# UNITED STATES <br> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 <br> FORM 10-Q 

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012
OR

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

For the transition period from to
Commission file number 0-23827

# PC CONNECTION, INC. <br> (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 

DELAWARE<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization)<br>730 MILFORD ROAD,<br>MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE<br>(Address of principal executive offices)<br>(603) 683-2000<br>(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

02-0513618
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

03054
(Zip Code)

Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report: $\underline{\mathbf{N} / \mathbf{A}}$
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 $\quad$ NO
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

YES $\checkmark$ NO
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Large accelerated filer
Accelerated filer \(\nabla\)
Non-accelerated filer
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(Do not check if smaller reporting company)
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

## YESNO $\downarrow$

The number of shares outstanding of the issuer's common stock as of May 1,2012 was $26,401,122$

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## PC CONNECTION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES <br> PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION <br> Item 1-Financial Statements <br> CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS <br> (Unaudited) <br> (amounts in thousands)

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 31, } \\ 2012 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ \quad 2011 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |
| Current Assets: |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 49,752 | \$ 4,615 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 242,403 | 295,188 |
| Inventories | 62,528 | 77,437 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 5,250 | 4,713 |
| Deferred income taxes | 3,398 | 4,436 |
| Income taxes receivable | 3,229 | 1,927 |
| Total current assets | 366,560 | 388,316 |
| Property and equipment, net | 24,088 | 22,570 |
| Goodwill | 51,276 | 51,276 |
| Other intangibles, net | 4,971 | 5,205 |
| Other assets | 720 | 652 |
| Total Assets | \$447,615 | \$468,019 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |
| Current Liabilities: |  |  |
| Current maturities of capital lease obligation to affiliate | \$ 998 | \$ 971 |
| Borrowings under bank line of credit | - | 5,267 |
| Accounts payable | 111,949 | 130,900 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 30,513 | 30,902 |
| Accrued payroll | 12,213 | 12,964 |
| Total current liabilities | 155,673 | 181,004 |
| Deferred income taxes | 9,882 | 9,026 |
| Other liabilities | 2,975 | 3,471 |
| Capital lease obligation to affiliate, less current maturities | 729 | 989 |
| Total Liabilities | 169,259 | 194,490 |
| Stockholders' Equity: |  |  |
| Common stock | 276 | 276 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 100,284 | 99,957 |
| Retained earnings | 187,749 | 182,274 |
| Treasury stock at cost | $(9,953)$ | $(8,978)$ |
| Total Stockholders' Equity | 278,356 | 273,529 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$ 447,615 | \$ 468,019 |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

## PC CONNECTION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES <br> PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION <br> Item 1-Financial Statements <br> CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME <br> (Unaudited) <br> (amounts in thousands, except per share data)

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Three Months Ended } \\ \quad \text { March 31, } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net sales | \$498,763 | $\overline{\$ 461,926}$ |
| Cost of sales | 432,152 | 403,107 |
| Gross profit | 66,611 | 58,819 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 56,450 | 51,290 |
| Special charges | 1,135 | - |
| Income from operations | 9,026 | 7,529 |
| Interest expense | - | (41) |
| Other, net | 46 | 65 |
| Income before taxes | 9,072 | 7,553 |
| Income tax provision | $(3,597)$ | $(3,059)$ |
| Net income | \$ 5,475 | \$ 4,494 |
| Earnings per common share: |  |  |
| Basic | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.17 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.17 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: |  |  |
| Basic | 26,439 | 26,901 |
| Diluted | 26,586 | 26,986 |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

## PC CONNECTION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1-Financial Statements

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited) (amounts in thousands)

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Three Months Ended } \\ \text { March 31, } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: |  |  |
| Net income | \$ 5,475 | \$ 4,494 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,558 | 1,344 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 99 | 414 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,894 | 571 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 1,047 | 205 |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets | 71 | 3 |
| Income tax benefit from stock-based compensation | 6 | - |
| Fair value adjustment to contingent consideration | 10 | - |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: |  |  |
| Accounts receivable | 52,686 | 23,072 |
| Inventories | 14,909 | 6,889 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | $(1,839)$ | (712) |
| Other non-current assets | (68) | (104) |
| Accounts payable | $(19,041)$ | $(5,205)$ |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | $(1,646)$ | $(1,842)$ |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 55,161 | 29,129 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: |  |  |
| Purchases of property and equipment | $(2,823)$ | $(2,120)$ |
| Acquisition of ValCom Technology, net of cash acquired | - | $(3,745)$ |
| Net cash used for investing activities | $(2,823)$ | $(5,865)$ |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: |  |  |
| Repayment of short-term borrowings | $(12,471)$ | - |
| Proceeds from short-term borrowings | 7,204 | - |
| Purchase of treasury shares | $(1,715)$ | - |
| Repayment of capital lease obligation to affiliate | (233) | (209) |
| Exercise of stock options | 14 | 131 |
| Net cash used for financing activities | (7,201) | (78) |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | 45,137 | 23,186 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 4,615 | 35,374 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$49,752 | \$58,560 |
| Non-cash Investing and Financing Activities: |  |  |
| Issuance of nonvested stock from treasury | \$ 740 | \$ |
| Accrued capital expenditures | 520 | 1,707 |
| Contingent consideration included in accrued expenses and other liabilities | - | 2,880 |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

## PC CONNECTION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1-Financial Statements

## NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (amounts in thousands, except per share data)

## Note 1—Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of PC Connection, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company," "we," "us," or "our") have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such principles were applied on a basis consistent with the accounting policies described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of the results of operations for the interim periods reported and of the Company's financial condition as of the date of the interim balance sheet. The Company considers events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued to provide additional evidence relative to certain estimates or to identify matters that require additional disclosure. Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of issuance of these financial statements. The operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2012 may not be indicative of the results expected for any succeeding quarter or the entire year ending December 31, 2012.

## Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the amounts reported in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Comprehensive Income

We had no items of comprehensive income, other than our net income for each of the periods presented.

