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

# FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 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: 000-50129

# HUDSON GLOBAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

# **DELAWARE**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

59-3547281

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

560 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) (212) 351-7300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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 x No o

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 definition of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer", and "smaller reporting"

company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer x Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class Outstanding on September 30, 2012

Common Stock - \$0.001 par value 33,192,233

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# PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# HUDSON GLOBAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

|   | Three Months       | Er | nded      |   | Nine Months E | nc | led       |   |
|---|--------------------|----|-----------|---|---------------|----|-----------|---|
|   | September 30,      |    |           |   | September 30, |    |           |   |
|   | 2012               |    | 2011      |   | 2012          |    | 2011      |   |
| Revenue   | \$187,873          |    | \$245,081 |   | \$593,301     |    | \$710,998 |   |
| Direct costs                                    | 120,207            |    | 152,089   |   | 375,359       |    | 441,341   |   |
| Gross margin                                    | 67,666             |    | 92,992    |   | 217,942       |    | 269,657   |   |
| Operating expenses:                             |                    |    |           |   |               |    |           |   |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses    | 66,074             |    | 85,305    |   | 214,070       |    | 251,517   |   |
| Depreciation and amortization                   | 1,672              |    | 1,537     |   | 4,788         |    | 4,750     |   |
| Business reorganization expenses                | 1,520              |    | _         |   | 7,551         |    | 747       |   |
| Operating income (loss)                         | (1,600             | )  | 6,150     |   | (8,467        | )  | 12,643    |   |
| Non-operating income (expense):                 |                    |    |           |   |               |    |           |   |
| Interest income (expense), net                  | (161               | )  | (328      | ) | (510          | )  | (910      | ) |
| Other income (expense), net                     | 591                |    | (238      | ) | 215           |    | 244       |   |
| Income (loss) before provision for income taxes | s(1,170)           | )  | 5,584     |   | (8,762        | )  | 11,977    |   |
| Provision for (benefit from) income taxes       | 995                |    | 2,202     |   | (3,770        | )  | 4,377     |   |
| Net income (loss)                               | \$(2,165           | )  | \$3,382   |   | \$(4,992      | )  | \$7,600   |   |
| Earnings (loss) per share:                      |                    |    |           |   |               |    |           |   |
| Basic   | \$(0.07            | )  | \$0.11    |   | \$(0.16       | )  | \$0.24    |   |
| Diluted   | \$(0.07            | )  | \$0.11    |   | \$(0.16       | )  | \$0.24    |   |
| Weighted-average shares outstanding:            |                    |    |           |   |               |    |           |   |
| Basic   | 32,156             |    | 31,620    |   | 32,024        |    | 31,541    |   |
| Diluted   | 32,156             |    | 32,085    |   | 32,024        |    | 31,988    |   |
| Comprehensive income (loss):                    |                    |    |           |   |               |    |           |   |
| Net income (loss)                               | \$(2,165           | )  | \$3,382   |   | \$(4,992      | )  | \$7,600   |   |
| Other comprehensive income (loss):              |                    |    |           |   |               |    |           |   |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of | 1,395              |    | (5,234    | ) | 1,834         |    | (1,959    | ` |
| income taxes                                    | ,                  |    | (3,234    | ) | 1,034         |    | (1,939    | ) |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of | f <sub>1 205</sub> |    | (5.224    | ` | 1 02/         |    | (1.050    | ` |
| income taxes                                    | 1,393              |    | (5,234    | ) | 1,834         |    | (1,959    | ) |
| Comprehensive income (loss)                     | \$(770             | )  | \$(1,852  | ) | \$(3,158      | )  | \$5,641   |   |
|   |                    |    |           |   |               |    |           |   |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

# HUDSON GLOBAL, INC.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

|   | September 30, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS  |                    |                   |
| Current assets:   |                    |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$34,883           | \$37,302          |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,541 and \$1,772, | 115,548            | 131,489           |
| respectively  |                    |                   |
| Prepaid and other   | 12,987             | 13,132            |
| Total current assets  | 163,418            | 181,923           |
| Property and equipment, net   | 20,735             | 17,838            |
| Deferred tax assets, non-current  | 10,593             | 8,628             |
| Other assets  | 5,080              | 8,157             |
| Total assets  | \$199,826          | \$216,546         |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  |                    |                   |
| Current liabilities:  |                    |                   |
| Accounts payable  | \$8,529            | \$12,025          |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities                                    | 62,140             | 74,248            |
| Short-term borrowings   | _                  | 3,384             |
| Accrued business reorganization expenses  | 2,996              | 858               |
| Total current liabilities   | 73,665             | 90,515            |
| Other non-current liabilities   | 6,790              | 6,388             |
| Deferred rent and tenant improvement contributions                                | 8,564              | 4,479             |
| Income tax payable, non-current   | 4,098              | 7,807             |
| Total liabilities   | 93,117             | 109,189           |
| Commitments and contingencies   | •                  | •                 |
| Stockholders' equity:   |                    |                   |
| Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, 10,000 shares authorized; none issued or      |                    |                   |
| outstanding   | <del></del>        |                   |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 100,000 shares authorized; issued 33,257 and     | 22                 | 22                |
| 32,776 shares, respectively   | 33                 | 33                |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 473,184            | 470,786           |
| Accumulated deficit   | •                  | (397,290 )        |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income - currency translation adjustments         | 36,089             | 34,255            |
| Treasury stock, 65 and 79 shares, respectively, at cost                           | •                  | (427)             |
| Total stockholders' equity  | 106,709            | 107,357           |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity  | \$199,826          | \$216,546         |
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See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

# HUDSON GLOBAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands) (Unaudited)

|   | Nine Mont | hs Er | nded     |   |
|---|-----------|-------|----------|---|
|   | September | 30,   |          |   |
|   | 2012      |       | 2011     |   |
| Cash flows from operating activities:   |           |       |          |   |
| Net income (loss)   | \$(4,992  | )     | \$7,600  |   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in)    |           |       |          |   |
| operating activities:   |           |       |          |   |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 4,788     |       | 4,750    |   |
| Provision for (recovery of) doubtful accounts                                   | 46        |       | 46       |   |
| Provision for (benefit from) deferred income taxes                              | (1,818    | )     | 669      |   |
| Stock-based compensation  | 2,386     |       | 2,821    |   |
| Other, net  | 361       |       | 38       |   |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:  |           |       |          |   |
| Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable                                      | 17,824    |       | (25,698  | ) |
| Decrease (increase) in prepaid and other assets                                 | 3,445     |       | 704      |   |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities | (16,407   | )     | 3,566    |   |
| Increase (decrease) in accrued business reorganization expenses                 | 3,268     |       | (1,511   | ) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities                             | 8,901     |       | (7,015   | ) |
| Cash flows from investing activities:   |           |       |          |   |
| Capital expenditures  | (7,793    | )     | (5,175   | ) |
| Proceeds from sale of assets  |           |       | 248      |   |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities                             | (7,793    | )     | (4,927   | ) |
| Cash flows from financing activities:   |           |       |          |   |
| Borrowings under credit agreements  | 72,544    |       | 161,261  |   |
| Repayments under credit agreements  | (75,775   | )     | (155,771 | ) |
| Repayment of capital lease obligations  | (332      | )     |          |   |
| Purchase of restricted stock from employees                                     | (542      | )     | (352     | ) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                             | (4,105    | )     | 5,138    |   |
| Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents                           | 578       |       | (237     | ) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents                            | (2,419    | )     | (7,041   | ) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period                              | 37,302    |       | 29,523   |   |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period                                    | \$34,883  |       | \$22,482 |   |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:                              |           |       |          |   |
| Cash paid during the period for interest  | \$268     |       | \$827    |   |
| Cash payments during the period for income taxes, net of refunds                | \$2,394   |       | \$3,349  |   |
|   |           |       |          |   |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

# HUDSON GLOBAL, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (in thousands) (Unaudited)

|  | Common | stock | Additional paid-in capital | Accumulated deficit | Accumulated<br>l other<br>comprehensive<br>income (loss) | Treasury e stock |   | Total     |   |
|--|--------|-------|----------------------------|---------------------|--|------------------|---|-----------|---|
|  | Shares | Value |                            |                     |  |                  |   |           |   |
| Balance at December 31, 2011                               | 32,697 | \$33  | \$470,786                  | \$(397,290)         | \$ 34,255  | \$(427           | ) | \$107,357 |   |
| Net income (loss)  | _      | _     |                            | (4,992)             |  | _                |   | (4,992    | ) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), translation adjustments | _      | _     | _                          | _                   | 1,834  | _                |   | 1,834     |   |
| Purchase of restricted stock from employees                | (111 ) | _     | _                          | _                   | _  | (542             | ) | (542      | ) |
| Issuance of shares for 401(k) plan contribution            | 124    | _     | 12                         | _                   | _  | 654              |   | 666       |   |
| Stock-based compensation                                   | 482    |       | 2,386                      | _                   | _  | _                |   | 2,386     |   |
| Balance at September 30, 2012                              | 33,192 | \$33  | \$473,184                  | \$(402,282)         | \$ 36,089  | \$(315           | ) | \$106,709 |   |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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#### NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes of Hudson Global, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") filed in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of operating revenues and expenses. These estimates are based on management's knowledge and judgments. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows at the dates and for the periods presented have been included. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the full year. The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and all of its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries. All significant intra-entity balances and transactions between and among the Company and its subsidiaries have been eliminated in consolidation.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

# NOTE 2 – DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

The Company is comprised of the operations, assets and liabilities of the three Hudson regional businesses of Hudson Americas, Hudson Asia Pacific, and Hudson Europe ("Hudson regional businesses" or "Hudson"). The Company provides specialized professional-level recruitment and related talent solutions worldwide. The Company's core service offerings include Permanent Recruitment, Contract Consulting, Legal eDiscovery, Recruitment Process Outsourcing ("RPO") and Talent Management Solutions.

The Company has operated as an independent publicly-held company since April 1, 2003 when the eResourcing division of Monster Worldwide, Inc., formerly TMP Worldwide, Inc., composed of 67 acquisitions made between 1999 and 2001, was spun off. As of September 30, 2012, the Company had approximately 2,000 employees operating in 20 countries with three reportable geographic business segments: Hudson Americas, Hudson Asia Pacific, and Hudson Europe. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, the amounts and percentage of total of the Company's gross margins from the three reportable segments were as follows:

|                     | For The Three Months Ended            |           |   | For The Three Me                      |           |   |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|
|                     | September 30, 20<br>Gross Margin (\$) |           |   | September 30, 20<br>Gross Margin (\$) |           |   |
| Hudson Americas     | \$9,587                               | 14        | % | \$13,662                              | 15        | % |
| Hudson Asia Pacific | 29,852                                | 44        | % | 41,201                                | 44        | % |
| Hudson Europe       | 28,227                                | 42        | % | 38,129                                | 41        | % |
| Total               | \$67,666                              | 100       | % | \$92,992                              | 100       | % |
|                     | For The Nine Mon                      | ths Ended |   | For The Nine Mon                      | ths Ended |   |
|                     | September 30, 201                     |           |   | September 30, 2011                    |           |   |
|                     | Gross Margin (\$)                     | %         |   | Gross Margin (\$)                     | %         |   |
| Hudson Americas     | \$33,776                              | 15        | % | \$37,040                              | 14        | % |
| Hudson Asia Pacific | 91,067                                | 42        | % | 113,323                               | 42        | % |

 Hudson Europe
 93,099
 43
 % 119,294
 44
 %

 Total
 \$217,942
 100
 % \$269,657
 100
 %

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The Company's core service offerings include those services described below.

Permanent Recruitment: Offered on both a retained and contingent basis, Hudson's Permanent Recruitment services leverage its consultants, psychologists and other professionals in the development and delivery of its proprietary methods to identify, select and engage the best-fit talent for critical client roles.

Contract Consulting: In Contract Consulting, Hudson provides a range of project management, interim management and professional contract staffing services. These services draw upon a combination of specialized recruiting and project management competencies to deliver a wide range of solutions. Hudson-employed professionals – either individually or as a team – are placed with client organizations for a defined period of time based on a client's specific business need.

Legal eDiscovery: Hudson's Legal eDiscovery services are composed of eDiscovery solutions, managed document review (encompassing logistical deployment, project management, process design and productivity management), and contract attorney staffing. The most comprehensive of these is the Company's full-service eDiscovery solution, providing an integrated system of discovery management and review technology deployment for both corporate and law firm clients.

RPO: Hudson RPO delivers outsourced recruitment solutions tailored to the individual needs of mid- to large-cap multinational companies. Hudson RPO's delivery teams utilize state-of-the-art recruitment process methodologies and project management expertise in their flexible, turnkey solutions to meet clients' ongoing business needs. Hudson RPO services include complete recruitment outsourcing, project-based outsourcing, contingent workforce solutions and recruitment consulting.

Talent Management Solutions: Featuring embedded proprietary talent assessment and selection methodologies, Hudson's Talent Management capability encompasses services such as talent assessment (utilizing a variety of competency, attitude and experiential testing), interview training, executive coaching, employee development and outplacement.

# Reporting Segments

In the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company reorganized its leadership team to align the Company's operations with its business strategy to run its global operations in three regions. As a result, the Company revised its reportable segments by aggregating the segments of Hudson Australia New Zealand and Hudson Asia into one segment, Hudson Asia Pacific. The Company has reclassified information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 to reflect this change to the segment reporting in accordance with the requirements of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 280-10-50-1 to 9 "Operating Segments" and ASC 280-10-50-10 "Reportable Segments." See Note 15 for further details.

Corporate expenses are reported separately from the three reportable segments and pertain to certain functions, such as executive management, corporate governance, human resources, accounting, tax and treasury. A portion of these expenses are attributed to the reportable segments for providing the above services to them and have been allocated to the segments as management service fees and are included in the segments' non-operating other income (expense).

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# NOTE 3 – RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In December 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2011-12 "Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): 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." ASU 2011-12 deferred certain aspects of ASU 2011-05 "Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income." Among the new provisions in ASU 2011-05 is a requirement for entities to present reclassification adjustments out of accumulated other comprehensive income by component in both the statement in which net income is presented and the other comprehensive income is presented. This requirement is indefinitely deferred by ASU 2011-12 and will be further deliberated by the FASB at a future date. The standard is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and should be applied retrospectively. The Company adopted ASU 2011-05 as of January 1, 2012, and presented the components of other comprehensive income in a single continuous Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income (Loss). The Company's adoption of ASU 2011-05 did not have any impact on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

# NOTE 4 - REVENUE, DIRECT COSTS AND GROSS MARGIN

The Company's revenue, direct costs and gross margin were as follows:

|                  | For The Three Months Ended<br>September 30, 2012 |              |           | For The Three Months Ended<br>September 30, 2011 |              |           |  |
|------------------|--|--------------|-----------|--|--------------|-----------|--|
|                  | Temporary<br>Contracting                         | Other        | Total     | Temporary<br>Contracting                         | Other        | Total     |  |
| Revenue          | \$142,418  | \$45,455     | \$187,873 | \$182,867  | \$62,214     | \$245,081 |  |
| Direct costs (1) | 117,419  | 2,788        | 120,207   | 148,513  | 3,576        | 152,089   |  |
| Gross margin     | \$24,999   | \$42,667     | \$67,666  | \$34,354   | \$58,638     | \$92,992  |  |
|                  | For The Nine I                                   | Months Ended |           | For The Nine                                     | Months Ended |           |  |
|                  | September 30,                                    | 2012         |           | September 30, 2011                               |              |           |  |
|                  | Temporary<br>Contracting                         | Other        | Total     | Temporary<br>Contracting                         | Other        | Total     |  |
| Revenue          | \$442,484  | \$150,817    | \$593,301 | \$526,734  | \$184,264    | \$710,998 |  |
| Direct costs (1) | 364,675  | 10,684       | 375,359   | 430,338  | 11,003       | 441,341   |  |
| Gross margin     | \$77,809   | \$140,133    | \$217,942 | \$96,396   | \$173,261    | \$269,657 |  |

Direct costs include the direct staffing costs of salaries, payroll taxes, employee benefits, travel expenses and insurance costs for the Company's contractors and reimbursed out-of-pocket expenses and other direct costs. Other than reimbursed out-of-pocket expenses, there are no other direct costs associated with the Other category, which includes the search, permanent recruitment and other human resource solutions' revenue. Gross margin represents revenue less direct costs. The region where services are provided, the mix of contracting and permanent recruitment, and the functional nature of the staffing services provided can affect gross margin. The salaries, commissions, payroll taxes and employee benefits related to recruitment professionals are included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

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# NOTE 5 – STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718 "Compensation – Stock Compensation," as interpreted by the SEC Staff Accounting Bulletins No. 107 and No. 110. Under ASC 718, stock-based compensation is based on the fair value of the award on the date of grant, which is recognized over the related service period, net of estimated forfeitures. For awards with graded vesting conditions, the values of the awards are determined by valuing each tranche separately and expensing each tranche over the required service period. The service period is the period over which the related service is performed, which is generally the same as the vesting period. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to determine the compensation expense related to stock options.

