers.

We rely on third parties to manufacture substantially all of the components used in our products, including optics, laser diodes and crystals. We have some long term or volume purchase agreements with our suppliers and currently purchase components on a purchase order basis. Some of our suppliers and manufacturers are sole or limited sources. In addition, some of these suppliers are relatively small private companies that may discontinue their operations at any time. There are risks associated with the use of independent manufacturers, including the following:

unavailability of shortages or limitations on the ability to obtain supplies of components in the quantities that we require;

delays in delivery or failure of suppliers to deliver critical components on the dates we require;

failure of suppliers to manufacture components to our specifications, and potentially reduced quality; and

inability to obtain components at acceptable prices.

Our business and operating results may suffer from the lack of alternative sources of supply for critical sole and limited source components. The process of qualifying suppliers is complex, requires extensive testing with our products, and may be lengthy, particularly as new products are introduced. New suppliers would have to be educated in our production processes. In addition, the use of alternate components may require design alterations to our products and additional product testing under FDA and relevant foreign regulatory agency guidelines, which may delay sales and increase product costs. Any failures by our vendors to adequately supply limited and sole source components may impair our ability to offer our existing products, delay the submission of new products for regulatory approval and market introduction, materially harm our business and financial condition and cause our stock price to decline. Establishing our own capabilities to manufacture these components would be expensive and could significantly decrease our profit margins. Our business, results of operations and financial condition would be adversely affected if we are unable to continue to obtain components in the quantity and quality desired and at the prices we have budgeted.

If We Fail to Maintain Our Relationships With Health Care Providers, Customers May Not Buy Our Products and Our Revenue and Profitability May Decline.

We market our products to numerous health care providers, including physicians, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, government affiliated groups and group purchasing organizations. We have developed and strive to maintain close relationships with members of each of these groups who assist in product research and development and advise us on how to satisfy the full range of surgeon and patient needs. We rely on these groups to recommend our products to their patients and to other members of their organizations. The failure of our existing products and any new products we may introduce to retain the support of these various groups could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We Face Manufacturing Risks.

The manufacture of our infrared and visible laser consoles and the related delivery devices is a highly complex and precise process. We assemble critical subassemblies and substantially all of our final products at our facility in Mountain View, California. We may experience manufacturing difficulties, quality control issues or assembly constraints, particularly with regard to new products that we may introduce. If our sales increase substantially we may need to increase our production capacity and may not be able to do so in a timely, effective, or cost efficient manner. We may not be able to manufacture sufficient quantities of our products, which may require that we qualify other manufacturers for our products. Furthermore, we may experience delays, disruptions, capacity constraints or quality control problems in our manufacturing operations and as a result, product shipments to our customers could be delayed, which would negatively impact our net revenues.

If Our Facilities Were To Experience Catastrophic Loss, Our Operations Would Be Seriously Harmed.

Our facilities could be subject to catastrophic loss such as fire, flood or earthquake. All of our research and development activities, manufacturing, our corporate headquarters and other critical business operations are located near major earthquake faults in Mountain View, California. Any such loss at any of our facilities could disrupt our operations, delay production, shipments and revenue and result in large expense to repair and replace our facilities.

We Are Subject To Government Regulations Which May Cause Us to Delay or Withdraw the Introduction of New Products or New Applications for Our Products.

The medical devices that we market and manufacture are subject to extensive regulation by the FDA and by foreign and state governments. Under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and the related regulations, the FDA regulates the design, development, clinical testing, manufacture, labeling, sale, distribution and promotion of medical devices. Before a new device can be introduced into the market, the product must undergo rigorous testing and an extensive regulatory review process implemented by the FDA under federal law. Unless otherwise exempt, a device manufacturer must obtain market clearance through either the 510(k) premarket notification process or the lengthier premarket approval application process. Depending upon the type, complexity and novelty of the device and the nature of the disease or disorder to be treated, the FDA process can take several years, require extensive clinical testing and result in significant expenditures. Even if regulatory approval is obtained, later discovery of previously unknown safety issues may result in restrictions on the product, including withdrawal of the product from the market. Other countries also have extensive regulations regarding clinical trials and testing prior to new product introductions. Our failure to obtain government approvals or any delays in receipt of such approvals would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The FDA imposes additional regulations on manufacturers of approved medical devices. We are required to comply with the applicable Quality System regulations and our manufacturing facilities are subject to ongoing periodic inspections by the FDA and corresponding state agencies, including unannounced inspections, and must be licensed as part of the product approval process before being utilized for commercial manufacturing. Noncompliance with the applicable requirements can result in,