## Note 2-Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per common share is computed using the weighted average number of shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is computed using the weighted average number of shares outstanding adjusted for the incremental shares attributable to nonvested stock units and stock options outstanding, if dilutive.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

|  | Thre | nde |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March 31, | 2012 | 2011 |
| Numerator: |  |  |
| Net income | \$ 5,475 | \$ 4,494 |
| Denominator: |  |  |
| Denominator for basic earnings per share | 26,439 | 26,901 |
| Dilutive effect of employee equity awards | 147 | 85 |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per share | 26,586 | 26,986 |
| Earnings per share: |  |  |
| Basic | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.17 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.17 |

For the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, the following stock options were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share because the effect would have been anti-dilutive:

| March 31, | $\frac{\text { Three Months Ended }}{\underline{2012}}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Common stock options | $\underline{317}$ |
| $\underline{468}$ |  |

## Note 3-Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

## Goodwill

Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives are not amortized but are subject to an annual impairment test. These assets are tested more frequently if events or circumstances occur that would indicate a potential decline in fair value. The goodwill impairment test, performed at a reporting unit level, is a two-step test that requires, under the first test, that we determine the fair value of a reporting unit and compare it to the reporting unit's carrying value, including goodwill. Established income and market valuation approaches are used to determine the fair value of a reporting unit.

Our annual impairment test of an indefinite-lived trademark and goodwill is set as of the first day of the year. Goodwill is held by the two reporting units comprising our Large Account segment. We determined that the fair values of the trademark and the reporting units to which the goodwill balances relate substantially exceeded their respective carrying values. Accordingly, we did not identify any impairment as of January 1, 2012.

We did not identify any events or circumstances that would indicate that it is more likely than not that the carrying value of either reporting unit was in excess of its fair value during the three months ended March 31, 2012. As a result, we did not perform an interim test for impairment. There were no changes to the balance of goodwill in the three months ended March 31, 2012.

## Intangible Assets

At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, our intangible assets included the MoreDirect tradename of $\$ 1,190$, which has an indefinite life and is not subject to amortization. Our amortizable intangible assets and related accumulated amortization are detailed below:

|  | Estimated | March 31, 2012 |  |  |  | December 31, 2011 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Useful <br> Lives | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gross } \\ & \text { Amount } \end{aligned}$ | Accumulated Amortization |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Net } \\ \text { Amount } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gross } \\ & \text { Amount } \end{aligned}$ | Accumulated Amortization |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Net } \\ \text { Amount } \end{gathered}$ |
| Customer List | 8 | \$ 3,400 |  | 499 | \$2,901 | \$ 3,400 | \$ | 336 | \$3,064 |
| License Agreement | 5 | 1,250 |  | 493 | 757 | 1,250 |  | 435 | 815 |
| Tradename | 5 | 200 |  | 77 | 123 | 200 |  | 64 | 136 |
| Total Intangible Assets |  | \$4,850 |  | 1,069 | \$3,781 | \$4,850 | \$ | 835 | \$4,015 |

For the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, we recorded amortization expense of $\$ 234$ and $\$ 56$, respectively. The estimated amortization expense in each of the five succeeding years and thereafter is as follows:

| For the Year Ending December 31, |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2012 | $\$ 703($ e) |
| 2013 | 789 |
| 2014 | 776 |
| 2015 | 602 |
| 2016 | 371 |
| 2017 and thereafter | 540 |

(*) Represents estimated amortization expense for the nine months ending December 31, 2012.

## Note 4-Segment and Related Disclosures

We are required to report profits and losses and certain other information about our "reportable operating segments" in our annual and interim financial statements. The internal reporting structure used by our chief operating decision maker ("CODM") to assess performance and allocate resources determines the basis for our reportable operating segments. Our CODM is our Chairman of the Board of Directors, and she evaluates operations and allocates resources based on a measure of operating income.

Our operations are organized under three reporting segments-the SMB segment, which serves primarily small- and medium-sized businesses, consumers, and small office/home office ("SOHO") markets; the Large Account segment, which serves primarily medium-to-large corporations; and the Public Sector segment, which serves primarily federal, state, and local government and educational institutions. In addition, the Headquarters/Other group provides services in areas such as finance, human resources, information technology, marketing, and product management. Most of the operating costs associated with the Headquarters/Other group functions are charged to the operating segments based on their estimated usage of the underlying functions. We report these charges to the operating segments as "Allocations." Certain of the headquarters costs relating to executive oversight and other fiduciary functions that are not allocated to the operating segments are included under the heading of Headquarters/Other in the tables below.

In 2011, we managed our Consumer/SOHO business as a separate operating segment. Effective January 1, 2012, we merged our Consumer/SOHO business into our SMB business to better serve the Consumer/SOHO customers and improve operating efficiencies. We have revised the reporting of operating segments to reflect the new basis for assessing performance and allocating resources. Under this revised reporting structure, the operating results related to our consumer and SOHO customers that were formerly reported separately are now included within the SMB segment. We have restated prior year segment information to conform to our revised segment reporting structure.

On March 17, 2011, we acquired ValCom, a provider of IT infrastructure and on-site managed services to medium-to-large corporations. We have included the operating results for ValCom in our Large Account segment from the date of the acquisition. For the three-month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, we reported external sales for ValCom of $\$ 10,491$ and $\$ 899$, respectively, which were immaterial to our consolidated results. The operating results of ValCom for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 were also immaterial to our consolidated results.

Net sales presented below exclude inter-segment product revenues. Segment information applicable to our reportable operating segments for the three months March 31, 2012 and 2011 is shown below:

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \text { Segment } \\ \text { Segr } \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Large } \\ \text { Account } \\ \text { Segment } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Public } \\ \text { Sector } \\ \text { Segment } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Headquarters/ } \\ \text { Other } \end{gathered}$ | Consolidated |
| Net sales | \$225,295 |  | \$181,316 | \$92,152 |  | \$498,763 |
| Operating income (loss) before allocations | \$ 17,663 |  | \$ 8,776 | \$ 4,942 | \$ $(22,355)$ | \$ 9,026 |
| Allocations | $(11,387)$ |  | $(1,423)$ | $(4,982)$ | 17,792 | - |
| Operating income (loss) | \$ 6,276 |  | \$ 7,353 | \$ (40) | \$ (4,563) | \$ 9,026 |
| Net interest expense and other, net |  |  |  |  |  | 46 |
| Income before taxes |  |  |  |  |  | \$ 9,072 |
| Selected Operating Expense: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ |  | 465 | \$ 44 | \$ 1,046 | \$ 1,558 |
| Special charges | - |  | - | - | 1,135 | 1,135 |
| Balance Sheet Data as of March 31, 2012: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total assets | \$ 133,759 |  | 201,073 | \$ 53,416 | \$ 59,367 | \$447,615 |
|  | Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { SMB } \\ \text { Segment } \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Large } \\ \text { Account } \\ \text { Segment } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Public } \\ \text { Sector } \\ \text { Segment } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c}\text { Headquarters/ } \\ \text { Other }\end{array}}$ | Consolidated |
| Net sales | \$224,734 |  | 146,847 | \$90,345 |  | \$461,926 |
| Operating income (loss) before allocations | \$ 16,503 |  | 7,499 | \$ 3,844 | \$ $(20,317)$ | \$ 7,529 |
| Allocations | $(11,286)$ |  | $(1,702)$ | $(4,381)$ | 17,369 | - |
| Operating income (loss) | \$ 5,217 |  | 5,797 | \$ (537) | \$ (2,948) | \$ 7,529 |
| Net interest expense and other, net |  |  |  |  |  | 24 |
| Income before taxes |  |  |  |  |  | \$ 7,553 |
| Selected Operating Expense: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 11 |  | 151 | \$ 32 | \$ 1,150 | \$ 1,344 |