# **Incentive Compensation Plan**

The Company maintains the Hudson Global, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan (the "ISAP") pursuant to which it can issue equity-based compensation incentives to eligible participants. The ISAP permits the granting of stock options and restricted stock as well as other types of equity-based awards. The Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Compensation Committee") will establish such conditions as it deems appropriate on the granting or vesting of stock options or restricted stock. While the Company historically granted both stock options and restricted stock to its employees, since 2008 the Company has granted primarily restricted stock to its employees.

The Compensation Committee administers the ISAP and may designate any of the following as a participant under the ISAP: any officer or other employee of the Company or its affiliates or individuals engaged to become an officer or employee, consultants or other independent contractors who provide services to the Company or its affiliates and non-employee directors of the Company. On April 26, 2012, the Company's stockholders approved an amendment to the ISAP to, among other things, increase the number of shares of the Company's common stock that are reserved for issuance to participants by 2,500,000 shares. As of September 30, 2012, there were 2,575,123 shares of the Company's common stock available for future issuance.

The Company also maintains the Director Deferred Share Plan (the "Director Plan") pursuant to which it can issue restricted stock units to its non-employee directors. A restricted stock unit is equivalent to one share of the Company's common stock and is payable only in common stock issued under the ISAP upon a director ceasing service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, the Company's stock-based compensation expense related to stock options, restricted stock and restricted stock units were as follows:

|                        | Three Months Ended September 30, |       | Nine Months Ended September 30, |         |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------|
|                        |                                  |       |                                 |         |
|                        | 2012                             | 2011  | 2012                            | 2011    |
| Stock options          | \$149                            | \$151 | \$542                           | \$367   |
| Restricted stock       | 305                              | 793   | 1,299                           | 2,209   |
| Restricted stock units | 52                               | 52    | 545                             | 245     |
| Total                  | \$506                            | \$996 | \$2,386                         | \$2,821 |

# **Stock Options**

Stock options granted under the ISAP generally expire ten years after the date of grant and have an exercise price of at least 100% of the fair market value of the underlying stock on the date of grant and generally vest ratably over a four year period.

As of September 30, 2012, the Company had approximately \$593 of unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to outstanding non-vested stock options. The Company expects to recognize that cost over a weighted average

service period of 1.25 years.

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Changes in the Company's stock options for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

|                                      | Nine Months Ended |                |           |                |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|--|--|
|                                      | September 30      | ,              |           |                |  |  |
|                                      | 2012              |                | 2011      |                |  |  |
|                                      |                   | Weighted       |           | Weighted       |  |  |
|                                      | Number of         | Average        | Number of | Average        |  |  |
|                                      | Options           | Exercise Price | Options   | Exercise Price |  |  |
|                                      |                   | per Share      |           | per Share      |  |  |
| Options outstanding at January 1,    | 1,396,350         | \$11.36        | 1,548,300 | \$12.64        |  |  |
| Granted                              | _                 | _              | 400,000   | 5.18           |  |  |
| Expired                              | (59,700           | ) 12.62        | (547,950  | ) 10.50        |  |  |
| Options outstanding at September 30, | 1,336,650         | 11.31          | 1,400,350 | 11.35          |  |  |
| Options exercisable at September 30, | 924,150           | \$14.04        | 975,350   | \$14.04        |  |  |

#### Restricted Stock

A summary of the quantity and vesting conditions for shares of restricted stock granted for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was as follows:

|  | Number of Shares of |
|--|---------------------|
| Vesting conditions   | Restricted Stock    |
|  | Granted             |
| Performance and service conditions (1) (2)   | 566,830             |
| Vest 50% on each of the second and third anniversaries of the grant date with service conditions only                                | 35,000              |
| Immediately vested   | 1,400               |
| Vest 2/3 on the second anniversary of the grant date and 1/3 on the third anniversary of the grant date with service conditions only | 20,000              |
| Vest one-third on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date with service conditions only                               | 15,000              |
| Total shares of restricted stock granted for the nine months ended September 30, 2012  | 638,230             |

- (1) The performance conditions with respect to the restricted stock may be satisfied as follows:
  - 50% of the shares of restricted stock may be earned on the basis of performance as measured by a "Take-out Ratio,"
- (a) defined as the percentage of the direct, front line costs incurred for the year ending December 31, 2012 divided by the gross margin for the year ending December 31, 2012;
  - 25% of the shares of restricted stock may be earned on the basis of performance as measured by an employee
- (b) engagement score for the year ending December 31, 2012 based on an employee survey to be conducted by a global human resources consulting firm;
  - 25% of the shares of restricted stock may be earned on the basis of performance as measured by "Cash Efficiency,"
- (c) defined as (1) cash flow from operations for the year ending December 31, 2012 divided by (2) gross margin minus selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ending December 31, 2012.

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- (2) To the extent shares are earned on the basis of performance, such shares will vest on the basis of service as follows:
- (a) 33% of the shares vest on the later of the first anniversary of the grant date or the determination that the performance conditions have been satisfied;
- (b) 33% of the shares vest on the second anniversary of the grant date;
- 34% of the shares vest on the third anniversary of the grant date; provided that, in each case, the named executive officer remains employed by the Company from the grant date through the applicable service vesting date.

As of September 30, 2012, the Company had approximately \$2,699 of unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to outstanding non-vested restricted stock. The Company expects to recognize that cost over a weighted average service period of 1.45 years.

Changes in the Company's restricted stock for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

|  | For The Nine Months Ended September 30, |            |            |            |  |  |
|--|---|------------|------------|------------|--|--|
|  | 2012                                    | <b>'</b> , | 2011       |            |  |  |
|  | Number of                               | Weighted   | Number of  | Weighted   |  |  |
|  | Shares of                               | Average    | Shares of  | Average    |  |  |
|  | Restricted                              | Grant Date | Restricted | Grant Date |  |  |
|  | Stock                                   | Fair Value | Stock      | Fair Value |  |  |
| Non-vested restricted stock at January 1,    | 1,166,082                               | \$5.12     | 953,037    | \$3.64     |  |  |
| Granted                                      | 638,230                                 | 4.59       | 743,625    | 6.22       |  |  |
| Vested                                       | (429,950)                               | 4.90       | (271,540   | 3.90       |  |  |
| Forfeited                                    | (156,568)                               | 5.37       | (89,263    | 2.80       |  |  |
| Non-vested restricted stock at September 30, | 1,217,794                               | \$4.88     | 1,335,859  | \$5.08     |  |  |

#### **Restricted Stock Units**

As of September 30, 2012, the Company had approximately \$234 of unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to outstanding non-vested restricted stock units. The Company expects to recognize that cost over a weighted average service period of 1.6 years.

Changes in the Company's restricted stock units for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

|  | For The Nine       | Months Ended |            |                   |  |
|--|--------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|--|
|  | September 30, 2012 |              |            |                   |  |
|  | 2012               |              | 2011       |                   |  |
|  | Number of          | Weighted     | Number of  | Weighted          |  |
|  | Shares of          | Average      | Shares of  | Average           |  |
|  | Restricted         | Grant-Date   | Restricted | <b>Grant-Date</b> |  |
|  | Stock Unit         | Fair Value   | Stock Unit | Fair Value        |  |
| Non-vested restricted stock units at January 1,    | 100,000            | \$5.18       | _          | \$—               |  |
| Granted  | 76,023             | 5.13         | 127,376    | 5.37              |  |
| Vested   | (76,023)           | 5.13         | (27,376    | 6.05              |  |
| Non-vested restricted stock units at September 30, | 100,000            | \$5.18       | 100,000    | \$5.18            |  |

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Defined Contribution Plan and Non-cash Employer-matching contributions

The Company maintains the Hudson Global, Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the "401(k) plan"). The 401(k) plan allows eligible employees to contribute up to 15% of their earnings to the 401(k) plan. The Company has the discretion to match employees' contributions up to 3% of the employees' earnings through a contribution of the Company's common stock. Vesting of the Company's contribution occurs over a five-year period. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, the Company's expenses and contributions to satisfy the prior years' employer-matching liability for the 401(k) plan were as follows:

|  | For The Three Months Ended September 30, |       | For The Nine Months End<br>September 30, |        |
|--|--|-------|--|--------|
| (\$ in thousands, except otherwise stated)   | 2012                                     | 2011  | 2012                                     | 2011   |
| Expense recognized for the 401(k) plan   | \$144                                    | \$176 | \$511                                    | \$584  |
| Contributions to satisfy prior years'  |  |       |  |        |
| employer-matching liability  |  |       |  |        |
| Number of shares of the Company's common stock issued (in thousands)                   | _  | _     | 124                                      | 92     |
| Market value per share of the Company's common stock on contribution date (in dollars) | \$—                                      | \$—   | \$5.35                                   | \$6.55 |
| Non-cash contribution made for employer matching liability                             | \$—                                      | \$    | \$666                                    | \$602  |

# NOTE 6 – INCOME TAXES

Under ASC 270, "Interim Reporting", and ASC 740-270, "Income Taxes – Intra Tax Allocation", the Company is required to adjust its effective tax rate for each quarter to be consistent with the estimated annual effective tax rate. Jurisdictions with a projected loss for the full year where no tax benefit can be recognized are excluded from the calculation of the estimated annual effective tax rate. Applying the provisions of ASC 270 and ASC 740-270 could result in a higher or lower effective tax rate during a particular quarter, based upon the mix and timing of actual earnings versus annual projections.

# Effective Tax Rate

The benefit from income taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$3,770 on a pre-tax loss of \$8,762, compared with a provision for income taxes of \$4,377 on pre-tax income of \$11,977 for the same period in 2011. The Company's effective income tax rate was 43.0% and 36.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The change in the effective tax rate was primarily attributable to the Company's reduction of reserves of approximately \$3,600 for uncertain tax positions principally in connection with the settlement of an appeal with the State of Pennsylvania, partially offset by the inability to benefit from losses in certain foreign jurisdictions in 2012. Uncertain Tax Positions

As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company had \$4,098 and \$7,807, respectively, of unrecognized tax benefits, including interest and penalties, which if recognized in the future, would lower the Company's annual effective income tax rate. Accrued interest and penalties were \$729 and \$1,644 as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. Estimated interest and penalties are classified as part of the provision for income taxes in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) and totaled to a benefit of \$881 and \$58 for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. In many cases, the Company's unrecognized tax benefits are related to tax years that remain subject to examination by the relevant tax authorities. Tax years with net operating losses remain open until the losses expire or the statutes of limitations for those years when the losses are used expire. The Company's open tax years are 2008 through 2011 for

the U.S. Federal and 2005 through 2011 for most state and local jurisdictions, 2010 through 2011 for the U.K., 2007 through 2011 for Australia and 2006 through 2011 for most other jurisdictions. The Company is currently under income tax examination in New Zealand (2009). The Company believes that its tax reserves are adequate for all years subject to examination.

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Based on information available as of September 30, 2012, it is reasonably possible that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits could decrease approximately \$347 over the next 12 months as a result of projected resolutions of global tax examinations and controversies and potential lapses of the applicable statutes of limitations.

# NOTE 7 - EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

Basic earnings (loss) per share ("EPS") are computed by dividing the Company's net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. When the effects are not anti-dilutive, diluted earnings (loss) per share are computed by dividing the Company's net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares outstanding and the impact of all dilutive potential common shares, primarily stock options "in-the-money" and unvested restricted stock. The dilutive impact of stock options and unvested restricted stock is determined by applying the "treasury stock" method. Performance-based restricted stock awards are included in the computation of diluted earnings per share only to the extent that the underlying performance conditions: (i) are satisfied prior to the end of the reporting period, or (ii) would be satisfied if the end of the reporting period were the end of the related performance period and the result would be dilutive under the treasury stock method. Stock awards subject to vesting or exercisability based on the achievement of market conditions are included in the computation of diluted earnings per share only when the market conditions are met.

A reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share calculations were as follows:

|   | Three Months Ended |         | Nine Months Ended  |             |
|---|--------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------|
|   | September 30,      |         | September 30,      |             |
|   | 2012               | 2011    | 2012               | 2011        |
| Earnings (loss) per share ("EPS"):                |                    |         |                    |             |
| Basic   | \$(0.07            | \$0.11  | \$(0.16)           | \$0.24      |
| Diluted   | \$(0.07            | \$0.11  | \$(0.16)           | \$0.24      |
| EPS numerator - basic and diluted:                |                    |         |                    |             |
| Net income (loss)                                 | \$(2,165           | \$3,382 | \$(4,992)          | \$7,600     |
| EPS denominator (in thousands):                   |                    |         |                    |             |
| Weighted average common stock outstanding -       | 32,156             | 31,620  | 32,024             | 31,541      |
| basic   | 32,130             | 31,020  | 32,024             | 31,341      |
| Common stock equivalents: stock options and other |                    | 465     |                    | 447         |
| stock-based awards (a)                            |                    | 403     |                    | <del></del> |
| Weighted average number of common stock           | 32,156             | 32,085  | 32,024             | 31,988      |
| outstanding - diluted                             | 32,130             | 32,003  | J2,02 <del>T</del> | 31,700      |

For the periods in which net losses are presented, the diluted weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding did not differ from the basic weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding because (a) the effects of any potential common stock equivalents (see Note 5 for further details on outstanding stock options, non-vested restricted stock units and non-vested restricted stock) were anti-dilutive and therefore not included in the calculation of the denominator of dilutive earnings per share.

The weighted average number of shares outstanding used in the computation of diluted net income (loss) per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 did not include the effect of the following potentially outstanding shares of common stock because the effect would have been anti-dilutive:

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|                                 | Three Months Ended September 30, |           | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |           |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                 | 2012                             | 2011      | 2012                               | 2011      |
| Unvested restricted stock       | 1,217,794                        | 317,000   | 1,217,794                          | 317,000   |
| Unvested restricted stock units | 100,000                          | _         | 100,000                            |           |
| Stock options                   | 1,336,650                        | 1,400,350 | 1,336,650                          | 1,400,350 |
| Total                           | 2,654,444                        | 1,717,350 | 2,654,444                          | 1,717,350 |

# NOTE 8 - RESTRICTED CASH

A summary of the Company's restricted cash included in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 was as follows:

|  | September 30, | December 31, |
|--|---------------|--------------|
|  | 2012          | 2011         |
| Included under the caption "Other assets":         |               |              |
| Collateral accounts                                | \$619         | \$3,120      |
| Rental deposits                                    | 279           | 268          |
| Total amount under the caption "Other assets":     | \$898         | \$3,388      |
| Included under the caption "Prepaid and other":    |               |              |
| Other  | \$2           | \$3          |
| Client guarantees                                  | 126           | \$133        |
| Collateral accounts                                | 117           | 117          |
| Total amount under the caption "Prepaid and other" | \$245         | \$253        |
| Total restricted cash                              | \$1,143       | \$3,641      |

Collateral accounts primarily include deposits held under a collateral trust agreement, which supports the Company's workers' compensation policy. The rental deposits with banks were held as guarantees for the rent on the Company's offices in the Netherlands and Spain. Other includes social tax payment reserves, which were held with banks for employee social tax payments required by law in the Netherlands. The client guarantees were held in banks in Belgium as deposits for various client projects.

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# NOTE 9 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, property and equipment, net were as follows:

|   | September 30, | December 31, |
|---|---------------|--------------|
|   | 2012          | 2011         |
| Computer equipment                              | \$12,894      | \$13,666     |
| Furniture and equipment                         | 8,980         | 9,692        |
| Capitalized software costs                      | 33,345        | 30,920       |
| Leasehold and building improvements             | 24,694        | 21,650       |
|   | 79,913        | 75,928       |
| Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization | 59,178        | 58,090       |
| Property and equipment, net                     | \$20,735      | \$17,838     |

The Company had expenditures of approximately \$270 and \$1,137 for acquired property and equipment, mainly consisting of software development, fixtures, computer equipment and leasehold improvements, which had not been placed in service as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. Depreciation expense is not recorded for such assets until they are placed in service.

# Non-Cash Capital Expenditures

The Company has acquired certain computer equipment under capital lease agreements. The current portion of the capital lease obligations are included under the caption "Accrued expenses and other current liabilities" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and the non-current portion of the capital lease obligations are included under the caption "Other non-current liabilities" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011. A summary of the Company's equipment acquired under capital lease agreements were as follows:

|                                       | September 30, | December 31, |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                       | 2012          | 2011         |
| Capital lease obligation, current     | \$459         | \$420        |
| Capital lease obligation, non-current | \$443         | \$720        |

The Company acquired \$61 and \$0 of property and equipment under capital lease agreements for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Capital expenditures for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 included \$3,949 of landlord-funded tenant improvements for the Company's leased property in Sydney, Australia.

