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

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FORM 10-Q

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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended February 28, 2014

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: 001-31892

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SYNEX CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	94-2703333 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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44201 Nobel Drive Fremont, California (Address of principal executive offices) (510) 656-3333 (Registrant’s telephone number, including area code)	94538 (Zip Code)
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  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). Yes  No

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

Class	Outstanding as of March 31, 2014
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	39,099,916

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## PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. Financial Statements

## SYNEX CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(currency and share amounts in thousands, except for par value)

(unaudited)

	February 28, 2014	November 30, 2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 148,403	\$ 151,622
Short-term investments	14,007	15,134
Accounts receivable, net	1,556,993	1,593,191
Receivable from related parties	780	146
Inventories	1,225,487	1,095,107
Current deferred tax assets	18,478	22,031
Other current assets	160,541	54,502
Total current assets	3,124,689	2,931,733
Property and equipment, net	168,508	133,249
Goodwill	376,402	188,535
Intangible assets, net	200,542	23,772
Deferred tax assets	366	7,867
Other assets	58,066	40,733
Total assets	\$ 3,928,573	\$ 3,325,889
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Borrowings under securitization, term loans and lines of credit	\$ 480,881	\$ 252,523
Accounts payable	1,304,717	1,350,040
Payable to related parties	9,902	3,861
Accrued liabilities	225,272	181,325
Income taxes payable	12,008	1,629
Total current liabilities	2,032,780	1,789,378
Long-term borrowings	281,826	65,405
Long-term liabilities	77,027	56,418
Deferred tax liabilities	10,999	3,047
Total liabilities	2,402,632	1,914,248
Commitments and contingencies (Note 17)		
SYNEX Corporation stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, 5,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 100,000 shares authorized, 39,450 and 38,052 shares issued as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, respectively	39	38
Additional paid-in capital	364,319	286,329
Treasury stock, 843 and 842 shares as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, respectively	(27,522)	(27,450)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	17,092	19,168
Retained earnings	1,171,554	1,133,137

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Total SYNEX Corporation stockholders' equity	1,525,482	1,411,222
Noncontrolling interest	459	419
Total equity	1,525,941	1,411,641
Total liabilities and equity	\$3,928,573	\$3,325,889

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited).

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## SYNEX CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(currency and share amounts in thousands, except for per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013
Revenue	\$3,026,984	\$2,460,839
Cost of revenue	(2,820,338	) (2,304,752
Gross profit	206,646	156,087
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(144,696	) (100,147
Income before non-operating items, income taxes and noncontrolling interest	61,950	55,940
Interest expense and finance charges, net	(4,498	) (5,493
Other income, net	2,968	1,261
Income before income taxes and noncontrolling interest	60,420	51,708
Provision for income taxes	(21,962	) (18,317
Net income	38,458	33,391
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(41	) (22
Net income attributable to SYNEX Corporation	\$38,417	\$33,369
Earnings per share attributable to SYNEX Corporation:		
Basic	\$1.02	\$0.91
Diluted	\$1.01	\$0.88
Weighted-average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	37,656	36,663
Diluted	38,225	38,030

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SYNEX CORPORATION  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(currency in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013	
Net income	\$38,458	\$33,391	
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities, net of \$0 tax for both the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively	32	239	
Cash flow hedging instrument:			
Change in unrecognized loss, net of \$5 and \$0 tax for the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively	(34	) —	
Net losses reclassified into earnings	27	—	
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax of \$522 and \$448 for the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively	(2,102	) (10,962	)
Other comprehensive loss	(2,077	) (10,723	)
Comprehensive income:	36,381	22,668	
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(40	) (14	)
Comprehensive income attributable to SYNEX Corporation	\$36,341	\$22,654	

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
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	Three Months Ended	
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$38,458	\$33,391
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	5,657	4,275
Amortization of intangible assets	5,697	1,953
Accretion of convertible notes discount	—	1,388
Share-based compensation	2,584	2,483
Provision for doubtful accounts	1,838	1,699
Tax benefits from employee stock plans	1,397	240
Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation	(1,333)	(416)
(Gains) losses on investments	229	(569)
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisition of businesses:		
Accounts receivable	52,032	176,302
Receivable from related parties	(635)	(43)
Inventories	(136,894)	(9,023)
Other assets	(16,127)	(7,200)
Accounts payable	(30,713)	(147,327)
Payable to related parties	6,040	494
Accrued liabilities	39,782	(12,476)
Deferred liabilities	(3,030)	(4,266)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(35,018)	40,905
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of trading investments	(272)	(155)
Proceeds from sale of trading investments	1,334	927
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(390,433)	(877)
Purchase of property and equipment	(4,293)	(3,041)
Loans and deposits to third parties, net of repayments received	831	279
Proceeds from sale of equity-method investee	—	4,153
Changes in restricted cash	4,097	(387)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(388,736)	899
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from securitization and revolving line of credit	1,126,008	136,735
Payment of securitization and revolving line of credit	(907,044)	(101,967)
Proceeds from long-term credit facility and term loans	225,000	—
Payment of long-term bank loans, capital leases and other borrowings	(260)	(690)
Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation	1,333	416
Increase (decrease) in book overdraft	(28,776)	—
Payment of acquisition-related contingent consideration	(400)	—
Cash paid for repurchase of treasury stock	—	(103)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of taxes paid for settlement of equity awards	2,705	1,249
Payment for purchase of shares of subsidiary from noncontrolling interest	—	(11,400)