The assets held by our operating segments are primarily accounts receivables, intercompany receivables, goodwill, and other intangibles. Assets reported under the Headquarters/Other group are managed by corporate headquarters, including cash, inventory, and property and equipment, and are presented net of intercompany balance eliminations of $\$ 35,936$ as of March 31, 2012. Our capital expenditures are comprised largely of IT hardware and software purchased to maintain or upgrade our management information systems. These systems serve all of our subsidiaries, to varying degrees, and as a result, our CODM does not evaluate capital expenditures on a segment basis.

Senior management also monitors consolidated revenue by product mix (Notebook; Desktop/Server; Software; Net/Com Product; Video, Imaging and Sound; Printer and Printer Supplies; Storage; Memory and System Enhancement; and Accessory/Other).

Net sales by product mix is presented below:

| March 31, | Three Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 |
| Notebook | \$ 84,699 | \$ 83,283 |
| Desktop/Server | 82,443 | 70,998 |
| Software | 72,286 | 62,846 |
| Net/Com Product | 48,351 | 43,285 |
| Video, Imaging and Sound | 48,203 | 48,669 |
| Printer and Printer Supplies | 37,171 | 36,224 |
| Storage | 36,033 | 39,329 |
| Memory and System Enhancement | 17,073 | 18,679 |
| Accessory/Other | 72,504 | 58,613 |
| Total | \$498,763 | \$461,926 |

## Note 5-Commitments and Contingencies

We are subject to various legal proceedings and claims, including patent infringement claims, which have arisen during the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the outcome of such matters is not expected to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations, and cash flows.

We are subject to audits by states on sales and income taxes, unclaimed property, employment matters, and other assessments. A comprehensive multistate unclaimed property audit continues to be in progress. While we believe we have adequately provided for known and estimated liabilities, it is too early to determine the ultimate outcome of such audits, as no formal assessments have yet been made. Additional liabilities for this and other audits could be assessed, and such outcomes could have a material, negative impact on our financial position, results of operations, and cash flows.

## Note 6-Bank Borrowing and Trade Credit Arrangements

We have a $\$ 50,000$ credit facility we entered into in February 2012 that has a five-year term. The new bank facility contains substantially the same terms and conditions as our prior facility, except that the loan is collateralized only by receivables, and no longer contains restrictions on the repurchase of our common stock or the payment of dividends. This facility can be increased, at our option, to $\$ 80,000$ for approved acquisitions or other uses authorized by the lender at substantially the same terms. Amounts outstanding under this facility bear interest at the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, plus a spread based on our funded debt ratio, or in the absence of LIBOR, the prime rate ( $3.25 \%$ at March 31, 2012). The one-month LIBOR rate at March 31, 2012 was $0.24 \%$. The credit facility includes various customary financial ratios and operating covenants, including minimum net worth and maximum funded debt ratio requirements, and default acceleration provisions, none of which we believe significantly restricts our operations. Funded debt ratio is the ratio of average outstanding advances under the credit facility to Adjusted EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest Expense, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization, and Special Charges). The maximum allowable funded debt ratio under the agreement is 2.0 to 1.0 . Borrowings under the credit facility during the quarter were minimal in amount and duration and were utilized to facilitate short-term working capital requirements. Our financial ratio did not limit potential borrowings at March 31, 2012. Decreases in our consolidated Adjusted EBITDA, however, could limit our potential borrowings under the credit facility. We had no outstanding bank borrowings at March 31, 2012, and during the quarter, we paid down the $\$ 5,267$ outstanding under the predecessor credit facility at December 31, 2011.

At March 31, 2012, we had security agreements with two financial institutions to facilitate the purchase of inventory from various suppliers under certain terms and conditions. The agreements allow a collateralized first position in certain branded products in our inventory financed by the financial institutions up to an aggregated amount of $\$ 47,000$. The cost of such financing under these agreements is borne by the suppliers by discounting their invoices to the financial institutions. We do not pay any interest or discount fees on such inventory. At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, accounts payable included $\$ 16,356$ and $\$ 22,827$, respectively, owed to these financial institutions.

## Note 7-Treasury Stock Purchases

On March 28, 2001, our Board of Directors authorized the spending of up to $\$ 15,000$ to repurchase our common stock. Our prior bank credit facility limited such repurchases subsequent to June 2005, however, our new facility, which we entered into in February 2012, no longer contains restrictions on the repurchase of our common stock. We consider block repurchases directly from larger shareholders, as well as open market purchases, in carrying out our ongoing stock repurchase program.

In the three months ended March 31, 2012, we repurchased 162 shares for $\$ 1,466$, excluding net share settlements discussed below. As of March 31, 2012, we have repurchased an aggregate of 1,682 shares for $\$ 12,233$, and the maximum approximate dollar value of shares that may yet be purchased under the board authorization is $\$ 2,767$. During the three months ended March 31, 2012, we issued upon the vesting of restricted stock 100 shares from treasury with a fair value of $\$ 740$ and have reflected the net remaining balance of treasury stock on the condensed consolidated balance sheet. In connection with the vesting, we withheld 30 shares, having an aggregate fair value of $\$ 249$, to satisfy related tax obligations. This share withholding transaction was recognized as a repurchase of common stock and returned to treasury but did not apply against authorized repurchase limits under our Board of Directors' authorization.