#### NOTE 10 - GOODWILL

The following is a summary of the changes in the carrying value of the Company's goodwill for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. The goodwill related to the earn-out payment made in 2010 for the Company's 2007 acquisition of the businesses of Tong Zhi (Beijing) Consulting Service Ltd and Guangzhou Dong Li Consulting Service Ltd.

|                      | Carrying Value |         |  |
|----------------------|----------------|---------|--|
|                      | 2012           | 2011    |  |
| Goodwill, January 1, | \$1,992        | \$1,909 |  |

| Additions               |         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Impairments             | _       |         |
| Currency translation    | 10      | 58      |
| Goodwill, September 30, | \$2,002 | \$1,967 |

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# NOTE 11 – BUSINESS REORGANIZATION EXPENSES

In January 2012, the Company's Chief Executive Officer approved a \$1,000 plan of reorganization ("2012 Plan") to streamline the Company's support operations in each of Hudson's regional businesses to match the aggregated operating segments and to improve support services to the Company's regional and global professional business practices. The 2012 Plan primarily includes costs for actions to reduce support functions to match them to the revised operating structure. In April 2012, the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") approved an addition to the 2012 Plan up to \$10,000 for additional actions to accelerate the Company's plans for increased global alignment and redirection of resources from support to client facing activities. The Company expects to substantially complete the 2012 Plan in 2012.

The Company's Board approved other reorganization plans in 2009 ("2009 Plan"), 2008 ("2008 Plan"), and 2006 ("2006 Plan") to streamline the Company's support operations and included actions to reduce support functions to match them to the scale of the business, to exit underutilized properties and to eliminate contracts for certain discontinued services. These actions resulted in costs for lease termination payments, employee termination benefits and contract cancellations. Business reorganization expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 by plan were as follows:

|           | Three Months Ended |             | Nine Months Ended |       |  |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------|--|
|           | September 30,      |             | September 30,     |       |  |
|           | 2012               | 2011        | 2012              | 2011  |  |
| 2006 Plan | \$71               | <b>\$</b> — | \$1,879           | \$766 |  |
| 2008 Plan | _                  | _           | _                 | _     |  |
| 2009 Plan | (77)               |             | (48)              | (19)  |  |
| 2012 Plan | 1,526              |             | 5,720             | _     |  |
| Total     | \$1,520            | <b>\$</b> — | \$7,551           | \$747 |  |

The following table contains amounts for Changes in Estimate, Additional Charges, and Payments related to prior restructuring plans that were incurred or recovered during the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The amounts for Changes in Estimate and Additional Charges are classified as business reorganization expenses in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income (Loss). Amounts in the "Payments" column represent primarily the cash payments associated with the reorganization plans. Changes in the accrued business reorganization expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 were as follows:

| For The Nine Months Ended     | December 31, | Changes in | Additional | Payments    |   | September 30, |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|---|---------------|
| September 30, 2012            | 2011         | Estimate   | Charges    | 1 dyllicins |   | 2012          |
| Lease termination payments    | \$1,309      | \$1,831    | \$1,032    | \$(1,094    | ) | \$3,078       |
| Employee termination benefits | 75           |            | 4,524      | (2,918      | ) | 1,681         |
| Other associated costs        | 5            |            | 164        | (139        | ) | 30            |
| Total                         | \$1,389      | \$1,831    | \$5,720    | \$(4,151    | ) | \$4,789       |

# NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Consulting, Employment and Non-compete Agreements

The Company has entered into various consulting, employment and non-compete agreements with certain key management personnel and former owners of acquired businesses. Agreements with key members of management are generally one year in length, on an at-will basis, provide for compensation and severance payments under certain circumstances and are automatically renewed annually unless either party gives sufficient notice of termination.

Agreements with certain consultants and former owners of acquired businesses are generally two to five years in length.

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# Litigation and Complaints

The Company is subject, from time to time, to various claims, lawsuits, contracts disputes and other complaints from, for example, clients, candidates, suppliers, landlords for both leased and subleased properties, former and current employees, and regulators or tax authorities arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company routinely monitors claims such as these, and records provisions for losses when the claim becomes probable and the amount due is estimable. Although the outcome of these claims cannot be determined, the Company believes that the final resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

For matters that have reached the threshold of probable and estimable, the Company has established reserves for legal, regulatory and other contingent liabilities. The Company's reserves were not significant as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

# **Asset Retirement Obligations**

The Company has certain asset retirement obligations that are primarily the result of legal obligations for the removal of leasehold improvements and restoration of premises to their original condition upon termination of leases. The current portion of asset retirement obligations are included under the caption "Accrued expenses and other current liabilities" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The non-current portion of asset retirement obligations are included under the caption "Other non-current liabilities" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company's asset retirement obligations that are included in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 were as follows:

|   | September 30, | December 31, |
|---|---------------|--------------|
|   | 2012          | 2011         |
| Current portion of asset retirement obligations     | \$153         | \$301        |
| Non-current portion of asset retirement obligations | 2,634         | 2,507        |
| Total asset retirement obligations                  | \$2,787       | \$2,808      |

# **NOTE 13 – CREDIT AGREEMENTS**

Credit Agreement with RBS Citizens Business Capital

On August 5, 2010, the Company and certain of its North American and U.K. subsidiaries entered into a senior secured revolving credit facility with RBS Citizens Business Capital, a division of RBS Asset Finance, Inc. ("RBS"), and on February 22, 2012, and June 26, 2012, the Company and certain of its North American and U.K. subsidiaries entered into Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2, respectively, to the senior secured revolving credit facility with RBS (as amended, the "Revolver Agreement"). The Revolver Agreement provides the Company with the ability to borrow up to \$40,000, including the issuance of letters of credit. The Company may increase the maximum borrowing amount to \$50,000, subject to certain conditions including lender acceptance. Extensions of credit are based on a percentage of the eligible accounts receivable from the U.K. and North America operations, less required reserves. In connection with the Revolver Agreement, the Company incurred and capitalized approximately \$1,457 of deferred financing costs, which are being amortized over the term of the agreement. The maturity date of the Revolver Agreement is August 5, 2014. Borrowings under the Revolver Agreement are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company and can be made with an interest rate based on a base rate plus an applicable margin or on the LIBOR rate for the applicable period plus an applicable margin. The applicable margin for each rate is based on the Company's Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (as defined in the Revolver Agreement) and is determined as follows:

Level Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio

Base Rate LIBOR Revolving Revolving Loans or Letter of

|     |  |      | Credit ( | Obligations |
|-----|--|------|----------|-------------|
| I   | Greater than or equal to 1.25:1.0                        | 1.25 | % 2.25   | %           |
| II  | Less than 1.25:1.0 but greater than or equal to 1.10:1.0 | 1.50 | % 2.50   | %           |
| III | Less than 1.10:1.0                                       | 1.75 | % 2.75   | %           |

Amendment No. 2, which was deemed to be effective on June 26, 2012, effects the following key changes to the Revolver Agreement: (1) includes non-cash stock compensation expense in the calculation of EBITDA; (2) defines "Special 2012/2013

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Restructuring Charges" as restructuring charges incurred in the fiscal quarters ending June 30, 2012, September 30, 2012, December 31, 2012 and March 31, 2013; (3) includes 50% of up to \$10,000 of the "Special 2012/2013 Restructuring Charges" (i.e., up to \$5,000) in the numerator of the calculation of the Company's Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio; and (4) increases the Company's required minimum excess availability to \$7,500 until such time after December 31, 2012 that, for two consecutive fiscal quarters, the Company's Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (calculated without including "Special 2012/2013 Restructuring Charges" in the numerator) is at least 1.1x, at which time the Company's required minimum excess availability will be reduced to \$5,000.

The details of the Revolver Agreement as of September 30, 2012 were as follows:

|   | September | 30, |
|---|-----------|-----|
|   | 2012      |     |
| Borrowing base                          | \$30,934  |     |
| Less: adjustments to the borrowing base |           |     |
| Minimum availability                    | (7,500    | )   |
| Outstanding letters of credits          | (2,326    | )   |
| Adjusted borrowing base                 | 21,108    |     |
| Less: outstanding borrowing             |           |     |
| Additional borrowing availability       | \$21,108  |     |
| Interest rates on outstanding borrowing | 4.50      | %   |

The Revolver Agreement contains various restrictions and covenants including: (1) a requirement to maintain a minimum excess availability of \$7,500, a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of at least 1.1x and EBITDA (as defined in the Revolver Agreement) for the Company's North American and U.K. operations of at least \$1,000; (2) a limit on the payment of dividends of not more than \$5,000 per year and subject to certain conditions; (3) restrictions on the ability of the Company to make additional borrowings, acquire, merge or otherwise fundamentally change the ownership of the Company or repurchase the Company's stock; (4) a limit on investments, and a limit on acquisitions of not more than \$25,000 in cash and \$25,000 in non-cash consideration per year, subject to certain conditions set forth in the Revolver Agreement; and (5) a limit on dispositions of assets of not more than \$4,000 per year. The Company was in compliance with all financial covenants under the Revolver Agreement as of September 30, 2012. Credit Agreement with Westpac Banking Corporation

On November 29, 2011, certain Australian and New Zealand subsidiaries of the Company entered into a Facility Agreement, dated November 29, 2011 (the "Facility Agreement"), with Westpac Banking Corporation and Westpac New Zealand Limited (collectively, "Westpac").

The Facility Agreement provides three tranches: (a) an invoice discounting facility of up to \$20,758 (AUD20,000) ("Tranche A") for an Australian subsidiary of the Company, which is based on an agreed percentage of eligible accounts receivable; (b) an overdraft facility of up to \$2,906 (NZD3,500) ("Tranche B") for a New Zealand subsidiary of the Company; and (c) a financial guarantee facility of up to \$5,190 (AUD5,000) ("Tranche C") for the Australian subsidiary.

The Facility Agreement does not have a stated maturity date and can be terminated by Westpac upon 90 days written notice. Borrowings under Tranche A may be made with an interest rate based on the Invoice Finance 30-day Bank Bill Rate (as defined in the Facility Agreement) plus a margin of 0.75%. Borrowings under Tranche B may be made with an interest rate based on the Commercial Lending Rate (as defined in the Facility Agreement) plus a margin of 0.83%. Each of Tranche A and Tranche B bears a fee, payable monthly, equal to 0.65% of the size of Westpac's commitment under such tranche. Borrowings under Tranche C may be made incurring a fee equal to 1.10% of the face value of the

financial guarantee requested. Amounts owing under the Facility Agreement are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Australian subsidiary, its Australian parent company and the New Zealand subsidiary (collectively, the "Obligors") and certain of their subsidiaries.

The details of the Facility Agreement as of September 30, 2012 were as follows:

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|   | 2012         | ,0, |
|---|--------------|-----|
| Tranche A:                                      |              |     |
| Borrowing capacity                              | \$20,758     |     |
| Less: outstanding borrowing                     | <del></del>  |     |
| Additional borrowing availability               | \$20,758     |     |
| Interest rates on outstanding borrowing         | 5.42         | %   |
| Tranche B:                                      |              |     |
| Borrowing capacity                              | \$2,906      |     |
| Less: outstanding borrowing                     | <del>_</del> |     |
| Additional borrowing availability               | \$2,906      |     |
| Interest rates on outstanding borrowing         | 6.03         | %   |
| Tranche C:                                      |              |     |
| Financial guarantee capacity                    | \$5,190      |     |
| Less: outstanding financial guarantee requested | (2,930       | )   |
| Additional availability for financial guarantee | \$2,260      |     |
| Interest rates on financial guarantee requested | 1.10         | %   |
|   |              |     |

The Facility Agreement contains various restrictions and covenants applicable to the Obligors and certain of their subsidiaries, including (a) a requirement that the Obligors maintain (1) a minimum Tangible Net Worth (as defined in the Facility Agreement) as of the last day of each calendar quarter of not less than the higher of 85% of the Tangible Net Worth as of the last day of the previous calendar year and \$18,163 (AUD17,500); (2) at all times, a minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (as defined in the Facility Agreement) of 1.5x for the trailing twelve month period; and (3) a maximum Borrowing Base Ratio (as defined in the Facility Agreement) as of the last day of each calendar quarter of not more than 0.8; and (b) a limitation on certain intercompany payments with permitted payments outside the Obligor group restricted to a defined amount derived from the net profits of the Obligors and their subsidiaries. The Company was in compliance with all financial covenants under the Facility Agreement as of September 30, 2012. Other Credit Agreements

The Company also has lending arrangements with local banks through its subsidiaries in the Netherlands, Belgium, Singapore and Mainland China. As of September 30, 2012, the Netherlands subsidiary could borrow up to \$2,035 (€1,582) based on an agreed percentage of accounts receivable related to its operations. The Belgium subsidiary has a \$1,286 (€1,000) overdraft facility. Borrowings under the Belgium and the Netherlands lending arrangements may be made using an interest rate based on the one month EURIBOR plus a margin, and the interest rate under each of these arrangements was 2.62% as of September 30, 2012. The lending arrangement in the Netherlands expires annually each June, but can be renewed for one year periods at that time. The lending arrangement in Belgium has no expiration date and can be terminated with a 15 day notice period. In Singapore, the Company's subsidiary can borrow up to \$815 (SGD1,000) for working capital purposes. Interest on borrowings under this overdraft facility is based on the Singapore Prime Rate plus a margin of 1.75%, and it was 6.0% on September 30, 2012. The Singapore overdraft facility expires annually each August, but can be renewed for one year periods at that time. In Mainland China, the Company's subsidiary can borrow up to \$1,000 for working capital purposes. Interest on borrowings under this overdraft facility is based on the People's Republic of China's six month rate plus 200 basis points, and it was 7.6% on September 30, 2012. This overdraft facility expires annually each September, but can be renewed for one year periods at that time. There were \$0 of outstanding borrowings under the Belgium, the Netherlands, Singapore and Mainland China lending agreements as of September 30, 2012.

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The average monthly outstanding borrowings for the Revolver Agreement, Facility Agreement and the various credit agreements in Belgium, the Netherlands, Singapore and Mainland China was \$1,519 for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The weighted average interest rate on all outstanding borrowings as of September 30, 2012 was 4.90%.

The Company continues to use the aforementioned credit to support its ongoing global working capital requirements, capital expenditures and other corporate purposes and to support letters of credit. Letters of credit and bank guarantees are used primarily to support office leases.

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# NOTE 14 – SHELF REGISTRATIONS

Acquisition Shelf Registration Statement

The Company has a shelf registration on file with the SEC to enable it to issue up to 1,350,000 shares of its common stock from time to time in connection with acquisitions of businesses, assets or securities of other companies, whether by purchase, merger or any other form of acquisition or business combination. If any shares are issued using this shelf registration, the Company will not receive any proceeds from these offerings other than the assets, businesses or securities acquired. As of September 30, 2012, all of the 1,350,000 shares were available for issuance.

Shelf Registration and Common Stock Offering

In December 2009, the Company filed a shelf registration statement (the "2009 Shelf Registration") with the SEC to enable it to issue up to \$30,000 equivalent of securities or combinations of securities. The types of securities permitted for issuance under the 2009 Shelf Registration are debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, warrants, stock purchase contracts and stock purchase units.

As a result of a 2010 public offering of common stock, the Company may issue up to \$8,990 equivalent of securities or combinations of securities under the 2009 Shelf Registration.

# NOTE 15 - SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC DATA

Segment Reporting

The Company operates in three reportable segments: the Hudson regional businesses of Hudson Americas, Hudson Asia Pacific, and Hudson Europe. Corporate expenses are reported separately from the three reportable segments and pertain to certain functions, such as executive management, corporate governance, human resources, accounting, administration, tax and treasury, the majority of which are attributable to and have been allocated to the reportable segments. Segment information is presented in accordance with ASC 280, "Segments Reporting." This standard is based on a management approach that requires segmentation based upon the Company's internal organization and disclosure of revenue and certain expenses based upon internal accounting methods. The Company's financial reporting systems present various data for management to run the business, including internal profit and loss statements prepared on a basis not consistent with U.S. GAAP. Accounts receivable, net and long-lived assets are the only significant assets separated by segment for internal reporting purposes.