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among other things, fines, injunctions, civil penalties, recall or seizure of products, total or partial suspension of production, withdrawal of marketing approvals, and criminal prosecution. The FDA also has the authority to request repair, replacement or refund of the cost of any device we manufacture or distribute. Any of these actions by the FDA would materially and adversely affect our ability to continue operating our business and the results of our operations.

In addition, we are also subject to varying product standards, packaging requirements, labeling requirements, tariff regulations, duties and tax requirements. As a result of our sales in Europe, we are required to have all products CE marked, an international symbol affixed to all products demonstrating compliance with the European Medical Device Directive and all applicable standards. While currently all of our released products are CE marked, continued certification is based on the successful review of our quality system by our European Registrar during their annual audit. Any loss of certification would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

If We Fail to Comply With the FDA's Quality System Regulation and Laser Performance Standards Our Manufacturing Operations Could Be Halted, and Our Business Would Suffer.

We are currently required to demonstrate and maintain compliance with the FDA's Quality System Regulation. The QSR is a complex regulatory scheme that covers the methods and documentation of the design, testing, control, manufacturing, labeling, quality assurance, packaging, storage and shipping of our products. Because our products involve the use of lasers, our products also are covered by a performance standard for lasers set forth in FDA regulations. The laser performance standard imposes specific record-keeping, reporting, product testing and product labeling requirements. These requirements include affixing warning labels to laser products, as well as incorporating certain safety features in the design of laser products. The FDA enforces the QSR and laser performance standards through periodic unannounced inspections. We have been, and anticipate in the future being, subject to such inspections. Our failure to take satisfactory corrective action in response to an adverse QSR inspection or our failure to comply with applicable laser performance standards could result in enforcement actions, including a public warning letter, a shutdown of our manufacturing operations, a recall of our products, civil or criminal penalties, or other sanctions, such as those described in the preceding risk factor above, which would cause our sales and business to suffer.

If We Modify One of Our FDA Approved Devices, We May Need to Seek Reapproval, Which, if Not Granted, Would Prevent Us from Selling Our Modified Products or Cause Us to Redesign Our Products.

Any modifications to an FDA-cleared device that would significantly affect its safety or effectiveness or that would constitute a major change in its intended use would require a new 510(k) clearance or possibly a premarket approval. We may not be able to obtain additional 510(k) clearances or premarket approvals for new products or for modifications to, or additional indications for, our existing products in a timely fashion, or at all. Delays in obtaining future clearances would adversely affect our ability to introduce new or enhanced products in a timely manner, which in turn would harm our revenues and future profitability. We have made modifications to our devices in the past and may make additional modifications in the future that we believe do not or will not require additional clearances or approvals. If the FDA disagrees, and requires new clearances or approvals for the modifications, we may be required to recall and to stop marketing the modified devices, which could harm our operating results and require us to redesign our products.

Because We Do Not Require Training for Users of Our Products, There Exists an Increased Potential for Misuse of Our Products, Which Could Harm Our Reputation and Our Business.

Federal regulations restrict the sale of our products to or on the order of licensed practitioners. The definition of licensed practitioners varies from state to state. As a result, our products may be purchased or operated by healthcare professionals with varying levels of training. Outside the United States, many jurisdictions do not require specific qualifications or training for purchasers or operators of our products. The lack of training may result in product misuse and adverse treatment outcomes, which could harm our reputation and expose us to costly product liability litigation.

Inability of Customers Obtaining Credit or Material Increases in Interest Rates May Harm Our Sales.