## Note 8-Fair Value

Our financial instruments consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and contingent liability related to the ValCom acquisition. The carrying values of cash, accounts receivable, and accounts payable approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

We are required to measure fair value under a fair value hierarchy that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. Observable inputs are obtained from independent sources and can be validated by a third party, whereas unobservable inputs reflect assumptions regarding what a third party would use in pricing an asset or liability. A financial instrument's categorization within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Three levels of inputs may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1-Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
Level 2-Include other inputs that are directly or indirectly observable in the marketplace.
Level 3-Unobservable inputs which are supported by little or no market activity.
We measure our cash equivalents at fair value and classify such assets within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. This classification has been determined based on the manner in which we value our cash equivalents, primarily using quoted market prices for identical assets. The Level 3 liability consists of contingent consideration related to our acquisition of ValCom in the first quarter of 2011. The fair value of the contingent consideration was estimated by applying the income approach, which utilizes significant inputs that are unobservable in the market. Key assumptions used at the initial valuation date included a discount rate of $4.8 \%$ and a $100 \%$ probability of achievement. There have been no significant changes in those assumptions since the initial valuation date. In April 2012, we paid $\$ 1,000$ of the contingent consideration. The third and final remaining payment of up to $\$ 1,000$ is expected to be paid in the fourth quarter of 2012 upon achievement of a revenue milestone.

A roll forward of Level 3 liabilities is as follows:

| March 31, | Three Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 |
| Balance beginning of period | \$1,960 | \$ - |
| Fair value of ValCom contingent liability on date of acquisition | - | 2,880 |
| Payments | - | - |
| Change in fair value (included within selling, general and administrative expenses) | 10 | - |
| Balance end of period | \$1,970 | \$2,880 |

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis consisted of the following types of instruments at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011:


## Note 9—Special Charges

In the first quarter of 2012, we recorded special charges of $\$ 1,135$ related to awards granted upon the retirement of a former executive officer, as well as workforce reductions. We did not record any such charges in the three months ended March 31, 2011. A roll forward of the accrual for these charges for the three months ended March 31, 2012 is shown below.

| March 31, 2012 <br> Balance beginning of period <br> $\quad$ Charges | Three Months <br> Ended |
| :--- | ---: |
| $\quad$ Issuance of nonvested stock | $\$-1,135$ |
| $\quad$ Cash payments | $(842)$ |
| Balance end of period | $\underline{(155)}$ |

The issuance of nonvested stock for $\$ 842$ was a non-cash charge. The remaining obligation of $\$ 138$ was reported as accrued payroll on the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

# PC CONNECTION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES <br> PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION <br> Item 2-MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS 

Our management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations include the identification of certain trends and other statements that may predict or anticipate future business or financial results that are subject to important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated. See Item 1A. "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 on file with the SEC.

## OVERVIEW

We are a leading direct marketer of a wide range of information technology, or IT, solutions. We help companies design, enable, manage, and service their IT environments. We provide IT products, including computer systems, software and peripheral equipment, networking communications, and other products and accessories that we purchase from manufacturers, distributors, and other suppliers. We also offer an extensive range of services involving design, configuration, and implementation of IT solutions. These services are performed by our personnel and by third-party providers. We operate through three sales segments, which serve primarily: (a) small- to medium-sized businesses and consumers and small office/home office ("SOHO") customers, in SMB, through our PC Connection Sales subsidiary, (b) large enterprise customers, in Large Account, through our MoreDirect and ValCom Technology ("ValCom") subsidiaries, and (c) federal, state, and local government and educational institutions, in Public Sector, through our GovConnection subsidiary.

We generate sales primarily through outbound telemarketing and field sales contacts by account managers focused on the business, education, and government markets, our websites, and inbound calls from customers responding to our catalogs and other advertising media. We seek to recruit, retain, and increase the productivity of our sales personnel through training, mentoring, financial incentives based on performance, and updating and streamlining our information systems to make our operations more efficient.

As a value added reseller in the IT supply chain, we do not manufacture IT hardware or software. We are dependent on our suppliers - manufacturers and distributors that historically have sold only to resellers rather than directly to end users. However, certain manufacturers have on multiple occasions attempted to sell directly to our customers, and in some cases, have restricted our ability to sell their products directly to certain customers, thereby attempting to eliminate our role. We believe that the success of these direct sales efforts by suppliers will depend on their ability to meet our customers' ongoing demands and provide objective, unbiased solutions to meet their needs. We believe more of our customers are seeking total IT solutions, rather than simply the acquisition of specific IT products. Our advantage is our ability to be product-neutral and provide a broader combination of products, services, and advice tailored to customer needs. By providing customers with customized solutions from a variety of manufacturers, we believe we can mitigate the negative impact of continued direct sales initiatives from individual manufacturers. Through the formation of our ProConnection services group, and our acquisition of ValCom, we are able to provide customers complete IT solutions, from identifying their needs, to designing, developing, and managing the integration of products and services to implement their IT projects. Such service offerings carry higher margins than traditional product sales. Additionally, the technical certifications of our service engineers permit us to offer higher-end, more complex products that generally carry higher gross margins. We expect these service offerings and technical certifications to continue to play a role in sales generation and improve gross margins in this competitive environment.

Market conditions and technology advances significantly affect the demand for our products and services. Virtual delivery of software products and advanced Internet technology providing customers enhanced functionality have substantially increased customer expectations, requiring us to invest more heavily in our own

IT development to meet these new demands. This investment includes planned expenditures to update our websites. As buying trends change and electronic commerce continues to grow, customers have become more sophisticated due to the amount and quality of information available and the increased number of readily available choices. Customers are also better able to make price comparisons through the Internet, thereby necessitating more aggressive pricing strategies to remain competitive. While it is not possible for us to estimate with any degree of accuracy the level of sales we may have lost or may lose in the future as a result of such increased buyer sophistication, our consolidated Internet sales have consistently represented between $30 \%-35 \%$ of net sales over the last three years and our gross profit margins have generally increased year over year for the past two years.

The primary challenges we continue to face in effectively managing our business are (1) increasing our revenues while at the same time maintaining or improving our gross margin in all three segments, (2) recruiting, retaining, and improving the productivity of our sales personnel, and (3) effectively controlling our selling, general, and administrative, or SG\&A, expenses while making major investments in our IT systems and solution selling personnel.

To support future growth, we are expanding our IT solution business, which requires the addition of highly-skilled service engineers. We are still in the early stages of this multi-year initiative, and, although we expect to realize the ultimate benefit of higher-margin service revenues, we believe that our SG\&A expenses will increase significantly as we add service engineers. If our service revenues do not grow enough to offset the cost of these headcount additions, our operating results may decline.