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|   | Hudson<br>Americas                | 3 | Hudson<br>Asia Pacific  |   | Hudson<br>Europe  | Corporate   | 2 | Inter-<br>segment<br>elimination              | Total   |         |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| For The Three Months Ended September 30, 2012   |                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |         |
| Revenue, from external customers Inter-segment revenue Total revenue Gross margin, from external customers Inter-segment gross margin Total gross margin Business reorganization expenses (recovery) EBITDA (loss) (a) Depreciation and amortization Intercompany interest income (expense), net Interest income (expense), net   | \$(389<br>255                     | ) | \$ 73,437<br>17<br>\$ 73,454<br>\$ 29,852<br>(1 )<br>\$ 29,851<br>\$ 190<br>\$ 3,388<br>864<br>(747 )<br>(55 )                                | ) | \$75,334<br>33<br>\$75,367<br>\$28,227<br>2<br>\$28,229<br>\$1,048<br>\$(2,165<br>392<br>(109<br>10 | 161   | ) | \$— (50 ) \$(50 ) \$— — \$— \$— \$— — — — — — | \$187,8<br>—<br>\$187,8<br>\$67,66<br>—<br>\$67,66<br>\$1,520<br>\$663<br>1,672<br>—<br>(161          | 73<br>6 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations  | \$(657                            |   | \$ 1,722  |   | \$(2,656)   |   | , | \$ <i>—</i>                                   | \$(1,170  | 0 )     |
| before income taxes As of September 30, 2012 Accounts receivable, net Long-lived assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization   | \$25,570<br>\$2,164               | , | \$ 38,171<br>\$ 13,631  |   | \$51,807<br>\$4,949   | \$—<br>\$2,106  |   | \$—<br>\$—                                    | \$115,5<br>\$22,85  | 48      |
| Total assets  | \$30,691                          |   | \$ 79,747   |   | \$73,892  | \$15,496  |   | \$ <i>—</i>                                   | \$199,8   | 26      |
| For The Three Months Ended September 30,  | Hudson<br>Americas                | S | Hudson<br>Asia Pacific  | с | Hudson<br>Europe  | Corporate   | 2 | Inter-<br>segment<br>elimination              | Total   |         |
| 2011 Revenue, from external customers Inter-segment revenue Total revenue Gross margin, from external customers Inter-segment gross margin Total gross margin Business reorganization expenses (recovery) EBITDA (loss) (a) Depreciation and amortization Intercompany interest income (expense), net Interest income (expense), net Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes As of September 30, 2011 Accounts receivable, net | \$13,660<br>\$—<br>\$1,459<br>267 |   | \$ 100,637<br>(4 )<br>\$ 100,633<br>\$ 41,201<br>(35 )<br>\$ 41,166<br>\$ —<br>\$ 5,223<br>777<br>(1,851 )<br>(209 )<br>\$ 2,386<br>\$ 56,805 |   | \$38,166<br>\$—<br>\$2,020<br>356   | \$—<br>\$—<br>\$—<br>\$—<br>\$—<br>\$(1,253)<br>137)<br>1,982<br>(122)<br>\$470 | ) | \$— (20 ) \$(20 ) \$— - \$— \$— \$— \$—       | \$245,0<br>—<br>\$245,0<br>\$92,99<br>—<br>\$92,99<br>\$—<br>\$7,449<br>1,537<br>—<br>(328<br>\$5,584 | 81 2 2  |
| Accounts receivable, liet   | \$2,574                           |   | \$ 9,297  |   | \$4,918   | \$2,540   |   | \$—<br>\$—                                    | \$131,3   |         |

Long-lived assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization

Total assets \$38,558 \$85,765 \$89,746 \$6,118 \$— \$220,187

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|   | Hudson<br>Americas   | Hudson<br>Asia Pacific  | Hudson<br>Europe   | Corporate  | Inter-<br>segment<br>elimination         | Total   |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012  |  |   |  |  |  |   |
| Revenue, from external customers<br>Inter-segment revenue   | \$129,758  | \$ 224,627<br>47  | \$238,916<br>70  | \$ <u> </u>  | \$—<br>(117 )                            | \$593,301<br>—  |
| Total revenue   | \$129,758  | \$ 224,674  | \$238,986  | <b>\$</b> —  | ` /                                      | \$593,301   |
| Gross margin, from external customers   | \$33,776   | \$ 91,067   | \$93,099   | <b>\$</b> —  | \$—                                      | \$217,942   |
| Inter-segment gross margin  | (9)  |   | 24   | _  | (1)                                      |   |
| Total gross margin  | \$33,767   | \$ 91,053   | \$93,123   | <b>\$</b> —  | \$(1)                                    | +   |
| Business reorganization expenses (recovery)   |  | \$ 1,264  | \$4,917  | \$319  | \$—                                      | \$7,551   |
| EBITDA (loss) (a)   |  | \$ 4,017  | \$(5,556)  | \$(1,803)  | \$—                                      | \$(3,464)   |
| Depreciation and amortization<br>Intercompany interest income (expense), net  | 850  | 2,351<br>(3,264)  | 1,108<br>(326 )  | 479<br>3,590   |  | 4,788   |
| Interest income (expense), net  |  | (197)   | 32   | (299)  | _  | (510)   |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes  | ,  |   | \$(6,958)  |  | \$—                                      | \$(8,762)   |
|   |  |   |  |  |  |   |
|   |  |   |  |  | _  |   |
|   | Hudson<br>Americas   | Hudson<br>Asia Pacific  | Hudson<br>Europe   | Corporate  | Inter-<br>segment<br>elimination         | Total   |
| For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011  |  |   |  | Corporate  | segment                                  |   |
| -   |  |   |  | Corporate  | segment                                  |   |
| 2011 Revenue, from external customers Inter-segment revenue   | Americas<br>\$144,415<br>(2 )  | Asia Pacific<br>\$ 275,927<br>5   | Europe<br>\$290,656<br>102   | \$—<br>—   | segment elimination \$— (105)            | \$710,998<br>—  |
| 2011 Revenue, from external customers Inter-segment revenue Total revenue   | Americas<br>\$144,415<br>(2 )<br>\$144,413   | Asia Pacific<br>\$ 275,927<br>5<br>\$ 275,932   | Europe<br>\$290,656<br>102<br>\$290,758  | \$—<br>—<br>\$—  | segment elimination  \$— (105 ) \$(105 ) | \$710,998<br>—<br>\$710,998   |
| 2011 Revenue, from external customers Inter-segment revenue Total revenue Gross margin, from external customers   | \$144,415<br>(2 )<br>\$144,413<br>\$37,040   | Asia Pacific<br>\$ 275,927<br>5<br>\$ 275,932<br>\$ 113,323                                     | \$290,656<br>102<br>\$290,758<br>\$119,294   | \$—<br>—   | \$— (105 ) \$(105 ) \$—                  | \$710,998<br>—  |
| 2011 Revenue, from external customers Inter-segment revenue Total revenue Gross margin, from external customers Inter-segment gross margin  | \$144,415<br>(2 )<br>\$144,413<br>\$37,040<br>(12 )                                      | Asia Pacific<br>\$ 275,927<br>5<br>\$ 275,932<br>\$ 113,323<br>(90 )                            | \$290,656<br>102<br>\$290,758<br>\$119,294<br>96   | \$—<br>—<br>\$—<br>\$—   | \$— (105 ) \$(105 ) \$— 6                | \$710,998<br>—<br>\$710,998<br>\$269,657<br>—   |
| 2011 Revenue, from external customers Inter-segment revenue Total revenue Gross margin, from external customers Inter-segment gross margin Total gross margin   | \$144,415<br>(2 )<br>\$144,413<br>\$37,040<br>(12 )<br>\$37,028                          | Asia Pacific<br>\$ 275,927<br>5<br>\$ 275,932<br>\$ 113,323<br>(90 )<br>\$ 113,233              | \$290,656<br>102<br>\$290,758<br>\$119,294<br>96<br>\$119,390  | \$—<br>—<br>\$—<br>\$—<br>—<br>—                                 | \$— (105 ) \$ (105 ) \$— 6 \$ 6          | \$710,998<br>—<br>\$710,998<br>\$269,657<br>—<br>\$269,657                                    |
| 2011 Revenue, from external customers Inter-segment revenue Total revenue Gross margin, from external customers Inter-segment gross margin  | \$144,415<br>(2 )<br>\$144,413<br>\$37,040<br>(12 )<br>\$37,028                          | Asia Pacific<br>\$ 275,927<br>5<br>\$ 275,932<br>\$ 113,323<br>(90 )                            | \$290,656<br>102<br>\$290,758<br>\$119,294<br>96   | \$—<br>—<br>\$—<br>\$—   | \$— (105 ) \$(105 ) \$— 6                | \$710,998<br>—<br>\$710,998<br>\$269,657<br>—   |
| 2011 Revenue, from external customers Inter-segment revenue Total revenue Gross margin, from external customers Inter-segment gross margin Total gross margin Business reorganization expenses (recovery)   | \$144,415<br>(2 )<br>\$144,413<br>\$37,040<br>(12 )<br>\$37,028<br>\$—                   | Asia Pacific<br>\$ 275,927<br>5<br>\$ 275,932<br>\$ 113,323<br>(90 )<br>\$ 113,233<br>\$ —      | \$290,656<br>102<br>\$290,758<br>\$119,294<br>96<br>\$119,390<br>\$747                               | \$—<br>—<br>\$—<br>\$—<br>—<br>\$—<br>\$—                        | \$— (105 ) \$(105 ) \$— 6 \$6 \$—        | \$710,998<br>—<br>\$710,998<br>\$269,657<br>—<br>\$269,657<br>\$747                           |
| 2011 Revenue, from external customers Inter-segment revenue Total revenue Gross margin, from external customers Inter-segment gross margin Total gross margin Business reorganization expenses (recovery) EBITDA (loss) (a) Depreciation and amortization Intercompany interest income (expense), net | \$144,415<br>(2 )<br>\$144,413<br>\$37,040<br>(12 )<br>\$37,028<br>\$—<br>\$2,242<br>770 | Asia Pacific  \$ 275,927 5 \$ 275,932 \$ 113,323 (90 ) \$ 113,233 \$ — \$ 11,045 2,289 (5,541 ) | \$290,656<br>102<br>\$290,758<br>\$119,294<br>96<br>\$119,390<br>\$747<br>\$6,930<br>1,243<br>(370 ) | \$—<br><br>\$—<br>\$—<br>\$—<br>\$—<br>\$(2,580)<br>448<br>5,912 | \$— (105 ) \$(105 ) \$— 6 \$6 \$- \$-    | \$710,998<br>—<br>\$710,998<br>\$269,657<br>—<br>\$269,657<br>\$747<br>\$17,637<br>4,750<br>— |
| 2011 Revenue, from external customers Inter-segment revenue Total revenue Gross margin, from external customers Inter-segment gross margin Total gross margin Business reorganization expenses (recovery) EBITDA (loss) (a) Depreciation and amortization   | \$144,415<br>(2 )<br>\$144,413<br>\$37,040<br>(12 )<br>\$37,028<br>\$—<br>\$2,242<br>770 | \$ 275,927<br>5<br>\$ 275,932<br>\$ 113,323<br>(90<br>\$ 113,233<br>\$ —<br>\$ 11,045<br>2,289  | \$290,656<br>102<br>\$290,758<br>\$119,294<br>96<br>\$119,390<br>\$747<br>\$6,930<br>1,243           | \$—<br>\$—<br>\$—<br>\$—<br>\$—<br>\$—<br>\$(2,580)<br>448       | \$— (105 ) \$(105 ) \$— 6 \$6 \$— — —    | \$710,998<br>—<br>\$710,998<br>\$269,657<br>—<br>\$269,657<br>\$747<br>\$17,637<br>4,750      |

SEC Regulation S-K 229.10(e)1(ii)(A) defines EBITDA as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is presented to provide additional information to investors about the Company's operations on a basis consistent with the measures that the Company uses to manage its operations and evaluate its performance. Management also uses this measurement to evaluate working capital requirements. EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for operating income and net income prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP or as a measure of the Company's profitability.

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## Geographic Data Reporting

A summary of revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 and long-lived assets and net assets by geographic area as of September 30, 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

| Information by geographic region              | United<br>Kingdom | Australia | United<br>States | Continental<br>Europe | Other<br>Asia Pacific | Other<br>Americas | Total     |
|---|-------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| For The Three Months Ended                    | -                 |           |                  | -                     |                       |                   |           |
| September 30, 2012                            |                   |           |                  |                       |                       |                   |           |
| Revenue (a)                                   | \$52,097          | \$55,449  | \$38,461         | \$ 23,237             | \$ 17,988             | \$641             | \$187,873 |
| For The Three Months Ended                    |                   |           |                  |                       |                       |                   |           |
| September 30, 2011                            |                   |           |                  |                       |                       |                   |           |
| Revenue (a)                                   | \$67,890          | \$76,882  | \$46,952         | \$ 28,368             | \$ 24,250             | \$739             | \$245,081 |
| For the Nine Months Ended                     |                   |           |                  |                       |                       |                   |           |
| September 30, 2012                            |                   |           |                  |                       |                       |                   |           |
| Revenue (a)                                   | 157,749           | 172,096   | 128,033          | 80,963                | 52,735                | 1,725             | 593,301   |
| For the Nine Months Ended                     |                   |           |                  |                       |                       |                   |           |
| September 30, 2011                            |                   |           |                  |                       |                       |                   |           |
| Revenue (a)                                   | 199,373           | 213,130   | 142,759          | 89,981                | 64,099                | 1,656             | 710,998   |
| As of September 30, 2012                      |                   |           |                  |                       |                       |                   |           |
| Long-lived assets, net of                     |                   |           |                  |                       |                       |                   |           |
| accumulated depreciation and amortization (b) | \$3,413           | \$9,550   | \$4,217          | \$ 1,528              | \$ 4,081              | \$61              | \$22,850  |
| Net assets                                    | \$23,931          | \$30,073  | \$27,030         | \$ 8,075              | \$ 17,088             | \$512             | \$106,709 |
| As of September 30, 2011                      |                   |           |                  |                       |                       |                   |           |
| Long-lived assets, net of                     |                   |           |                  |                       |                       |                   |           |
| accumulated depreciation and                  | \$3,181           | \$5,406   | \$5,122          | \$ 1,724              | \$ 3,896              | <b>\$</b> —       | \$19,329  |
| amortization (b)                              |                   |           |                  |                       |                       |                   |           |
| Net assets                                    | \$31,099          | \$27,357  | \$16,255         | \$ 12,490             | \$ 14,376             | \$413             | \$101,990 |

<sup>(</sup>a) Revenue by geographic region disclosed above is net of any inter-segment revenue and, therefore, represents only revenue from external customers according to the location of the operating subsidiary.

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<sup>(</sup>b) Comprised of property and equipment and intangibles. Corporate assets are included in the United States.

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

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto, included in Item 1 of this Form 10-Q. This MD&A contains forward-looking statements. Please see "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS" for a discussion of the uncertainties, risks and assumptions associated with these statements. This MD&A also uses the non-generally accepted accounting principle measure of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"). See Note 15 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for EBITDA segment reconciliation information.

This MD&A includes the following sections:

**E**xecutive Overview

Results of Operations

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Contingencies

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

#### **Executive Overview**

The Company has expertise in recruiting mid-level professional talent across all management disciplines in a wide range of industries. We match clients and candidates to address client needs on a part time, full time, and interim basis. Part of that expertise is derived from research on hiring trends and clients' current successes and challenges with their staff. This research has helped enhance our understanding about the number of new hires that do not meet our clients' long term goals, the reasons why, and the resulting costs to our clients. With approximately 2,000 people in 20 countries, and relationships with specialized professionals around the globe, the Company brings a unique ability to match talent with opportunities by assessing, recruiting, developing and engaging the best and brightest people for the Company's clients. The Company combines broad geographic presence, world-class talent solutions and a tailored, consultative approach to help businesses and professionals achieve maximum performance. Hudson's focus is to continually upgrade its service offerings, delivery capability and assessment tools to make candidates more successful in achieving its clients' business requirements.

Over the past year, the Company has shifted and refined its focus from a traditional staffing vendor to providing solutions as a trusted business advisor and partner to both clients and candidates. The Company's proprietary frameworks, assessment tools and leadership development programs, coupled with our broad geographic footprint, has allowed us to design and implement regional and global recruitment solutions that greatly enhance the quality of hiring.

The Company's strategic initiatives for the near term include:

Leveraging the value of our global business as exemplified by the launch of the global practices in Legal eDiscovery and Recruitment Process Outsourcing ("RPO").

Attracting, developing and retaining the right people to increase productivity and profitability.

Focusing on selected clients and services to provide higher value recruitment solutions to their businesses.

Creating a compelling digital presence to help attract both highly skilled candidates and new clients to grow our business.

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In 2012, the Company took steps to accelerate its strategic initiatives and in May announced the 2012 plan of reorganization ("2012 Plan"). The 2012 Plan is focused on:

Redirecting resources to high potential strategic businesses, RPO and Legal eDiscovery, and growth markets of the world.