Some of our products are sold to health care providers in general practice and to distributors internationally. Many of these health care providers and distributors purchase our products with funds they secure through various financing arrangements with third party financial institutions, including credit facilities and short-term loans. If availability of credit becomes more limited, or interest rates increase, these financing arrangements will be harder to obtain or more expensive to our customers and distributors, which may decrease demand for our products. Any reduction in the sales of our products would cause our business to suffer.

Some of Our Laser Systems Are Complex in Design and May Contain Defects That Are Not Detected Until Deployed By Our Customers, Which Could Increase Our Costs and Reduce Our Revenues.

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Laser systems are inherently complex in design and require ongoing regular maintenance. The manufacture of our lasers, laser products and systems involves a highly complex and precise process. As a result of the technical complexity of our products, changes in our or our suppliers manufacturing processes or the inadvertent use of defective materials by us or our suppliers could result in a material adverse effect on our ability to achieve acceptable manufacturing yields and product reliability. To the extent that we do not achieve such yields or product reliability, our business, operating results, financial condition and customer relationships would be adversely affected. We provide warranties on certain of our product sales, and allowances for estimated warranty costs are recorded during the period of sale. The determination of such allowances requires us to make estimates of failure rates and expected costs to repair or replace the products under warranty. We currently establish warranty reserves based on historical warranty costs. If actual return rates and/or repair and replacement costs differ significantly from our estimates, adjustments to recognize additional cost of revenues may be required in future periods.

Our customers may discover defects in our products after the products have been fully deployed and operated under peak stress conditions. In addition, some of our products are combined with products from other vendors, which may contain defects. As a result, should problems occur, it may be difficult to identify the source of the problem. If we are unable to identify and fix defects or other problems, we could experience, among other things:

loss of customers;

increased costs of product returns and warranty expenses;

damage to our brand reputation;

failure to attract new customers or achieve market acceptance;

diversion of development and engineering resources; and

legal actions by our customers.

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The occurrence of any one or more of the foregoing factors could seriously harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our Products Could Be Subject to Recalls Even After Receiving FDA Approval or Clearance. A Recall Would Harm Our Reputation and Adversely Affect Our Operating Results.

The FDA and similar governmental authorities in other countries in which we market and sell our products have the authority to require the recall of our products in the event of material deficiencies or defects in design or manufacture. A government mandated recall, or a voluntary recall by us, could occur as a result of component failures, manufacturing errors or design defects, including defects in labeling. A recall could divert management's attention, cause us to incur significant expenses, harm our reputation with customers and negatively affect our future sales.

If Product Liability Claims are Successfully Asserted Against Us, We may Incur Substantial Liabilities That May Adversely Affect Our Business or Results of Operations.

We may be subject to product liability claims from time to time. Our products are highly complex and some are used to treat extremely delicate eye tissue. We believe we maintain adequate levels of product liability insurance but product liability insurance is expensive and we might not be able to obtain product liability insurance in the future on acceptable terms or in sufficient amounts to protect us, if at all. A successful claim brought against us in excess of our insurance coverage could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

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

Period	Total Number of	Average Price
	Shares Purchased	Paid Per Share
	(1)	(2)
July 1, 2012 – August 4, 2012	0	\$ 0.00
August 5, 2012 – September 1, 2012	27,338	\$ 3.32
September 2, 2012 – September 29, 2012	49,091	\$ 3.83
Total	76,429	\$ 3.65

- (1) On May 5, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized a share repurchase program for an aggregate amount up to \$2.0 million of its outstanding shares of common stock. In March 2012, the Company announced an extension of the share repurchase program through March 2013 and an increase in the amount of cash available for the program to a total of \$4.0 million. The above table reflects the repurchase of shares of our common stock in the open market or privately negotiated transactions in accordance with the share repurchase program. Each repurchase was financed by available cash balances and cash from operations.
- (2) Average price paid per share of common stock repurchased is the execution price, including commissions paid to brokers.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None

Item 6. Exhibits

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Trademark Acknowledgments

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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.

IRIDEX Corporation (Registrant)

Date: November 5, 2012

By: /s/ WILLIAM M. MOORE

Name: William M. Moore

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

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