To operate more efficiently, we have undertaken a comprehensive review and assessment of our entire business software needs. That review and assessment includes the review of commercially available software that meets, or can be configured to meet, those needs better than our existing software. As of March 31, 2012, we have capitalized $\$ 9.5$ million of software and integration costs for the initial phase of this software project. While we have not yet finalized our decisions regarding to what extent additional software will be acquired and implemented beyond the Customer Master Data Management ("MDM") software we have acquired to date, we expect to increase our capital investments in our IT infrastructure in the next three years, which will also likely increase SG\&A expenses.

## RECENT EVENTS

Effective January 1, 2012, we merged our Consumer/SOHO segment into our SMB segment to better serve the Consumer/SOHO customers and to achieve operating efficiencies. We have revised the reporting of operating segments to reflect the new basis for assessing performance and allocating resources. Under this revised reporting structure, the operating results related to our consumer and SOHO customers that were formerly reported separately are now included within the SMB segment. We have restated prior year segment information to conform to our revised segment reporting structure.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth information derived from our statements of operations expressed as a percentage of net sales for the periods indicated:

| March 31, | Three Months Ended |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 1}}$ |
| Net sales (in millions) | $\underline{498.8}$ | $\underline{\$ 461.9}$ |
| Net sales | $100.0 \%$ | $100.0 \%$ |
| Gross margin | 13.4 | 12.7 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 11.3 | 11.1 |
| Special charges | 0.3 | - |
| Income from operations | $1.8 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ |

Net sales in the first quarter of 2012 increased by $\$ 36.8$ million, or $8.0 \%$, as our SMB, Large Account, and Public Sector sales increased year over year by $0.2 \%, 23.5 \%$, and $2.0 \%$ respectively. Excluding ValCom sales from both quarters, our consolidated net sales would have increased by $5.9 \%$ year over year. As noted above, we combined our SMB and Consumer/SOHO segments on January 1, 2012. Excluding sales to our consumer and SOHO customers, SMB sales would have increased by $4.0 \%$ year over year. Gross margin (gross profit expressed as a percentage of net sales) increased in all three segments primarily due to our focus on margin improvement. SG\&A expenses increased in dollars and as a percentage of net sales due to investments in internal systems projects, incremental variable compensation, and the inclusion of the operating expenses of ValCom, which we acquired late in the first quarter of 2011. Operating income in the first quarter of 2012 increased year over year by $\$ 1.5$ million due to the increase in net sales and gross margin.

## Net Sales Distribution

The following table sets forth our percentage of net sales by business segment and product mix:

| March 31, | Three Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 |
| Business Segment |  |  |
| SMB | 45\% | 49\% |
| Large Account | 36 | 32 |
| Public Sector | 19 | 19 |
| Total | 100\% | 100\% |
| Product Mix |  |  |
| Notebook | 17\% | 18\% |
| Desktop/Server | 17 | 15 |
| Software | 14 | 14 |
| Video, Imaging and Sound | 10 | 10 |
| Net/Com Product | 10 | 9 |
| Storage | 7 | 9 |
| Printer and Printer Supplies | 7 | 8 |
| Memory and System Enhancement | 3 | 4 |
| Accessory/Other | 15 | 13 |
| Total | 100\% | 100\% |

## Gross margin

The following table summarizes our gross margin, as a percentage of net sales, over the periods indicated:

| March 31, | Three Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 |
| Business Segment |  |  |
| SMB | 15.2\% | 14.1\% |
| Large Account | 11.8 | 11.4 |
| Public Sector | 11.9 | 11.5 |
| Total | 13.4\% | 12.7\% |

On a consolidated basis, gross margin increased year over year due primarily to improved invoice selling margins ( 25 basis points) and incremental vendor consideration ( 16 basis points) as a percentage of net sales compared to the prior year period. Invoice selling margins increased due to our companywide focus on margin improvement and increased sales of higher-margin solution services and products.

## Cost of Sales and Certain Other Costs

Cost of sales includes the invoice cost of the product, direct employee and third party cost of services, direct costs of packaging, inbound and outbound freight, and provisions for inventory obsolescence, adjusted for discounts, rebates, and other vendor allowances. Direct operating expenses relating to our purchasing function and receiving, inspection, internal transfer, warehousing, packing and shipping, and other expenses of our distribution center are included in our SG\&A expenses. Accordingly, our gross margin may not be comparable to margins of other entities that include all of the costs related to their distribution network in cost of goods sold. Such distribution costs included in our SG\&A expenses, as a percentage of net sales for the periods reported, are as follows:

|  | Three Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March 31, | 2012 | 201 |
| Purchasing/Distribution Center | 0.68\% | $0.69 \%$ |

## Operating Expenses

The following table breaks out our more significant SG\&A expenses for the periods indicated (dollars in millions):

| March 31, | Three Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 |
| Personnel costs | \$ 40.6 | \$ 36.4 |
| Advertising | 5.8 | 4.9 |
| Facilities operations | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| Professional fees | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Credit card fees | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| Bad debts | - | 0.4 |
| Other, net | 2.4 | 2.2 |
| Total | \$56.5 | \$ 51.3 |
| Percentage of net sales | 11.3\% | 11.1\% |

Personnel costs increased year over year in the three months ended March 31, 2012, due to investments in solutions sales and support areas, increased variable compensation associated with higher gross profits, and the inclusion of the SG\&A expenses of ValCom, which we acquired late in the first quarter of 2011.

## Year-Over-Year Comparisons

## Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2011

Changes in net sales and gross profit by business segment are shown in the following table (dollars in millions):

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Amount | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% of Net } \\ \text { Sales } \end{gathered}$ | Amount | $\% \text { of Net }$ Sales |  |
| Sales: |  |  |  |  |  |
| SMB | \$225.3 | 45.2\% | \$ 224.7 | 48.7\% | 0.2\% |
| Large Account | 181.3 | 36.3 | 146.9 | 31.8 | 23.5 |
| Public Sector | 92.2 | 18.5 | 90.3 | 19.5 | 2.0 |
| Total | \$498.8 | 100.0\% | \$461.9 | 100.0\% | 8.0\% |
| Gross Profit: |  |  |  |  |  |
| SMB | \$ 34.2 | 15.2\% | \$ 31.6 | 14.1\% | 8.0\% |
| Large Account | 21.4 | 11.8 | 16.8 | 11.4 | 27.8 |
| Public Sector | 11.0 | 11.9 | 10.4 | 11.5 | 5.7 |
| Total | \$ 66.6 | 13.4\% | \$ 58.8 | 12.7\% | 13.2\% |

Net sales increased in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011, as explained below:

- Net sales for the SMB segment increased only slightly year over year. Software and net/com sales increased year over year by double-digit growth rates, however, these increases were partially offset by lower sales to consumer and SOHO customers. Excluding these lower sales, SMB sales would have increased by $4.0 \%$ year over year. Sales representatives for the SMB segment totaled 395 at March 31, 2012, compared to 390 at March 31, 2011, and 391 at December 31, 2011.
- Net sales for the Large Account segment increased by $23.5 \%$ year over year. This segment includes the operating results for ValCom, a provider of infrastructure management and onsite managed services, which we acquired late in the first quarter of 2011. Excluding ValCom's sales for the quarter, Large Account sales would have increased year over year by $17.1 \%$ as IT demand continued to be strong in the enterprise sector. Sales representatives for our Large Account segment totaled 128 at March 31, 2012, compared to 122 at March 31, 2011, and 133 at December 31, 2011.
- Net sales to government and education customers (Public Sector segment) increased year over year by $2.0 \%$ to $\$ 92.2$ million. Sales to state and local government and educational institutions were relatively unchanged compared to last year, while sales to the federal government increased by $5.5 \%$ year over year. Sales representatives for our Public Sector segment totaled 136 at March 31, 2012, compared to 141 sales representatives at both March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2011.

Gross profit for the first quarter of 2012 increased year over year in dollars and as a percentage of net sales (gross margin), as explained below:

- Gross profit for the SMB segment increased primarily due to an increase in gross margin. Gross margin was higher year over year due to an increase in vendor consideration ( 44 basis points) and invoice selling margins ( 37 basis points). We attribute the improvement in invoice selling margins to our margin-improvement initiatives and increased sales of higher-margin solution products and services.
- Gross profit for the Large Account segment increased due to higher net sales and gross margin. Improved invoice selling margins ( 32 basis points) and an increase in vendor funding ( 18 basis points) contributed to the margin improvement. We attribute the increase in invoice selling margins to the inclusion of higher-margin services revenue of ValCom, which we acquired in the first quarter of 2011.
- Gross profit for the Public Sector segment increased due to an increase in net sales and gross margin. Gross margin improved as an increase in invoice selling margins ( 79 basis points) more than offset a decrease in vendor consideration ( 30 basis points).

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased in dollars and as a percentage of net sales in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the prior year quarter. SG\&A expenses attributable to our three operating segments and the remaining unallocated Headquarters/Other group expenses are summarized below (dollars in millions):

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  | \% of Net |  | \% of Net |  |
|  | Amount | Sales | Amount | Sales |  |
| SMB | \$ 28.0 | 12.4\% | \$26.5 | 11.8\% | 5.6\% |
| Large Account | 14.1 | 7.8 | 11.0 | 7.5 | 28.4 |
| Public Sector | 11.0 | 11.9 | 10.9 | 12.1 | 0.9 |
| Headquarters/Other | 3.4 |  | 2.9 |  | 16.3 |
| Total | \$56.5 | 11.3\% | \$ 51.3 | 11.1\% | 10.1\% |

- SG\&A expenses for the SMB segment increased in dollars and as a percentage of net sales due to increased marketing expenditures and investments in solution sales and support personnel. Incremental variable compensation associated with the increase in gross profits discussed above also contributed to the overall dollar increase.
- SG\&A expenses for the Large Account segment increased in dollars and as a percentage of net sales. The dollar increase resulted from investments in sales support areas, increased marketing expenditures, and the inclusion of the operating expenses of ValCom, which we acquired late in the first quarter of 2011. Incremental variable compensation associated with the increase in gross profits discussed above also contributed to the overall dollar increase. The increase as a percentage of net sales was due primarily to the higher SG\&A expense rate attributable to ValCom and its services business model.
- SG\&A expenses for the Public Sector segment increased slightly in dollars, but decreased as a percentage of net sales. The increased usage of centralized headquarter services was largely offset by a decrease in advertising and personnel costs.
- SG\&A expenses for the Headquarters/Other group increased due to an increase in unallocated personnel and related costs. The Headquarters/Other group provides services to the three reportable operating segments in areas such as finance, human resources, IT, marketing, and product management. Most of the operating costs associated with such corporate headquarters functions are charged to the operating segments based on their estimated usage of the underlying functions. The increase relates to personnel and other costs related to senior management oversight, which is not normally allocated to operating units.

Special charges totaled $\$ 1.1$ million in the first quarter of 2012 and were related to the retirement of a former executive officer, as well as workforce reductions. We did not record any such charges in the three months ended March 31, 2011.

Income from operations for the first quarter of 2012 increased to $\$ 9.0$ million, compared to $\$ 7.5$ million for the first quarter of 2011. Income from operations as a percentage of net sales was $1.8 \%$ for the first quarter of 2012 , compared to $1.6 \%$ of net sales for the prior year quarter. The increases in operating income and operating margin resulted primarily from the respective increase in net sales and gross margin.

Our effective tax rate was $39.6 \%$ for the first quarter of 2012 compared to an effective tax rate of $40.5 \%$ for the first quarter of 2011. Our tax rate will continue to vary based on variations in state tax levels for certain subsidiaries, valuation reserves, and accounting for uncertain tax positions, however we do not expect these variations to be significant in 2012.

Net income for the first quarter of 2012 increased to $\$ 5.5$ million, compared to $\$ 4.5$ million for the first quarter of 2011, principally due to the increase in operating income.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary sources of liquidity have historically been internally generated funds from operations and borrowings under our bank line of credit. We have used those funds to meet our capital requirements, which consist primarily of working capital for operational needs, capital expenditures for computer equipment and software used in our business, repurchases of common stock for treasury, and as opportunities arise, acquisitions of new businesses.

We believe that funds generated from operations, together with available credit under our bank line of credit and inventory trade credit agreements, will be sufficient to finance our working capital, capital expenditures, and other requirements for at least the next twelve calendar months. Aside from our expenditures on the Customer MDM software initiative, we expect our capital needs for the next twelve months to consist primarily of capital expenditures of $\$ 9.0$ to $\$ 12.0$ million and payments on capital lease and other contractual obligations of approximately $\$ 3.7$ million. In addition, we continue to evaluate and assess our entire business software needs. That assessment includes the review of commercially available software that meets, or can be configured to meet, those needs better than our existing software. While we have not finalized our decisions regarding to what extent new software will be acquired and implemented beyond the Customer MDM software we have acquired to date, the additional capital costs of such a project, if fully implemented, would likely exceed $\$ 20.0$ million over the next three years. As of March 31, 2012, we have capitalized $\$ 9.5$ million of software and integration costs for the Customer MDM software project, the first stage of our overall IT initiative, of which $\$ 1.2$ million was capitalized in the first quarter of 2012.