Optimizing its operations in under-performing sectors and markets to deliver improved performance, re-engineering of its delivery model, and consolidating operations globally.

Streamlining its back office support areas and business processes, establishing a shared services operation and global centers of excellence, to gain efficiencies of operation.

#### **Current Market Conditions**

Economic conditions in most parts of the world are not improving. The persistence of the European debt crisis slowed or reversed growth in several European markets and continued to depress the banking sector worldwide. Lower growth in China and its impact throughout the greater Asia Pacific region resulted in reduced demand for corporate hiring. In virtually all markets, clients are focused on reducing expenses.

These market conditions contributed to a decline in the Company's third quarter revenues of 23% as compared to the same period in 2011 and affected nearly all of the major markets in which we operate. If the current conditions persist, we may experience extended periods of lower revenues, which could negatively impact our business, operating results and financial condition. We may also see an increasing trend among clients to re-tender contracts rather than renewing them. At this time, we are unable to accurately predict the outcome of these events or changes in general economic conditions and their effect on the demand for our services.

#### Financial Performance

The following is a summary of the highlights for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. These should be considered in the context of the additional disclosures in this MD&A.

Revenue was \$187.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, compared to \$245.1 million for the same period in 2011, a decrease of \$57.2 million, or 23.3%. On a constant currency basis, the Company's revenue decreased \$49.8 million or 21.0%. Of this decrease, \$35.7 million, was in contracting revenue (down 20.0% compared to the same period in 2011) and \$14.3 million was in permanent recruitment revenue (down 29.2% compared to the same period in 2011.)

Revenue was \$593.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, compared to \$711.0 million for the same period in 2011, a decrease of \$117.7 million, or 16.6%. On a constant currency basis, the Company's revenue decreased \$102.2 million or 14.7%. Of this decrease, \$75.0 million was in contracting revenue (down 14.5% compared to the same period in 2011) and \$28.5 million was in permanent recruitment revenue (down 20.1% compared to the same period in 2011.)

Gross margin was \$67.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, compared to \$93.0 million for the same period in 2011, a decrease of \$25.3 million, or 27.2%. On a constant currency basis, gross margin decreased \$22.0 million, or 24.5%. Of this decrease, \$14.0 million was in permanent recruitment gross margin (down 29.1% compared to the same period in 2011) and \$8.4 million was in contracting gross margin (down 25.3% compared to the same period in 2011.)

Gross margin was \$217.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, compared to \$269.7 million for the same period in 2011, a decrease of \$51.7 million, or 19.2%. On a constant currency basis, gross margin decreased \$44.2 million, or 16.8%. Of this decrease, \$28.2 million was in permanent recruitment gross margin (down 20.3% compared to the same period in 2011) and \$16.8 million was in contracting gross margin (down 17.7% compared to the same period in 2011.)

Selling, general and administrative expenses and other non-operating income (expense) ("SG&A and Non-Op") were \$65.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, compared to \$85.5 million for the same period in 2011, a decrease of \$20.1 million, or 23.5%. On a constant currency basis, SG&A and Non-Op decreased \$16.6 million, or 20.2%. SG&A and Non-Op, as a percentage of revenue, was 34.9% for the three months ended September 30, 2012, compared to 34.5% for the same period in 2011.

SG&A and Non-Op were \$213.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, compared to \$251.3 million for the same period in 2011, a decrease of \$37.4 million, or 14.9%. On a constant currency basis, SG&A and Non-Op decreased \$30.2 million, or 12.4%. SG&A and Non-Op, as a percentage of revenue, was 36.0% for the three months ended September 30, 2012, compared to 35.1% for the same period in 2011.

Business reorganization expenses were \$1.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, compared to \$0.0 million for the same period in 2011, an increase of \$1.5 million on both a reported and constant currency basis. Business reorganization expenses were \$7.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, compared to \$0.7 million in for the same period in 2011, an increase of \$6.8 million on both a reported and constant currency basis. EBITDA was \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, compared to EBITDA of \$7.4 million for the same period in 2011. On a constant currency basis, EBITDA decreased \$6.8 million.

EBITDA loss was \$3.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, compared to EBITDA of \$17.6 million for the same period in 2011. On a constant currency basis, EBITDA decreased \$20.7 million.

Net loss was \$2.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, compared to net income of \$3.4 million for the same period in 2011. On a constant currency basis, net income decreased \$5.8 million.

Net loss was \$5.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, compared to net income of \$7.6 million for the same period in 2011. On a constant currency basis, net income decreased \$12.6 million.

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#### **Constant Currency**

The Company operates on a global basis, with the majority of its gross margin generated outside of the U.S. Accordingly, fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates can affect our results of operations. For the discussion of reportable segment results of operations, the Company uses constant currency information. Constant currency compares financial results between periods as if exchange rates had remained constant period-over-period. The Company defines the term "constant currency" to mean that financial data for a previously reported period are translated into U.S. dollars using the same foreign currency exchange rates that were used to translate financial data for the current period. The Company's management reviews and analyzes business results in constant currency and believes these results better represent the Company's underlying business trends. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates generally impact only reported earnings.

Changes in revenue, gross margin, SG&A and Non-Op, business reorganization expenses, operating income (loss), net income (loss) and EBITDA (loss) include the effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The tables below summarize the impact of foreign currency exchange adjustments on the Company's operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

|                                    | Three Mor<br>September<br>2012 |             |             |   |             | Nine Mont<br>September<br>2012 |           |             |   |             |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|---|-------------|
|                                    | As                             | As          | Currency    |   | Constant    | As                             | As        | Currency    |   | Constant    |
| \$ in thousands<br>Revenue:        | reported                       | reported    | translatio  | n | currency    | reported                       | reported  | translation |   | currency    |
| Hudson Americas                    | \$39,102                       | \$47,691    | \$(18       | ) | \$47,673    | \$129,758                      | \$144,415 | \$(43       | ) | \$144,372   |
| Hudson Asia<br>Pacific             | 73,437                         | 100,637     | (2,169      | ) | 98,468      | 224,627                        | 275,927   | (2,153      | ) | 273,774     |
| Hudson Europe                      | 75,334                         | 96,753      | (5,226      |   | 91,527      | 238,916                        | 290,656   | . ,         | ) | 277,402     |
| Total                              | \$187,873                      | \$245,081   | \$(7,413    | ) | \$237,668   | \$593,301                      | \$710,998 | \$(15,450)  | ) | \$695,548   |
| Gross margin:<br>Hudson Americas   | \$9,587                        | \$13,662    | \$(17       | ) | \$13,645    | \$33,776                       | \$37,040  | \$(42       | ) | \$36,998    |
| Hudson Asia                        | •                              |             |             |   |             | •                              |           |             |   |             |
| Pacific                            | 29,852                         | 41,201      | (718        |   | 40,483      | 91,067                         | 113,323   |             |   | 112,600     |
| Hudson Europe                      | 28,227                         | 38,129      | (2,633      |   | 35,496      | 93,099                         | 119,294   |             | ) | 112,501     |
| Total                              | \$67,666                       | \$92,992    | \$(3,368    | ) | \$89,624    | \$217,942                      | \$269,657 | \$(7,558    | ) | \$262,099   |
| SG&A and Non-Op<br>Hudson Americas | p (a):<br>\$9,692              | \$12,200    | \$(14       | ) | \$12,186    | \$32,838                       | \$34,788  | \$(46       | ` | \$34,742    |
| Hudson Asia                        | •                              |             |             |   |             |                                |           |             |   |             |
| Pacific                            | 26,272                         | 35,943      | (673        | ) | 35,270      | 85,770                         | 102,194   | (479        | ) | 101,715     |
| Hudson Europe                      | 29,345                         | 36,147      | (2,745      |   | 33,402      | 93,763                         | 111,712   | ` '         | _ | 105,031     |
| Corporate                          | 174                            | 1,253       | (2          |   | 1,251       | 1,484                          | 2,579     | (2          |   | 2,577       |
| Total<br>Business                  | \$65,483                       | \$85,543    | \$(3,434    | ) | \$82,109    | \$213,855                      | \$251,273 | \$(7,208    | ) | \$244,065   |
| reorganization                     |                                |             |             |   |             |                                |           |             |   |             |
| expenses:                          |                                |             |             |   |             |                                |           |             |   |             |
| Hudson Americas                    | \$282                          | <b>\$</b> — | \$—         |   | <b>\$</b> — | \$1,051                        | \$        | <b>\$</b> — |   | <b>\$</b> — |
| Hudson Asia<br>Pacific             | 190                            | _           | _           |   | _           | 1,264                          | _         | _           |   | _           |
| Hudson Europe                      | 1,048                          |             |             |   |             | 4,917                          | 747       | (23         | ) | 724         |
| Corporate                          |                                | _           |             |   |             | 319                            |           |             |   |             |
| Total                              | \$1,520                        | <b>\$</b> — | <b>\$</b> — |   | <b>\$</b> — | \$7,551                        | \$747     | \$(23       | ) | \$724       |
| Operating income (                 | (1088):                        |             |             |   |             |                                |           |             |   |             |

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| <b>Hudson Americas</b>          | \$221     | \$1,689 | \$(2   | ) | \$1,687 |   | \$1,583  |   | \$3,229  | \$(1   | ) | \$3,228  |   |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---|---------|---|----------|---|----------|--------|---|----------|---|
| Hudson Asia<br>Pacific          | 3,746     | 6,293   | (47    | ) | 6,246   |   | 6,521    |   | 14,035   | (221   | ) | 13,814   |   |
| Hudson Europe                   | (791)     | 3,537   | (77    | ) | 3,460   |   | (1,520   | ) | 11,561   | (488   | ) | 11,073   |   |
| Corporate                       | (4,776)   | (5,369) |        |   | (5,369  | ) | (15,051  | ) | (16,182) | 6      |   | (16,176  | ) |
| Total                           | \$(1,600) | \$6,150 | \$(126 | ) | \$6,024 |   | \$(8,467 | ) | \$12,643 | \$(704 | ) | \$11,939 |   |
| Net income (loss), consolidated | \$(2,165) | \$3,382 | \$206  |   | \$3,588 |   | \$(4,992 | ) | \$7,600  | \$—    |   | \$7,600  |   |
| EBITDA (loss) (b)               | •         |         |        |   |         |   |          |   |          |        |   |          |   |
| <b>Hudson Americas</b>          | \$(389)   | \$1,459 | \$(26  | ) | \$1,433 |   | \$(122   | ) | \$2,242  | \$(26  | ) | \$2,216  |   |
| Hudson Asia<br>Pacific          | 3,388     | 5,223   | (47    | ) | 5,176   |   | 4,017    |   | 11,045   | (247   | ) | 10,798   |   |
| Hudson Europe                   | (2,165)   | 2,020   | 112    |   | 2,132   |   | (5,555   | ) | 6,930    | (90    | ) | 6,840    |   |
| Corporate                       | (171)     | (1,253) | 5      |   | (1,248  | ) | (1,804   | ) | (2,580)  | 9      |   | (2,571   | ) |
| Total                           | \$663     | \$7,449 | \$44   |   | \$7,493 |   | \$(3,464 | ) | \$17,637 | \$(354 | ) | \$17,283 |   |

SG&A and Non-Op is a measure that management uses to evaluate the segments' expenses, which include the following captions on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income (Loss): Selling, general and administrative expenses, and other income (expense), net. Corporate management service allocations are included in the segments' other income (expense).

(b) See EBITDA reconciliation in the following section.

Use of EBITDA (Non-GAAP measure)

Management believes EBITDA is a meaningful indicator of the Company's performance that provides useful information to investors regarding the Company's financial condition and results of operations. EBITDA is also considered by management as the best indicator of operating performance and most comparable measure across the regions in which we operate. Management also uses this measurement to evaluate capital needs and working capital requirements. EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for operating income, or net income prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP") or as a measure of the Company's profitability. EBITDA is derived from net income (loss) adjusted for the provision for (benefit from) for income taxes, interest expense (income), and depreciation and amortization.

The reconciliation of EBITDA to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is provided in the table below:

|   | Three Mon |         | Nine Months Ended  |
|---|-----------|---------|--------------------|
|   | September | 30,     | September 30,      |
| \$ in thousands   | 2012      | 2011    | 2012 2011          |
| Net income (loss)   | \$(2,165  | \$3,382 | \$(4,992 ) \$7,600 |
| Adjustments to net income (loss)                          |           |         |                    |
| Provision for (benefit from) income taxes                 | 995       | 2,202   | (3,770 ) 4,377     |
| Interest expense, net                                     | 161       | 328     | 510 910            |
| Depreciation and amortization expense                     | 1,672     | 1,537   | 4,788 4,750        |
| Total adjustments from net income (loss) to EBITDA (loss) | 2,828     | 4,067   | 1,528 10,037       |
| EBITDA (loss)   | \$663     | \$7,449 | \$(3,464) \$17,637 |

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## **Temporary Contracting Data**

The following table sets forth the Company's temporary contracting revenue, gross margin, and gross margin as a percent of revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

|                                | Three Mo<br>Septembe<br>2012 |      |             |             |           |     |           |     | Nine Mor<br>Septembe<br>2012 |    |           |    |                     |   |           |   |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|------------------------------|----|-----------|----|---------------------|---|-----------|---|
| \$ in thousands                | As reporte                   | ed   | As report   | ed          |           | -   | Constant  |     | As reporte                   | ed | As report | ed | Currency translatio |   |           |   |
| TEMPORARY (                    | CONTRAC                      | CTI  | NG DATA     | <b>A</b> (a | a):       |     | ·         |     |                              |    |           |    |                     |   | -         |   |
| Temporary contr                | racting                      |      |             |             |           |     |           |     |                              |    |           |    |                     |   |           |   |
| revenue:<br>Hudson<br>Americas | \$36,611                     |      | \$44,442    |             | \$—       |     | \$44,442  |     | \$120,064                    |    | \$136,893 | 3  | \$—                 |   | \$136,893 | 3 |
| Hudson Asia<br>Pacific         | 50,243                       |      | 68,673      |             | (1,685    | )   | 66,988    |     | 153,303                      |    | 187,509   |    | (1,642              | ) | 185,867   |   |
| Hudson Europe                  | 55,564                       |      | 69,752      |             | (3,103    | )   | 66,649    |     | 169,117                      |    | 202,332   |    | (7,606              | ) | 194,726   |   |
| Total                          | \$142,418                    |      | \$182,867   | 7           | \$(4,788  | )   | \$178,079 | )   | \$442,484                    |    | \$526,734 | ļ  | \$(9,248)           | ) | \$517,486 | Ó |
| Temporary contr                | racting gro                  | ss r | nargin:     |             |           |     |           |     |                              |    |           |    |                     |   |           |   |
| Hudson<br>Americas             | \$7,207                      |      | \$10,583    |             | \$1       |     | \$10,584  |     | \$24,415                     |    | \$29,728  |    | \$(3                | ) | \$29,725  |   |
| Hudson Asia<br>Pacific         | 8,026                        |      | 10,784      |             | (264      | )   | 10,520    |     | 24,076                       |    | 28,956    |    | (258                | ) | 28,698    |   |
| Hudson Europe                  | 9,766                        |      | 12,987      |             | (647      | )   | 12,340    |     | 29,318                       |    | 37,712    |    | (1,547              |   | 36,165    |   |
| Total                          | \$24,999                     |      | \$34,354    |             | \$(910    | _   | \$33,444  |     | \$77,809                     |    | \$96,396  |    | \$(1,808)           | ) | \$94,588  |   |
| Temporary contr                | racting gro                  | ss r | nargin as a | a pe        | ercent of | tei | mporary c | ont | racting                      |    |           |    |                     |   |           |   |
| revenue:                       |                              |      |             |             |           |     |           |     |                              |    |           |    |                     |   |           |   |
| Hudson<br>Americas             | 19.69                        | %    | 23.81       | %           | N/A       |     | 23.82     | %   | 20.33                        | %  | 21.72     | %  | N/A                 |   | 21.71     | % |
| Hudson Asia<br>Pacific         | 15.97                        | %    | 15.70       | %           | N/A       |     | 15.70     | %   | 15.70                        | %  | 15.44     | %  | N/A                 |   | 15.44     | % |
| Hudson Europe                  | 17.58                        | %    | 18.62       | %           | N/A       |     | 18.51     | %   | 17.34                        | %  | 18.64     | %  | N/A                 |   | 18.57     | % |
| Total                          | 17.55                        | %    | 18.79       | %           | N/A       |     | 18.78     | %   | 17.58                        | %  | 18.30     | %  | N/A                 |   | 18.28     | % |

Temporary contracting gross margin and gross margin as a percent of revenue are shown to provide additional information regarding the Company's ability to manage its cost structure and to provide further comparability (a) relative to the Company's peers. Temporary contracting gross margin is derived by deducting the direct costs of temporary contracting from temporary contracting revenue. The Company's calculation of gross margin may differ from those of other companies.

Results of Operations Hudson Americas (reported currency) Revenue

|                            | Three Mo               | nths Ended             | September        | 30,         | Nine Mon               | ths Ended S            | eptember 30      | ),          |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| \$ in millions             | 2012<br>As<br>reported | 2011<br>As<br>reported | Change in amount | Change in % | 2012<br>As<br>reported | 2011<br>As<br>reported | Change in amount | Change in % |
| Hudson Americas<br>Revenue | \$39.1                 | \$47.7                 | \$(8.6)          | (18.0 )%    | \$129.8                | \$144.4                | \$(14.7)         | (10.1 )%    |

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, contracting and permanent recruitment revenue decreased \$7.8 million, or 17.6%, and \$0.8 million, or 23.3%, respectively, as compared to the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, permanent recruitment revenue increased \$2.2 million, or 28.9%, and was offset by a decrease in contracting revenue of \$16.8 million, or 12.3%, as compared to the same period in 2011.

For both the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2012, the decline in contracting revenue was in Legal and resulted principally from a less complex M&A environment and to a lesser degree, the non-recurrence of certain large projects present in 2011. For the three month period ended September 30, 2012, the decline in permanent recruitment revenue was principally in IT as the Company exited certain unprofitable lines of business. RPO was flat for the three month period ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011 after several quarters of growth. For the nine month period, RPO revenue accounted for all of the growth in permanent recruitment revenue.

## Gross margin

| \$ in millions  | 2012<br>As    |   |                |   | cptember Change in amoun |   | Change       | in | Nine Mo<br>2012<br>As<br>reported |   | ns Ended<br>2011<br>As<br>reported | • | otember 3<br>Change<br>in amou |   | Change %    | in |
|---|---------------|---|----------------|---|--------------------------|---|--------------|----|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-------------|----|
| Hudson Americas<br>Gross margin<br>Gross margin as a<br>percentage of revenue | \$9.6<br>24.5 |   | \$13.7<br>28.6 |   | \$(4.1<br>N/A            | ) | (29.8<br>N/A | )% |                                   |   | \$37.0<br>25.6                     |   | \$(3.3<br>N/A                  | ) | (8.8<br>N/A | )% |
| Contracting gross<br>margin as a<br>percentage of<br>contracting revenue      | 19.7          | % | 23.8           | % | N/A                      |   | N/A          |    | 20.3                              | % | 21.7                               | % | N/A                            |   | N/A         |    |

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, contracting and permanent recruitment gross margin decreased \$3.4 million, or 31.9%, and \$0.7 million, or 22.7%, respectively, as compared to the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, permanent recruitment gross margin increased \$2.1 million, or 28.0%, and was offset by a decrease in contracting gross margin of \$5.3 million, or 17.9%, as compared to the same period in 2011.

The changes in gross margin were attributable to the same factors as described above for revenue.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, contracting gross margin as a percentage of revenue was 19.7%, as compared to 23.8% for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, contracting gross margin as a percentage of revenue was 20.3%, as compared to 21.7% for the same period in 2011. The change was due to a stronger mix of projects in the prior year.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, total gross margin as a percentage of revenue decreased to 24.5% from 28.6% for the same period in 2011. The decline was due to the mix of projects in Legal eDiscovery and the effects of reduced focus on less profitable lines of business, partly offset by growth in RPO. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, total gross margin as a percentage of revenue increased to 26.0% from 25.6% for the same period in 2011.

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Selling, general and administrative expenses and non-operating income (expense) ("SG&A and Non-Op")

|                        | Three M  | on | ths Endec | 1 Se           | eptember 3  | 30 | ),     |    | Nine Mo  | onth    | ns Ended | Sep | tember 3   | 30, |       |       |
|------------------------|----------|----|-----------|----------------|-------------|----|--------|----|----------|---------|----------|-----|------------|-----|-------|-------|
|                        | 2012     |    | 2011      |                | Change      |    | Changa | in | 2012     |         | 2011     |     | Change     |     | Chang | ro in |
| \$ in millions         | As       |    | As        | As in amount % |             | As |        | As |          | in amou |          | •   | ge iii     |     |       |       |
| φ III IIIIIIOIIS       | reported |    | reported  |                | iii aiiioui | π  | 70     |    | reported |         | reported |     | iii aiiiot | HIL | 70    |       |
| <b>Hudson Americas</b> |          |    |           |                |             |    |        |    |          |         |          |     |            |     |       |       |
| SG&A and Non-Op        | \$9.7    |    | \$12.2    |                | \$(2.5      | )  | (20.6  | )% | \$32.8   |         | \$34.8   |     | \$(2.0     | )   | (5.6  | )%    |
| SG&A and Non-Op        |          |    |           |                |             |    |        |    |          |         |          |     |            |     |       |       |
| as a percentage of     | 24.8     | %  | 25.6      | %              | N/A         |    | N/A    |    | 25.3     | %       | 24.1     | %   | N/A        |     | N/A   |       |
| revenue                |          |    |           |                |             |    |        |    |          |         |          |     |            |     |       |       |

Actions taken to streamline business processes as well as lower gross margin-related compensation resulted in lower SG&A and Non-Op for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same periods in 2011.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, SG&A and Non-Op, as a percentage of revenue, was 24.8% as compared to 25.6% for the same period in 2011. The improvement was due to actions described above. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, SG&A and Non-Op, as a percentage of revenue, was 25.3% as compared to 24.1% for the same period in 2011. The increase in SG&A and Non-Op, as a percentage of revenue, was principally a result of the lower revenue in the current period.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, business reorganization expenses were approximately \$0.3 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, as compared to none for the same periods in 2011. Business reorganization expenses incurred in 2012 were attributable to the reduced focus on unprofitable lines of business and the reduction of back-office support functions.

Operating Income and EBITDA

|                          | Three N  | Iont | hs Ended | Se | ptember | . 3 | 0,     |    | Nine M  | Ionth | s Ended  | Sep | tember ( | 30, | ,      |    |
|--------------------------|----------|------|----------|----|---------|-----|--------|----|---------|-------|----------|-----|----------|-----|--------|----|
|                          | 2012     |      | 2011     |    | Change  | •   | Change | in | 2012    |       | 2011     |     | Change   |     | Change | in |
| \$ in millions           | As       | 1    | As       | ı  | in      |     | %      |    | As      | 1     | As       | .1  | in       |     | %      |    |
| IIdaan Amaniaaa          | reported | 1    | reported | l  | amount  |     |        |    | reporte | a     | reported | a   | amount   |     |        |    |
| Hudson Americas          |          |      |          |    |         |     |        |    |         |       |          |     |          |     |        |    |
| Operating income (loss): | \$0.2    |      | \$1.7    |    | \$(1.5  | )   | (86.9  | )% | \$1.6   |       | \$3.2    |     | \$(1.6   | )   | (51.0  | )% |
| EBITDA (loss)            | \$(0.4   | )    | \$1.5    |    | \$(1.8  | )   | (126.7 | )% | \$(0.1  | )     | \$2.2    |     | \$(2.4   | )   | (105.4 | )% |
| EBITDA (loss) as a       |          |      |          |    |         |     |        |    |         |       |          |     |          |     |        |    |
| percentage of revenue    | (1.0     | )%   | 3.1      | %  | N/A     |     |        |    | (0.1    | )%    | 1.6      | %   | N/A      |     | N/A    |    |

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, EBITDA loss was \$0.4 million, or 1.0% of revenue, as compared to EBITDA of \$1.5 million, or 3.1% of revenue, for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, EBITDA loss was \$0.1 million, or 0.1% of revenue, as compared to EBITDA of \$2.2 million, or 1.6% of revenue, for the same period in 2011. The decrease in EBITDA in each of the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2012 was due to lower gross margin, business reorganization expenses, and a revised mix in the allocation of corporate management fees.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, operating income was \$0.2 million as compared to \$1.7 million for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, operating income was \$1.6 million as compared to \$3.2 million for the same period in 2011. The difference between operating income and EBITDA in each of the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2012 was principally due to the inclusion of corporate

management fees and depreciation

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Hudson Asia Pacific (constant currency) Revenue

|                                | Three Mon              | nths Ended                   | September 3      | 0,          | Nine Mor               | ths Ended S                  | September 30     | 0,          |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| \$ in millions                 | 2012<br>As<br>reported | 2011<br>Constant<br>currency | Change in amount | Change in % | 2012<br>As<br>reported | 2011<br>Constant<br>currency | Change in amount | Change in % |
| Hudson Asia Pacific<br>Revenue | \$73.4                 | \$98.5                       | \$(25.0)         | (25.4 )     | % 224.6                | 273.8                        | \$(49.1)         | (18.0 )%    |

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, contracting and permanent recruitment revenue decreased \$16.7 million and \$9.2 million, or 25.0% and 33.0%, respectively, and were partially offset by talent management revenue, which increased \$1.1 million, or 39.8%, as compared to the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, contracting and permanent recruitment revenue decreased \$32.6 million and \$19.6 million, or 17.5% and 25.4%, respectively, and were partially offset by talent management revenue, which increased \$3.7 million, or 42.0%, as compared to the same period in 2011.

In Australia, contracting and permanent recruitment revenue declined \$14.1 million and \$6.4 million, or 25.4% and 38.6%, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2012, and were partially offset by talent management revenue, which increased \$1.1 million, or 48.1%, as compared to the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, contracting and permanent recruitment revenue in Australia declined \$26.9 million and \$14.0 million, or 17.3% and 30.7%, respectively, and were partially offset by talent management revenue, which increased \$3.2 million, or 42.2%, as compared to the same period in 2011. In Asia, revenue decreased \$2.0 million, or 19.5%, for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and decreased \$4.2 million, or 14.6%, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to the same periods in 2011.

The decline in both contracting and permanent recruitment revenue across the region was attributable to increasingly cautious client hiring activities, particularly in management level roles, and cost controls implemented in response to the economic environment.

Gross margin

|  | Three M<br>2012<br>As<br>reported |   | ths Ended<br>2011<br>Constant<br>currency | t | eptember 30<br>Change in<br>amount | Change in % | 20<br>As | 012    | nth | ns Ended<br>2011<br>Constant<br>currency | t | Change i | - | Change<br>% | in |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|------------------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|-----|--|---|----------|---|-------------|----|
| Hudson Asia Pacific  | Top of to a                       |   |   |   |                                    |             | 10       | рогисы |     |  |   |          |   |             |    |
| Gross margin   | \$29.9                            |   | \$40.5                                    |   | \$(10.6)                           | (26.3)%     | \$ \$9   | 91.1   |     | \$112.6                                  |   | \$(21.5  | ) | (19.1       | )% |
| Gross margin as a percentage of revenue                                  | 40.6                              | % | 41.1                                      | % | N/A                                | N/A         | 40       | 0.5    | %   | 41.1                                     | % | N/A      |   | N/A         |    |
| Contracting gross<br>margin as a<br>percentage of<br>contracting revenue | 16.0                              | % | 15.7                                      | % | N/A                                | N/A         | 15       | 5.7    | %   | 15.4                                     | % | N/A      |   | N/A         |    |

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, permanent recruitment and contracting gross margins decreased \$8.9 million and \$2.5 million, or 32.5% and 23.7%, respectively, and were partially offset by an increase in talent management of \$0.7 million, or 31.0%, as compared to the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, permanent recruitment and contracting gross margins decreased \$19.1 million and \$4.6 million,

or 25.0% and 16.1%, respectively, and were partially offset by an increase in talent management of \$2.4 million, or 33.9%, as compared to the same period in 2011.

The changes in gross margin were attributable to the same factors as described above for revenue.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, contracting gross margin as a percentage of revenue was 16.0%, and remained consistent as compared to 15.7% for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, contracting gross margin as a percentage of revenue was 15.7%, and remained consistent as compared to 15.4% for the same period in 2011.

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Total gross margin as a percentage of revenue was 40.6% for the three months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to 41.1% for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, total gross margin as a percentage of revenue was 40.5% as compared to 41.1% for the same period in 2011. The decline in total gross margin as a percentage of revenue in each of the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2012 was principally due to lower permanent recruitment revenue. SG&A and Non-Op

|                     | Three Mo | nt | hs Ended | Se | ptember 3 | 30 | ),     |     | Nine Mo  | onth | s Ended  | Sep | otember 30, | ,   |          |     |
|---------------------|----------|----|----------|----|-----------|----|--------|-----|----------|------|----------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|-----|
|                     | 2012     |    | 2011     |    | Change    |    | Change | in  | 2012     |      | 2011     |     | Change in   |     | Thomas : | in  |
| \$ in millions      | As       |    | Constant |    | in        |    | %      | 111 | As       |      | Constan  | t   | •           | 1 C | _        | 111 |
|                     | reported |    | currency |    | amount    |    | 70     |     | reported |      | currency | 7   | amount      | 70  | o        |     |
| Hudson Asia Pacific |          |    |          |    |           |    |        |     |          |      |          |     |             |     |          |     |
| SG&A and Non-Op     | \$26.3   |    | \$35.3   |    | \$(9.0    | )  | (25.5  | )%  | \$85.8   |      | \$101.7  |     | \$(15.9)    | (   | 15.7     | )%  |
| SG&A and Non-Op     |          |    |          |    |           |    |        |     |          |      |          |     |             |     |          |     |
| as a percentage of  | 35.8     | %  | 35.8     | %  | N/A       |    | N/A    |     | 38.2     | %    | 37.2     | %   | N/A         | N   | N/A      |     |
| revenue             |          |    |          |    |           |    |        |     |          |      |          |     |             |     |          |     |

Actions taken to streamline business processes as well as lower gross margin related compensation resulted in lower compensation and an overall decrease in SG&A and Non-Op for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same periods in 2011.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, SG&A and Non-Op, as a percentage of revenue, was flat at 35.8% as compared to the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, SG&A and Non-Op, as a percentage of revenue, was 38.2% as compared to 37.2% for the same period in 2011. The increases in SG&A and Non-OP, as a percentage of revenue, were primarily due to proportionally lower revenue in the current year periods.

For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2012, business reorganization expenses were \$0.2 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, primarily for employee termination benefits for the reduction of back-office support functions and lease exit costs associated with the relocation of our Sydney, Australia office.

## Operating Income and EBITDA

|  | Three Mon          | ths Ended Se      | eptember 30 | ),        | Nine Months Ended September 30, |                   |           |           |  |  |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|
|  | 2012               | 2011              | Change      | Change in | 2012                            | 2011              | Change    | Change in |  |  |
| \$ in millions                           | As reported        | Constant currency | in amount   | •         | As reported                     | Constant currency | in amount | _         |  |  |
| Hudson Asia Pacific                      |                    |                   |             |           |                                 |                   |           |           |  |  |
| Operating income (loss):                 | \$3.7              | \$6.2             | \$(2.5)     | (40.0 )%  | \$6.5                           | \$13.8            | \$(7.3)   | (52.8)%   |  |  |
| EBITDA (loss)                            | \$3.4              | \$5.2             | \$(1.8)     | (34.5)%   | \$4.0                           | \$10.8            | \$(6.8)   | (62.8)%   |  |  |
| EBITDA (loss) as a percentage of revenue | e <sup>4.6</sup> % | 5.3 %             | N/A         | N/A       | 1.8 %                           | 3.9 %             | N/A       | N/A       |  |  |

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, EBITDA was \$3.4 million, or 4.6% of revenue, as compared to \$5.2 million, or 5.3% of revenue, for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, EBITDA was \$4.0 million, or 1.8% of revenue, as compared to \$10.8 million, or 3.9% of revenue, for the same period in 2011. The decrease in EBITDA for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 was principally due to the decline

in gross margin and business reorganization expenses.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, operating loss was \$3.7 million as compared to operating income of \$6.2 million for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, operating loss was \$6.5 million as compared to operating income of \$13.8 million for the same period in 2011. The difference between operating income and EBITDA in each of the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2012 was principally due to the inclusion of corporate management fees and depreciation.

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Hudson Europe (constant currency) Revenue

|                | Three Mor  | Three Months Ended September 30, |          |           |            | Nine Months Ended September 30, |           |         |  |  |  |
|----------------|------------|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|--|--|--|
| <b>.</b>       | 2012<br>As | 2011<br>Constant                 | <u> </u> | Change in | 2012<br>As | 2011<br>Constant                | Change in | C       |  |  |  |
| \$ in millions | reported   | currency                         | amount   | %         | reported   | currency                        | amount    | %       |  |  |  |
| Hudson Europe  |            |                                  |          |           |            |                                 |           |         |  |  |  |
| Revenue        | \$75.3     | \$91.5                           | \$(16.2) | (17.7)%   | \$238.9    | \$277.4                         | \$(38.5)  | (13.9)% |  |  |  |

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, contracting, permanent recruitment and talent management revenue decreased \$11.1 million, \$4.4 million and \$0.8 million, or 16.6%, 24.6% and 12.6%, respectively, as compared to the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, contracting, permanent recruitment, and talent management revenue decreased \$25.6 million, \$11.2 million and \$1.6 million, or 13.2%, 19.5% and 6.8%, respectively, as compared to the same period in 2011.