We expect to meet our cash requirements for the next twelve months through a combination of cash on hand, cash generated from operations and, if necessary, borrowings on our bank line of credit, as follows:

- Cash on Hand. At March 31, 2012, we had approximately $\$ 49.8$ million in cash.
- Cash Generated from Operations. We expect to generate cash flows from operations in excess of operating cash needs by generating earnings and offsetting net changes in inventories and receivables with compensating changes in payables to generate a positive cash flow.
- Credit Facilities. We did not have any borrowings outstanding at March 31, 2012 against our $\$ 50.0$ million bank line of credit, which is available through February 2017. Accordingly, our entire line of credit was available for borrowing at March 31, 2012. This line of credit can be increased, at our option, to $\$ 80.0$ million for approved acquisitions or other uses authorized by the bank. Borrowings are limited, however, by certain minimum collateral and earnings requirements, as described more fully below.
Our ability to continue funding our planned growth, both internally and externally, is dependent upon our ability to generate sufficient cash flow from operations or to obtain additional funds through equity or debt financing, or from other sources of financing, as may be required. While we do not anticipate needing any additional sources of financing to fund our operations at this time, if demand for IT products declines, our cash flows from operations may be substantially affected. See more about this and related risks listed under Item 1A. "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.


## Summary of Sources and Uses of Cash

The following table summarizes our sources and uses of cash over the periods indicated (in millions):

|  | Three Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March 31, | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$55.1 | \$29.1 |
| Net cash used for investing activities | (2.8) | (5.8) |
| Net cash used for financing activities | (7.2) | (0.1) |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | \$45.1 | \$23.2 |

Cash provided by operating activities increased by $\$ 26.0$ million in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the prior year quarter. Operating cash flow in the first quarter of 2012 resulted primarily from a decrease in accounts receivables and inventory, partially offset by a decrease in accounts payable. Accounts receivable decreased by $\$ 52.8$ million from the prior year-end balance due to improved collection efforts and lower net sales in first quarter of 2012 compared to the fourth quarter of 2011. Days sales outstanding were 43 days at March 31, 2012, compared to 41 days at March 31, 2011, and 47 days December 31, 2011. Inventory decreased in the first quarter of 2012 by $\$ 14.9$ million from the balance at December 31, 2011, due to lower inventory in transit and reduced stocking levels, which were previously elevated due to hard drive product constraints that existed at December 31, 2011. Inventory turns increased to 25 turns for the first quarter of 2012 compared to 24 turns for the prior year quarter.

At March 31, 2012, we had $\$ 111.9$ million in outstanding accounts payable. Such accounts are generally paid within 30 days of incurrence, or earlier when favorable cash discounts are offered. This amount includes $\$ 16.4$ million payable to two financial institutions under inventory trade credit agreements we use to finance our purchase of certain inventory, secured by the inventory so financed. We believe we will be able to meet these obligations with cash flows from operations and our existing line of credit.

Cash used for investing activities decreased by $\$ 3.0$ million in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the prior year quarter primarily due to our cash purchase of ValCom ( $\$ 3.7$ million, net) in the first quarter of 2011. Cash used to purchase property and equipment amounted to $\$ 2.8$ million in the first three months of 2012, compared to $\$ 2.1$ million in the prior year period. These expenditures were primarily for computer equipment and capitalized internallydeveloped software in connection with the IT initiative referred to in the above Liquidity and Capital Resources section. In addition, we agreed to pay up to $\$ 3.0$ million upon the achievement of three performance milestones in connection with our acquisition of ValCom. The second of the three milestones was successfully achieved during the first quarter of 2012, and as a result, we paid $\$ 1.0$ million in contingent consideration in April 2012. We expect to pay up to $\$ 1.0$ million in additional contingent consideration for the remaining milestone in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Cash used for financing activities in the first quarter of 2012 increased over the prior year period primarily due to repurchases of outstanding stock and the repayment of $\$ 5.3$ million in borrowings on our bank line of credit. We repurchased 161,969 shares at a total cost of $\$ 1.5$ million in first quarter of 2012 (an average price of $\$ 9.05$ per share). These repurchases were placed in treasury and are available for future equity grants or retirement. In addition, we withheld 29,600 shares, having a fair value of $\$ 0.3$ million, upon the vesting of a stock award to satisfy related tax obligations during the quarter ended March 31, 2012. We consider block repurchases directly from larger stockholders, as well as open market purchases, in carrying out our ongoing stock repurchase program.

## Debt Instruments, Contractual Agreements, and Related Covenants

Below is a summary of certain provisions of our credit facilities and other contractual obligations. For more information about the restrictive covenants in our debt instruments and inventory financing agreements, see "Factors Affecting Sources of Liquidity" below. For more information about our obligations, commitments, and contingencies, see our condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in this Quarterly Report

Bank Line of Credit. Our bank line of credit provides us with a borrowing capacity of up to $\$ 50.0$ million at the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, plus a spread based on our funded debt ratio, or in the absence of LIBOR, the prime rate ( $3.25 \%$ at March 31, 2012). The one-month LIBOR rate at March 31, 2012 was $0.24 \%$. In addition, we have the option to increase the facility by an additional $\$ 30.0$ million, based on sufficient levels of trade receivables to meet borrowing base requirements, and depending on meeting minimum Adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and special charges) and equity requirements, described below under "Factors Affecting Sources of Liquidity." Borrowings under the credit facility during the first quarter of 2012 were minimal in amount and duration and were utilized to facilitate short-term working capital requirements.

We renewed our bank line of credit in February 2012 for a five-year period. The new bank facility contains substantially the same terms and conditions as our prior facility, except that the loan is collateralized only by receivables, and it no longer contains restrictions on the repurchase of our common stock or the payment of dividends.

This facility operates under an automatic cash management program whereby disbursements in excess of available cash are added as borrowings at the time disbursement checks clear the bank, and available cash receipts are first applied against any outstanding borrowings and then invested in short-term qualified cash investments. Accordingly, borrowings under the line are classified as current. At March 31, 2012, the entire $\$ 50$ million facility was available for borrowing.