In the U.K., contracting and permanent recruitment revenue declined \$11.9 million and \$1.7 million, or 21.2% and 18.9%, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, contracting and permanent recruitment revenue in the U.K. declined \$31.7 million and \$4.9 million, or 19.4% and 17.4%, respectively, and were partially offset by an increase in talent management revenue of \$0.2 million, or 7.0%, as compared to the same period in 2011. The decrease was due to retrenchment generally across permanent recruitment and contracting, with the single largest decline in the banking and financial services sector.

In Continental Europe, revenue was approximately \$23.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to \$25.1 million for the same period in 2011. The revenue decrease was principally in permanent recruitment and talent management, which decreased \$2.2 million and \$0.5 million, or 26.0% and 10.1%, respectively. The decline in permanent revenue was principally in France and Belgium as well as deemphasis on less profitable lines of business.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, revenue in Continental Europe was essentially flat at \$81.0 million as compared to \$82.0 million for the same period in 2011. Contracting revenue increased \$6.1 million, or 19.3%, and was offset by decreases in permanent recruitment and talent management revenue of \$5.1 million and \$1.6 million, or 18.3% and 8.1%, respectively. Consultative practices in the Netherlands and Belgium accounted for the most of the increase in contracting revenue. The decline in permanent recruitment and talent management revenue occurred principally in France and Belgium, respectively.

Gross margin

| \$ in millions                                     | Three M<br>2012<br>As<br>reported | _ | ths Ended<br>2011<br>Constan<br>currency | ıt | eptember 3<br>Change<br>in<br>amount | 30 | Ohange<br>% | in | Nine Mo<br>2012<br>As<br>reported |   | ns Ended<br>2011<br>Constan<br>currency | t | Change<br>amount | - | Change % | in |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|----|--------------------------------------|----|-------------|----|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|------------------|---|----------|----|
| Hudson Europe<br>Gross margin<br>Gross margin as a | \$28.2                            |   | \$35.5                                   |    | \$(7.3                               | )  | (20.5       | )% | \$93.1                            |   | \$112.5                                 |   | \$(19.4          | ) | (17.2    | )% |
| percentage of revenue                              | 37.5                              | % | 38.8                                     | %  | N/A                                  |    | N/A         |    | 39.0                              | % | 40.6                                    | % | N/A              |   | N/A      |    |
| Contracting gross margin as a                      | 17.6                              | % | 18.5                                     | %  | N/A                                  |    | N/A         |    | 17.3                              | % | 18.6                                    | % | N/A              |   | N/A      |    |

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For the three months ended September 30, 2012, permanent recruitment, contracting, and talent management gross margins decreased \$4.4 million, \$2.6 million, and \$0.4 million, or 25.0%, 20.9%, and 8.1% respectively, as compared to the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, permanent recruitment, contracting, and talent management gross margins decreased \$11.2 million, \$6.8 million, and \$1.2 million, or 20.3%, 18.9%, and 6.0%, respectively, as compared to the same period in 2011.

In the U.K., contracting and permanent recruitment gross margin declined \$2.4 million and \$1.7 million, or 25.0% and 19.3%, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, contracting and permanent recruitment gross margin declined \$7.5 million and \$5.0 million, or 26.3% and 18.7%, respectively, as compared to the same period in 2011. The decrease for both periods were attributable to the same factor as described above for revenue in the U.K.

In Continental Europe, permanent recruitment and talent management gross margin decreased \$2.2 million and \$0.4 million, or 26.7% and 8.3%, respectively, for three months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, permanent recruitment and talent management gross margin decreased \$5.2 million and \$1.2 million, or 18.8% and 6.4%, respectively, as compared to the same period in 2011. The changes in gross margin in each of the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2012 were attributable to the same factors as described above for revenue.

In Europe, contracting gross margin as a percentage of revenue was 17.6% for the three months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to 18.5% for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, contracting gross margin as a percentage of revenue was 17.3%, as compared to 18.6% for the same period in 2011. The decline in contracting margin as a percentage of revenue was attributable to a lower proportion of high margin transactional projects in the current year period.

In Europe, total gross margin as a percentage of revenue was 37.5% for the three months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to 38.8% for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, total gross margin as a percentage of revenue was 39.0% as compared to 40.6% for the same period in 2011. The change in total gross margin as a percentage of revenue in each of the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2012 was primarily related to a lower proportion of permanent recruitment gross margin. SG&A and Non-Op

|                    | Three Mo | Three Months Ended September 30, |         |           |          | Nine Months Ended September 30, |           |           |  |  |  |
|--------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|
|                    | 2012     | 2011                             | Change  | Change in | 2012     | 2011                            | Change in | Change in |  |  |  |
| \$ in millions     | As       | Constant                         | in      | %         | As       | Constant                        | amount    | %         |  |  |  |
|                    | reported | currency                         | amount  | 70        | reported | currency                        | amount    | 70        |  |  |  |
| Hudson Europe      |          |                                  |         |           |          |                                 |           |           |  |  |  |
| SG&A and Non-Op    | \$29.3   | \$33.4                           | \$(4.1) | (12.1)%   | \$93.8   | \$105.0                         | \$(11.3)  | (10.7)%   |  |  |  |
| SG&A and Non-Op    |          |                                  |         |           |          |                                 |           |           |  |  |  |
| as a percentage of | 39.0 %   | 6 36.5                           | N/A     | N/A       | 39.2 %   | 37.9 %                          | N/A       | N/A       |  |  |  |
| revenue            |          |                                  |         |           |          |                                 |           |           |  |  |  |

Actions taken to streamline business processes as well as lower gross margin-related compensation resulted in lower SG&A and Non-Op expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same periods in 2011.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, SG&A and Non-Op, as a percentage of revenue, was 39.0% as compared to 36.5% for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, SG&A and Non-Op,

as a percentage of revenue, was 39.2% as compared to 37.9% for the same period in 2011. The increases in SG&A and Non-Op, as a percentage of revenue, were primarily due to the lower revenue in the current year periods.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, business reorganization expenses were \$1.0 million as compared to none for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, business reorganization expenses were \$4.9 million as compared to \$0.7 million for the same period in 2011 and were attributable to employee termination benefits and lease exit costs in the current year period.

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## Operating Income and EBITDA

|                          | Three Months Ended September 30, |    |                              |   | Nine Months Ended September 30, |   |          |    |                        |    |                 |   |                |   |          |    |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|----------|----|------------------------|----|-----------------|---|----------------|---|----------|----|
| \$ in millions           | 2012<br>As<br>reported           | d  | 2011<br>Constant<br>currency | t | Change in amount                |   | Change % | in | 2012<br>As<br>reported | 1  | 2011<br>Constan |   | Change in amou |   | Change % | in |
| Hudson Europe            |                                  |    |                              |   |                                 |   |          |    |                        |    |                 |   |                |   |          |    |
| Operating income (loss): | \$(0.8                           | )  | \$3.5                        |   | \$(4.3                          | ) | (122.9   | )% | \$(1.5                 | )  | \$11.1          |   | \$(12.6        | ) | (113.7   | )% |
| EBITDA (loss)            | \$(2.2                           | )  | \$2.1                        |   | \$(4.3                          | ) | (201.5   | )% | \$(5.6                 | )  | \$6.8           |   | \$(12.4        | ) | (181.2   | )% |
| EBITDA (loss) as a       |                                  |    |                              |   |                                 |   |          |    |                        |    |                 |   |                |   |          |    |
| percentage of revenue    | (2.9                             | )% | 2.3                          | % | N/A                             |   | N/A      |    | (2.3                   | )% | 2.5             | % | N/A            |   | N/A      |    |

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, EBITDA loss was \$2.2 million, or 2.9% of revenue, as compared to EBITDA of \$2.1 million, or 2.3% of revenue, for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, EBITDA loss was \$5.6 million, or 2.3% of revenue, as compared to EBITDA of \$6.8 million, or 2.5% of revenue, for the same period in 2011. The decrease in EBITDA for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 was principally due to the decline in gross margin and business reorganization expenses.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, operating loss was \$0.8 million as compared to operating income of \$3.5 million for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, operating loss was \$1.5 million as compared to operating income of \$11.1 million for the same period in 2011. The difference between operating income (loss) and EBITDA (loss) in each of the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2012 was principally due to the inclusion of corporate management fees and depreciation.

The following are discussed in reported currency

## Corporate expenses, net of corporate management fee allocations

Corporate expenses were \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to \$1.3 million for the same period in 2011, a decrease of \$1.1 million or 86.1%. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, corporate expenses were \$1.5 million, as compared to \$2.6 million for the same period in 2011, a decrease of \$1.1 million or 42.5%. The decrease in each of the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2012 was principally due to the move toward shared services as well as lower incentive compensation.

There were no reorganization expenses for three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, business reorganization expenses were \$0.3 million primarily for employee termination benefits.

#### Depreciation and Amortization Expense

For the three months ended September 30, 2012, depreciation and amortization expense was \$1.7 million as compared to \$1.5 million for the same period in 2011, an increase of \$0.2 million, or 8.8%. The increase was due to the capital expenditures for the new office in Sydney, Australia. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, depreciation and amortization expense was essentially flat at \$4.8 million as compared to the same period in 2011.

#### Interest Expense, net of interest income

Interest expense was \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to \$0.3 million for the same period in 2011. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, interest expense was \$0.5 million, as compared

to \$0.9 million for the same period in 2011. The decrease in interest expense in each of the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2012 was due to the Company's lower borrowings under its credit facilities.

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#### Provision for (Benefit from) Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes for the three months ended September 30, 2012 was \$1.0 million on \$1.2 million of pre-tax loss, as compared to a provision for income taxes of \$2.2 million on \$5.6 million of pre-tax income for the same period in 2011. The effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2012 was negative 85.0%, as compared to 39.4% for the same period in 2011. The benefit from income taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$3.8 million on \$8.8 million of pre-tax loss, as compared to a provision for income taxes of \$4.4 million on \$12.0 million of pre-tax income for the same period in 2011. The effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was 43.0%, as compared to 36.5% for the same period in 2011.

The change in the Company's effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 as compared to the same periods in 2011 was primarily attributable to the Company's reduction of reserves of approximately \$3.6 million for uncertain tax positions, principally in connection with the settlement of an appeal with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, partially offset by the inability to benefit from losses in certain foreign jurisdictions in 2012. The effective tax rate differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due to a reduction in reserves for uncertain tax positions, partially offset by the inability to recognize tax benefits on net losses in certain foreign jurisdictions, state taxes, non-deductible expenses and foreign tax rates that vary from that in the U.S.

#### Net Income (Loss)

Net loss was \$2.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to net income of \$3.4 million for the same period in 2011, a decrease in net income of \$5.6 million. Basic and diluted loss per share were \$0.07 for the three months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to basic and diluted earnings per share of \$0.11 for the same period in 2011.

Net loss was \$5.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to net income of \$7.6 million for the same period in 2011, a decrease in net income of \$12.6 million. Basic and diluted loss per share were \$0.16 for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, as compared to basic and diluted earnings per share of \$0.24 for the same period in 2011.

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#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of September 30, 2012, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$34.9 million, as compared to \$37.3 million as of December 31, 2011. The following table summarizes the cash flow activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

|   | For the Ni    | ne Months Ende | ed |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|----------------|----|--|--|--|
|   | September 30, |                |    |  |  |  |
| (In millions)   | 2012          | 2011           |    |  |  |  |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities   | \$8.9         | \$(7.0         | )  |  |  |  |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities   | (7.8          | ) (4.9         | )  |  |  |  |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities   | (4.1          | ) 5.1          |    |  |  |  |
| Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents | 0.6           | (0.2           | )  |  |  |  |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents  | (2.4          | ) (7.0         | )  |  |  |  |

#### Cash Flows from Operating Activities

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, net cash provided by operating activities was \$8.9 million compared to net cash used by operating activities of \$7.0 million for the same period in 2011, an increase in net cash provided by operating activities of \$15.9 million. The increase was primarily attributable to \$3.9 million of landlord-funded leasehold improvements in Asia Pacific and a balanced management of working capital.

## Cash Flows from Investing Activities

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, net cash used in investing activities was \$7.8 million compared to \$4.9 million for the same period in 2011, an increase of \$2.9 million. The increase was primarily attributable to landlord funded leasehold improvements in connection with a newly leased property in 2012.

#### Cash Flows from Financing Activities

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, net cash used in financing activities was \$4.1 million compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$5.1 million for the same period in 2011, an increase in cash used in financing activities of \$9.2 million. The increase in cash used in financing activities was primarily attributable to repayments under the Company's credit agreements.

## **Credit Agreements**

Credit Agreement with RBS Citizens Business Capital

On August 5, 2010, the Company and certain of its North American and U.K. subsidiaries entered into a senior secured revolving credit facility with RBS Citizens Business Capital, a division of RBS Asset Finance, Inc. ("RBS"), and on February 22, 2012 and June 26, 2012, the Company and certain of its North American and U.K. subsidiaries entered into Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2, respectively, to the senior secured revolving credit facility with RBS (as amended, the "Revolver Agreement"). The Revolver Agreement provides the Company with the ability to borrow up to \$40 million, including the issuance of letters of credit. The Company may increase the maximum borrowing amount to \$50 million, subject to certain conditions including lender acceptance. Extensions of credit are based on a percentage of the eligible accounts receivable from the U.K. and North America operations, less required reserves. In connection with the Revolver Agreement, the Company incurred and capitalized approximately \$1.5 million of deferred financing costs, which are being amortized over the term of the agreement. The maturity date of the Revolver Agreement is August 5, 2014. Borrowings under the Revolver Agreement are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company and can be made with an interest rate based on a base rate plus an applicable margin or on the LIBOR rate for the applicable period plus an applicable margin. The applicable margin for each rate is based on the Company's Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (as defined in the Revolver Agreement) and is determined as follows:

| Level | Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio                              | Base Rate<br>Revolving Loan | LIBOR Revolving Loans or Letter of |          |            |
|-------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| *     |  | 110 (01) 1119 20011         |                                    | Credit O | bligations |
| I     | Greater than or equal to 1.25:1.0                        | 1.25                        | %                                  | 2.25     | %          |
| II    | Less than 1.25:1.0 but greater than or equal to 1.10:1.0 | 1.50                        | %                                  | 2.50     | %          |
| III   | Less than 1.10:1.0                                       | 1.75                        | %                                  | 2.75     | %          |

Amendment No. 2, which was deemed to be effective on June 26, 2012, effects the following key changes to the Revolver Agreement: (1) includes non-cash stock compensation expenses in the calculation of EBITDA; (2) defines "Special 2012/2013 Restructuring Charges" as restructuring charges incurred in the fiscal quarters ending June 30, 2012, September 30, 2012, December 31, 2012 and March 31, 2013; (3) includes 50% of up to \$10.0 million of the "Special 2012/2013 Restructuring Charges" (i.e., up to \$5.0 million) in the numerator of the calculation of the Company's Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio; and (4) increases the Company's required minimum excess availability to \$7.5 million until such time after December 31, 2012 that, for two consecutive fiscal quarters, the Company's Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (calculated without including "Special 2012/2013 Restructuring Charges" in the numerator) is at least 1.1x, at which time the Company's required minimum excess availability will be reduced to \$5.0 million.

The details of the Revolver Agreement as of September 30, 2012 were as follows:

| (In millions)                           | September 30, 2012 |   |  |  |
|---|--------------------|---|--|--|
| Borrowing base                          | \$30.9             |   |  |  |
| Less: adjustments to the borrowing base |                    |   |  |  |
| Minimum availability                    | (7.5               | ) |  |  |
| Outstanding letters of credits          | (2.3               | ) |  |  |
| Adjusted borrowing base                 | 21.1               |   |  |  |
| Less: outstanding borrowing             | _                  |   |  |  |
| Additional borrowing availability       | \$21.1             |   |  |  |
| Interest rates on outstanding borrowing | 4.50               | % |  |  |

The Revolver Agreement contains various restrictions and covenants including: (1) a requirement to maintain a minimum excess availability of \$7.5 million, a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of at least 1.1x and EBITDA (as defined in the Revolver Agreement) for the Company's North American and U.K. operations of at least \$1 million; (2) a limit on the payment of dividends of not more than \$5 million per year and subject to certain conditions; (3) restrictions on the ability of the Company to make additional borrowings, acquire, merge or otherwise fundamentally change the ownership of the Company or repurchase the Company's stock; (4) a limit on investments, and a limit on acquisitions of not more than \$25 million in cash and \$25 million in non-cash consideration per year, subject to certain conditions set forth in the Revolver Agreement; and (5) a limit on dispositions of assets of not more than \$4 million per year. The Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Revolver Agreement as of September 30, 2012. Credit Agreement with Westpac Banking Corporation

On November 29, 2011, certain Australian and New Zealand subsidiaries of the Company entered into a Facility Agreement, dated November 29, 2011 (the "Facility Agreement"), with Westpac Banking Corporation and Westpac New Zealand Limited (collectively, "Westpac").