Inventory Trade Credit Agreements. We have additional security agreements with two financial institutions to facilitate the purchase of inventory from various suppliers under certain terms and conditions. These agreements allow a collateralized first position in certain branded products in our inventory that were financed by these two institutions. Although the agreements provide for up to $100 \%$ financing on the purchase price of these products, up to an aggregate of $\$ 47.0$ million, any outstanding financing must be fully secured by available inventory. The cost of such financing under these agreements is borne by the suppliers by discounting their invoices to the financial institutions. We do not pay any interest or discount fees on such inventory. Amounts outstanding under such facilities, which equaled $\$ 16.4$ million in the aggregate as of March 31, 2012, are recorded in accounts payable. The inventory financed is classified as inventory on the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Capital Leases. We have a fifteen-year lease for our corporate headquarters with an affiliated company related through common ownership. In addition to the rent payable under the facility lease, we are required to pay real estate taxes, insurance, and common area maintenance charges. The initial term of the lease expires in 2013, and we have the option to renew the lease for two additional terms of five years each.

Operating Leases. We also lease facilities from our principal stockholders and facilities and equipment from third parties under non-cancelable operating leases which have been reported in the "Contractual Obligations" section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Sports Marketing Commitments. We have entered into multi-year sponsorship agreements with the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox that extend to 2013 and 2014, respectively. These agreements, which grant us various marketing rights and seating access, require annual payments aggregating from $\$ 0.1$ million to $\$ 0.4$ million per year.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements. We do not have any other off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future material effect on our financial condition or changes in financial condition.

Contractual Obligations. The disclosures relating to our contractual obligations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 have not materially changed since the report was filed.

## Factors Affecting Sources of Liquidity

Internally Generated Funds. The key factors affecting our internally generated funds are our ability to minimize costs and fully achieve our operating efficiencies, timely collection of our customer receivables, and management of our inventory levels.

Bank Line of Credit. Our credit facility contains certain financial ratios and operational covenants and other restrictions (including restrictions on additional debt, guarantees, investments, and liens) with which we, and all of our subsidiaries, must comply. Any failure to comply with these covenants would constitute as a default and could prevent us from borrowing additional funds under this line of credit. This credit facility contains two financial tests:

- The funded debt ratio (defined as the average outstanding advances under the line for the quarter, divided by the consolidated Adjusted EBITDA for the trailing four quarters) must not be more than 2.0 to 1.0 . We did not have any outstanding borrowings under the credit facility at March 31, 2012, and accordingly, the funded debt ratio did not limit potential borrowings at the quarter end. Future decreases in our consolidated Adjusted EBITDA, however, could limit our potential borrowings under the credit facility.
- Minimum Consolidated Net Worth must be at least $\$ 250.0$ million, plus $50 \%$ of consolidated net income for each quarter, beginning with the quarter ended March 31, 2012 (loss quarters not counted). Such amount was calculated at March 31, 2012, as $\$ 252.7$ million, whereas our actual consolidated stockholders' equity at this date was $\$ 278.4$ million.

Inventory Trade Credit Agreements. These agreements contain similar financial ratios and operational covenants and restrictions as those contained in our bank line of credit described above. These agreements also contain cross-default provisions whereby a default under the bank agreement would also constitute a default under these agreements. Financing under these agreements is limited to the purchase of specific branded products from authorized suppliers, and amounts outstanding must be fully collateralized by inventories of those products on hand.

Capital Markets. Our ability to raise additional funds in the capital market depends upon, among other things, general economic conditions, the condition of the information technology industry, our financial performance and stock price, and the state of the capital markets.

## SUMMARY OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our critical accounting policies have not materially changed from those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. These policies include revenue recognition, accounts receivable, vendor allowances, inventory, and the value of goodwill and long-lived assets, including intangibles.

## INFLATION

We have historically offset any inflation in operating costs by a combination of increased productivity and price increases, where appropriate. We do not expect inflation to have a significant impact on our business in the foreseeable future.

# PC CONNECTION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES <br> PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 3-QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK 

For a description of the Company's market risks, see Item 7A. "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. No material changes have occurred in our market risks since December 31, 2011.

## PC CONNECTION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES <br> PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 4-CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2012. The term "disclosure controls and procedures," as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives as described above. Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of March 31, 2012, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

No change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) occurred during the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2012 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## Item 1A—Risk Factors

In addition to other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Item 1A. "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which could materially affect our business, financial position, and results of operations. Risk factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by forward-looking statements include but are not limited to those discussed or identified in this document, in our public filings with the SEC, and those incorporated by reference in Item 1A. "Risk Factors" 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 provides information about our purchases during the quarter ended March 31, 2012, of equity securities that we have registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act:

## ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

| Maximum Number (or |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approximate Dollar |
| Value) of Shares (or |
| Units) that May Yet |
| Be Purchased Under the |
| Plan or Programs (2) |

(1) In March 2012, 29,600 shares of our common stock were surrendered to satisfy statutory withholding requirements due upon the vesting of a restricted stock award.
(2) On March 28, 2001, our Board of Directors announced approval of a share repurchase program of our common stock having an aggregate value of up to $\$ 15.0$ million. Share purchases are made in open market transactions from time to time depending on market conditions. The program does not have a fixed expiration date.

## Item 6-Exhibits

Exhibit
Number
$10.1+$
31.1* Certification of the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2* Certification of the Company's Senior Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1* Certification of the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2* Certification of the Company's Senior Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.


## SIGNATURES

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

## PC CONNECTION, INC.

Date: May 7, 2012

Date: May 7, 2012

By: /s/ Timothy McGRATH
Timothy McGrath President and Chief Executive Officer

By: $\qquad$ /S/ JOSEPH DRISCOLL

Senior Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer

## CERTIFICATIONS

I, Timothy McGrath, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of PC Connection, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and
b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 7, 2012
/S/ Timothy MCGRATH
Timothy McGrath
President and Chief Executive Officer

## CERTIFICATIONS

I, Joseph Driscoll, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of PC Connection, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and
b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 7, 2012
/S/ JOSEPH DRISCOLL
Joseph Driscoll
Senior Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer

## CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,

## AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO

## SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of PC Connection, Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended March 31, 2012 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, Timothy McGrath, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:
(1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
(2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

| /S/ Timothy MCGRATH |
| :--- | :--- |
| Timothy McGrath |
| President and Chief Executive Officer |

## CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,

## AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO

## SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of PC Connection, Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended March 31, 2012 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, Joseph Driscoll, Senior Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:
(1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
(2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

| /S/ JOSEPH DRISCOLL |
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| Joseph Driscoll |
| Senior Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer |