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The Facility Agreement provides three tranches: (a) an invoice discounting facility of up to \$20.8 million (AUD20 million) ("Tranche A") for an Australian subsidiary of the Company, which is based on an agreed percentage of eligible accounts receivable; (b) an overdraft facility of up to \$2.9 million (NZD3.5 million) ("Tranche B") for a New Zealand subsidiary of the Company; and (c) a financial guarantee facility of up to \$5.2 million (AUD5 million) ("Tranche C") for the Australian subsidiary.

The Facility Agreement does not have a stated maturity date and can be terminated by Westpac upon 90 days written notice. Borrowings under Tranche A may be made with an interest rate based on the Invoice Finance 30-day Bank Bill Rate (as defined in the Facility Agreement) plus a margin of 0.75%. Borrowings under Tranche B may be made with an interest rate based on the Commercial Lending Rate (as defined in the Facility Agreement) plus a margin of 0.83%. Each of Tranche A and Tranche B bears a fee, payable monthly, equal to 0.65% of the size of Westpac's commitment under such tranche. Borrowings under Tranche C may be made incurring a fee equal to 1.10% of the face value of the financial guarantee requested. Amounts owing under the Facility Agreement are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Australian subsidiary, its Australian parent company and the New Zealand subsidiary (collectively, the "Obligors") and certain of their subsidiaries.

The details of the Facility Agreement as of September 30, 2012 were as follows:

| (In millions)                           | September 2012 | 30, |
|---|----------------|-----|
| Tranche A:                              |                |     |
| Borrowing capacity                      | \$20.8         |     |
| Less: outstanding borrowing             | <del>_</del>   |     |
| Additional borrowing availability       | \$20.8         |     |
| Interest rates on outstanding borrowing | 5.42           | %   |
| Tranche B:                              |                |     |
| Borrowing capacity                      | \$2.9          |     |
| Less: outstanding borrowing             | <del>_</del>   |     |
| Additional borrowing availability       | \$2.9          |     |
| Interest rates on outstanding borrowing | 6.03           | %   |
| Tranche C:                              |                |     |
| Borrowing capacity                      | \$5.2          |     |
| Less: outstanding borrowing             | (2.9           | )   |
| Additional borrowing availability       | \$2.3          |     |
| Interest rates on outstanding borrowing | 1.10           | %   |

The Facility Agreement contains various restrictions and covenants applicable to the Obligors and certain of their subsidiaries, including (a) a requirement that the Obligors maintain (1) a minimum Tangible Net Worth (as defined in the Facility Agreement) as of the last day of each calendar quarter of not less than the higher of 85% of the Tangible Net Worth as of the last day of the previous calendar year and \$18.2 million (AUD17.5 million); (2) at all times, a minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (as defined in the Facility Agreement) of 1.5x for the trailing twelve month period; and (3) a maximum Borrowing Base Ratio (as defined in the Facility Agreement) as of the last day of each calendar quarter of not more than 0.8; and (b) a limitation on certain intercompany payments with permitted payments outside the Obligor group restricted to a defined amount derived from the net profits of the Obligors and their subsidiaries. The Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Facility Agreement as of September 30, 2012.

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#### Other Credit Agreements

The Company also has lending arrangements with local banks through its subsidiaries in the Netherlands, Belgium, Singapore and Mainland China. As of September 30, 2012, the Netherlands subsidiary could borrow up to \$2.0 million (£\$1.6 million) based on an agreed percentage of accounts receivable related to its operations. In May 2011, the Belgium has a \$1.3 million (€1 million) overdraft facility. Borrowings under the Belgium and the Netherlands lending arrangements may be made with an interest rate based on the one month EURIBOR plus a margin, and were 2.62% as of September 30, 2012. The lending arrangement in the Netherlands expires annually each June, but can be renewed for one year periods at that time. The lending arrangement in Belgium has no expiration date and can be terminated with a 15 day notice period. In Singapore, the Company's subsidiary can borrow up to \$0.8 million (SGD1 million) for working capital purposes, Interest on borrowings under this overdraft facility is based on the Singapore Prime Rate plus 1.75%, and it was 6.00% on September 30, 2012. The Singapore overdraft facility expires annually each August, but can be renewed for one year periods at that time. In Mainland China, the Company's subsidiary can borrow up to \$1 million for working capital purposes. Interest on borrowings under this overdraft facility is based on the People's Republic of China's six month rate plus 200 basis points, and it was 7.60% on September 30, 2012. This overdraft facility expires annually each September, but can be renewed for one year periods at that time. There were \$0.0 million of outstanding borrowings under the Belgium, the Netherlands, Singapore and Mainland China lending agreements as of September 30, 2012.

The average monthly outstanding borrowings for the Revolver Agreement, Facility Agreement and the various credit agreements in Belgium, the Netherlands, Singapore and Mainland China was \$1.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The weighted average interest rate on all outstanding borrowings as of September 30, 2012 was 4.90%.

The Company continues to use the aforementioned credit to support its ongoing global working capital requirements, capital expenditures and other corporate purposes and to support letters of credit. Letters of credit and bank guarantees are used primarily to support office leases.

Shelf Registration and Common Stock Offering

In December 2009, the Company filed a shelf registration statement (the "2009 Shelf Registration") with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to enable it to issue up to \$30.0 million equivalent of securities or combinations of securities. The types of securities permitted for issuance under the 2009 Shelf Registration are debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, warrants, stock purchase contracts and stock purchase units.

As a result of a 2010 public offering of common stock, the Company may issue up to \$9 million equivalent of securities or combinations of securities under the 2009 Shelf Registration.

Liquidity Outlook

As of September 30, 2012, the Company had cash and cash equivalents on hand of \$34.9 million supplemented by additional borrowing availability of \$21.1 million under the Revolver Agreement, and \$28.8 million of additional borrowing availability under the Facility Agreement and other lending arrangements in Belgium, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore and Mainland China. The Company believes that it has sufficient liquidity to satisfy its needs through at least the next 12 months, based on the Company's total liquidity as of September 30, 2012. The Company's near-term cash requirements during 2012 are primarily related to funding operations, restructuring actions and capital expenditures. For the full year 2012, the Company expects to make capital expenditures of approximately \$8.0 million to \$9.0 million, which includes \$3.9 million of landlord-funded leasehold improvement in Asia Pacific, and payments in connection with the 2012 business reorganization plan of \$5.0 million to \$8.0 million. The Company is closely managing its capital spending and will perform capital additions where economically prudent, while continuing to invest strategically for future growth.

As of September 30, 2012, \$10.2 million of the Company's cash and cash equivalents noted above were held in the United States and the remainder were held internationally, primarily in Australia for \$6.9 million, Mainland China for \$5.1 million, and the United Kingdom for \$3.4 million. The majority of the Company's offshore cash is available to it as a source of funds, net of any tax obligations or assessments. Unrepatriated cumulative earnings of certain foreign

subsidiaries are considered to be invested indefinitely outside of the United States, except where the Company is able to repatriate these earnings to the United States without a material incremental tax provision. In managing its day-to-day liquidity and its capital structure, the Company does not rely on the unrepatriated earnings as a source of funds. The Company has not provided for federal income or foreign withholding taxes on these undistributed foreign earnings. The Company has not done so because a distribution of these foreign earnings with material incremental tax provision is unlikely to occur in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, it is not practicable to determine the amount of tax associated with such undistributed earnings.

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For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the ongoing sovereign debt crisis in Europe and the slowing of other major economies continued to negatively impact the markets where the Company operates. The Company believes that future external market conditions remain uncertain, particularly the access to credit, rates of near-term projected economic growth and levels of unemployment in the markets in which it operates. Due to these uncertain external market conditions, the Company cannot provide assurance that its actual cash requirements will not be greater in the future than those currently expected, especially if market conditions deteriorate substantially. If sources of liquidity are not available or if the Company cannot generate sufficient cash flow from operations, the Company could be required to obtain additional sources of funds through additional operating improvements, capital market transactions, asset sales or financing from third parties, or a combination of those sources. The Company cannot provide assurance that these additional sources of funds will be available or, if available, would have reasonable terms.

## Contingencies

From time to time in the ordinary course of business, the Company is subject to compliance audits by federal, state, local and foreign government regulatory, tax, and other authorities relating to a variety of regulations, including wage and hour laws, unemployment taxes, workers' compensation, immigration, and income, value-added and sales taxes. The Company is also subject to, from time to time in the ordinary course of business, various claims, lawsuits, and other complaints from, for example, clients, candidates, suppliers, landlords for both leased and subleased properties, former and current employees, and regulators or tax authorities. Periodic events and management actions such as business reorganization initiatives can change the number and type of audits, claims, lawsuits, contract disputes or complaints asserted against the Company. Events can also change the likelihood of assertion and the behavior of third parties to reach resolution regarding such matters.

The economic circumstances in the recent past have given rise to many news reports and bulletins from clients, tax authorities and other parties about changes in their procedures for audits, payment, plans to challenge existing contracts and other such matters aimed at being more aggressive in the resolution of such matters in their own favor. The Company believes that it has appropriate procedures in place for identifying and communicating any matters of this type, whether asserted or likely to be asserted, and it evaluates its liabilities in light of the prevailing circumstances. Changes in the behavior of third parties could cause the Company to change its view of the likelihood of a claim and what might constitute a trend. In the last twelve months, the Company has not seen a marked difference in employee or client disputes.

For matters that have reached the threshold of probable and estimable, the Company has established reserves for legal, regulatory and other contingent liabilities. The Company's reserves were not significant as of September 30, 2012. Although the outcome of these matters cannot be determined, the Company believes that none of the currently pending matters, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

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#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2011-12 "Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): 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." ASU 2011-12 deferred certain aspects of ASU 2011-05 "Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income." Among the new provisions in ASU 2011-05 is a requirement for entities to present reclassification adjustments out of accumulated other comprehensive income by component in both the statement in which net income is presented and the other comprehensive income is presented. This requirement is indefinitely deferred by ASU 2011-12 and will be further deliberated by the FASB at a future date. The standard is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and should be applied retrospectively. The Company adopted ASU 2011-05 as of January 1, 2012, and presented the components of other comprehensive income in a single continuous Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income (Loss). The Company's adoption of ASU 2011-05 did not have any impact on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

Critical Accounting Policies

See "Critical Accounting Policies" under Item 7 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 filed with the SEC on February 28, 2012 and incorporated by reference herein. There were no changes to the Company's critical accounting policies during the three months ended September 30, 2012.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Form 10-Q contains statements that the Company believes to be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this Form 10-Q, including statements regarding the Company's future financial condition, results of operations, business operations and business prospects, are forward-looking statements. Words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "project," "intend," "plan," "predict," "believe" and similar words, expressions and variations of these we and expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are subject to important factors, risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including industry and economic conditions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. Such factors, risks, uncertainties and assumptions include, but are not limited to, (1) global economic fluctuations, (2) risks related to fluctuations in the Company's operating results from quarter to quarter, (3) the ability of clients to terminate their relationship with the Company at any time, (4) competition in the Company's markets, (5) risks associated with the Company's investment strategy, (6) risks related to international operations, including foreign currency fluctuations, (7) the Company's dependence on key management personnel, (8) the Company's ability to attract and retain highly skilled professionals, (9) the Company's ability to collect its accounts receivable, (10) the negative cash flows and operating losses that the Company has experienced from time to time, (11) restrictions on the Company's operating flexibility due to the terms of its credit facilities, (12) the Company's ability to achieve anticipated cost savings through the Company's cost reduction initiatives, (13) the Company's heavy reliance on information systems and the impact of potentially losing or failing to develop technology, (14) risks related to providing uninterrupted service to clients, (15) the Company's exposure to employment-related claims from clients, employers and regulatory authorities and limits on related insurance coverage, (16) the Company's ability to utilize net operating loss carry-forwards, (17) volatility of the Company's stock price, (18) the impact of government regulations, and (19) restrictions imposed by blocking arrangements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Form 10-Q. The Company assumes no obligation, and expressly disclaims any obligation, to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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

The Company conducts operations in various countries and faces both translation and transaction risks related to foreign currency exchange. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company earned approximately 85% of its gross margin outside the United States ("U.S."), and it collected payments in local currency and paid related operating expenses in such corresponding local currency. Revenues and expenses in foreign currencies translate into higher or lower revenues and expenses in U.S. dollars as the U.S. dollar weakens or strengthens against other currencies. Therefore, changes in exchange rates may affect our consolidated revenues and expenses (as expressed in U.S. dollars) from foreign operations.

Amounts invested in our foreign operations are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. The resulting translation adjustments are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income in the stockholders' equity section of the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The translation of the foreign currency into U.S. dollars is reflected as a component of stockholders' equity and does not impact our operating results.

As more fully described in Item 2 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," the Company has credit agreements with RBS Citizens Business Capital, Westpac Banking Corporation and other credit agreements with lenders in Belgium, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore and Mainland China. The Company does not hedge the interest risk on borrowings under the credit agreements, and accordingly, it is exposed to interest rate risk on the borrowings under such credit agreements. Based on our annual average borrowings, a 1% increase or decrease in interest rates on our borrowings would not have a material impact on our earnings.

#### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, has conducted an evaluation of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined under Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Based on this evaluation, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2012.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2012 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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#### PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

#### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is involved in various legal proceedings that are incidental to the conduct of its business. The Company is not involved in any pending or threatened legal proceeding that it believes could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

#### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

As of September 30, 2012, there had not been any material changes to the information set forth in Item 1A. "Risk Factors" disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table summarizes purchases of common stock by the Company during the quarter ended September 30, 2012.

| Period                                 | Total Number of<br>Shares Purchased | Average Price<br>Paid per Share | Total Number of<br>Shares Purchased as<br>Part of Publicly<br>Announced Plans<br>or Programs | Approximate Dollar<br>Value of Shares<br>that May Yet Be<br>Purchased Under<br>the Plans or<br>Programs (a) |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| July 1, 2012 - July 31, 2012 (b)       | 3,963                               | \$4.51                          | _  | \$6,792,000   |
| August 1, 2012 - August 31, 2012 (b)   | 650                                 | \$4.63                          | _  | \$6,792,000   |
| September 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012 | _                                   | \$—                             | _  | \$6,792,000   |
| Total                                  | 4,613                               | \$4.53                          | _  | \$6,792,000   |

On February 4, 2008, the Company announced that its Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of a maximum of \$15 million of the Company's common stock. As of September 30, 2012, the Company had repurchased

(b) Consisted of restricted stock withheld from employees upon the vesting of such shares to satisfy employees' income tax withholding requirements.

## ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

#### ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

## ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

#### ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

The exhibits to this Form 10-Q are listed in the Exhibit Index included elsewhere herein.

<sup>(</sup>a) 1,491,772 shares for a total cost of approximately \$8.2 million under this authorization. Repurchases of common stock are restricted under the Company's Revolver Agreement entered into on August 5, 2010, as amended on February 22, 2012 and June 26, 2012.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

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

HUDSON GLOBAL, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ MANUEL MARQUEZ DORSCH

Manuel Marquez Dorsch

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ MARY JANE RAYMOND

Mary Jane Raymond

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: November 1, 2012

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No. Description

Form of Hudson Global, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan Stock Option Agreement (Employees)

- 10.1 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Hudson Global Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 dated August 1, 2012 (Reg. No. 333-182973)).
- Form of Hudson Global, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan Stock Option Agreement (Directors)

  (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Hudson Global Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 dated August 1, 2012 (Reg. No. 333-182973)).
- Form of Hudson Global, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan Restricted Stock Award Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to Hudson Global Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 dated August 1, 2012 (Reg. No. 333-182973)).
- Form of Hudson Global, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock and Awards Plan Restricted Stock Award Agreement for EBITDA and gross margin growth performance vesting awards (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to Hudson Global Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-8 dated August 1, 2012 (Reg. No. 333-182973)).
- 31.1 Certification by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
- Certification by the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
- 32.1 Certification of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.
- Certification of the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.

The following materials from Hudson Global, Inc's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 are furnished herewith, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, (iv) the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, and (v) Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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