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Net cash provided by financing activities	418,566	24,240
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	1,969	2,331
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(3,219	) 68,375
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	151,622	163,699
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 148,403	\$ 232,074
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing activities		
Fair value of common stock issued for acquisition of business	\$ 71,103	\$—

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1—ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

SYNEX Corporation (together with its subsidiaries, herein referred to as “SYNEX” or the “Company”) is a business process services company offering a comprehensive range of services to resellers, retailers, original equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”), financial and insurance institutions and several other industry verticals worldwide. SYNEX is headquartered in Fremont, California and has operations in North America, Central America, Asia, Australia and Europe.

The Company operates in two segments: distribution services, hereinafter referred to as Technology Solutions, and global business services, hereinafter referred to as Concentrix. The Technology Solutions segment distributes peripherals, information technology (“IT”) systems, including data center server and storage solutions, system components, software, networking equipment, consumer electronics (“CE”), and complementary products. The Technology Solutions segment also provides systems design and integration services. The Concentrix segment offers a range of global business outsourcing services around process optimization, customer engagement strategy and backoffice automation to customers in various industry verticals.

The accompanying interim unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements as of February 28, 2014 and for the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013 have been prepared by the Company in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). The amounts as of November 30, 2013 have been derived from the Company’s annual audited financial statements. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) in the United States have been condensed or omitted in accordance with such rules and regulations. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements reflect all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary to state fairly the financial position of the Company and its results of operations and cash flows as of and for the periods presented. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual audited financial statements and notes thereto as of and for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2013, included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year then ended. The results of operations for the three months ended February 28, 2014 is not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2014, or any future period and the Company makes no representations related thereto.

NOTE 2—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Company’s significant accounting policies are disclosed in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2013. There have been no material changes to these accounting policies, except as described below. For a discussion of the significant accounting policies, please see the discussion in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2013.

Restricted cash

Restricted cash balances relate to temporary restrictions caused by the timing of lockbox collections under the Company’s borrowing arrangements, future payments to contractors for the long-term projects at the Company’s Mexico operation and deposits.

The following table summarizes the restricted cash balances as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013 and the location where these amounts are recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheets:

	As of	
	February 28,	November 30,
	2014	2013

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Related to borrowing arrangements and others:		
Other current assets	\$18,232	\$22,349
Related to long-term projects:		
Other assets	1,858	1,865
Total restricted cash	\$20,090	\$24,214

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Concentration of credit risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentration of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents are maintained with high quality institutions, the compositions and maturities of which are regularly monitored by management. Through February 28, 2014, the Company had not experienced any losses on such deposits.

Accounts receivable include amounts due from customers and vendors primarily in the technology industry. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and limits the amount of credit extended when deemed necessary, but generally requires no collateral. The Company also maintains allowances for potential credit losses. In estimating the required allowances, the Company takes into consideration the overall quality and aging of the receivable portfolio, the existence of a limited amount of credit insurance and specifically identified customer and vendor risks. Through February 28, 2014, such losses have been within management's expectations. In the three months ended February 28, 2014, no customer accounted for 10% or more of the Company's total revenue. In the three months ended February 28, 2013, one customer accounted for 10% of the Company's total revenue. Products purchased from the Company's largest OEM supplier, Hewlett-Packard Company ("HP"), accounted for approximately 28% and 31% for the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

As of both February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, no customer exceeded 10% of the total consolidated accounts receivable balance.

Revenue recognition

Technology Solutions

The Company generally recognizes revenue on the sale of hardware and software products when they are shipped and on services when they are performed, if a purchase order exists, the sales price is fixed or determinable, collection of resulting accounts receivable is reasonably assured, risk of loss and title have transferred and product returns are reasonably estimable. Provisions for sales returns and allowances are estimated based on historical data and are recorded concurrently with the recognition of revenue. These provisions are reviewed and adjusted periodically by the Company. Revenue is presented net of taxes collected from customers and remitted to government authorities.

Revenue is reduced for early payment discounts and volume incentive rebates offered to customers. The Company recognizes revenue on a net basis on certain contracts, including service contracts, post-contract software support services and extended warranty contracts, where it is not the primary obligor, by recognizing the margins earned in revenue with no associated cost of revenue.

Concentrix

The Company recognizes revenue from business process outsourcing service contracts when evidence of an arrangement exists, services are delivered, fees are fixed or determinable and collectability is reasonably assured. Service contracts may be based on a fixed price or on a fixed unit-price per transaction or other objective measure of output. Revenue on fixed price contracts is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the contract as services are provided. Revenue on unit-price transactions is recognized using an objective measure of output including staffing hours or the number of transactions processed by service agents. Client contract terms typically can span from less than one year to over five years.

Recurring operating costs for services contracts, including costs related to bid and proposal activities, are recognized as incurred. Where a contract requires an up-front investment, which typically includes transition and set-up costs related to systems and processes, costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the expected period of benefit.

Additionally, the Company will defer certain eligible fulfillment costs incurred in the initial phases of the contract. These costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the expected period of benefit, not to exceed the term of the contract.

Earnings per common share

Earnings per common share-basic is computed by dividing the net income attributable to SYNEX Corporation for the period by the basic weighted-average number of outstanding common shares.

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Earnings per common share-diluted is computed by adding the dilutive effect of in-the-money employee stock options, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units and similar equity instruments granted by the Company to the basic weighted-average number of outstanding common shares. The Company uses the treasury stock method, under which the amount the employee must pay for exercising stock options, the amount of compensation cost for future services that the Company has not yet recognized and the amount of tax benefits that would be recorded in "Additional paid-in capital" when the award becomes deductible are assumed to be used to repurchase shares.

It was the Company's intent to settle the principal amount of the 4% Convertible Senior Notes due 2018 (the "Convertible Senior Notes") in cash; accordingly, the principal amount was excluded from the determination of diluted earnings per share. In April 2013, the Company decided to settle the payment of the conversion premium in cash as discussed in Note 11 — Convertible Debt. Through April 2013, the Company accounted for the conversion premium using the treasury stock method by adjusting the diluted weighted-average common shares if the effect was dilutive. From April 2013 through the date of settlement in August 2013, the numerator for the computation of earnings per common share-diluted was adjusted for the changes in the estimated value of the conversion premium until the final settlement date.

The calculation of earnings per common share attributable to SYNEX Corporation is presented in Note 12.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior period amounts in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows to conform to current period presentation. Such reclassifications have no effect on the cash flow from operating, investing and financing activities as previously reported.

Effective in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, the Company realigned its business segments to better serve its global markets and customers. Certain operations of the Company that were previously reported under the Concentrix segment and that primarily provided inter-segment support and IT services have now been aligned with and report into the Technology Solutions segment. The financial information presented herein reflects the impact of the preceding segment structure change for all periods presented.

Recent accounting pronouncements

In March 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an accounting update that clarifies the applicable guidance for the release of the cumulative translation adjustment when an entity ceases to have a controlling financial interest in a subsidiary or a group of assets that is a business within a foreign entity. The guidance clarifies that the accounting for the release of cumulative translation adjustment into net income for sales or transfers of a controlling financial interest within a foreign entity is the same irrespective of whether the sale or transfer is of a subsidiary or a group of assets that is a business. The accounting update is applicable for fiscal years and interim reporting periods within those years beginning after December 15, 2013 with early adoption permitted. The accounting update will be applicable for the Company in the second quarter of fiscal year 2014.

In July 2013, the FASB issued a new accounting standard that will require the presentation of certain unrecognized tax benefits as reductions to deferred tax assets rather than as liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward exists. The new accounting update will be applicable to the Company in the first quarter of fiscal 2015; however, early adoption and retrospective application are permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this new standard on its Consolidated Financial Statements.

During fiscal year 2014, the following accounting standard was adopted:

In February 2013, the FASB issued an accounting update that requires companies to provide information about the amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income by component. In addition, an entity is required to present significant amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income but only if the amount reclassified is required under GAAP to be reclassified to net income in its entirety in the same reporting period. The

amendments are effective prospectively for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2012 with early adoption permitted. The Company adopted the accounting update in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014.

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## NOTE 3—ACQUISITIONS:

Fiscal year 2014 acquisitions

IBM customer care business acquisition

On January 31, 2014, under the terms of a Master Asset Purchase Agreement, the Company completed the initial closing of its acquisition of the assets of the customer care business of International Business Machines Corporation, a New York corporation (“IBM”). The preliminary aggregate purchase price of \$503,100 is subject to certain post-closing adjustments. The initial closing represents countries which comprise approximately 80% of the preliminary valuation of the customer care business. The subsequent closings are expected to occur in the second fiscal quarter of 2014, but contractually no later than June 30, 2015, and are subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals. As of February 28, 2014, the Company had paid \$69,000 (recorded in "Other current assets") towards the subsequent closings of the acquisition and expects to pay an additional amount of \$40,000 in cash at the final closing. The acquisition has been integrated into the Concentrix segment and expands the Company's service portfolio, delivery capabilities and geographic reach.

The acquisition has been accounted for as a business combination. Assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at their preliminary fair values as of January 31, 2014. The total preliminary purchase price consideration for the initial closing is as follows:

Preliminary purchase consideration:	Fair Value
Cash payment	\$ 321,000
Stock consideration	71,103
Preliminary fair value of stock awards assumed	1,987
	\$ 394,090

The Company issued 1,266 shares of its common stock, at a fair value of \$71,103 based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions Tape as of the date of acquisition. Additionally, the Company assumed unvested restricted IBM stock-based awards with a preliminary estimated fair value of \$10,052 on the date of acquisition. The Company exchanged the acquisition date fair value of the unvested restricted IBM stock awards of employees with the Company's equity-based awards or cash settled with deferred payouts. The fair value of the replaced IBM awards was based on the market value of the Company's common stock on the acquisition date. The fair value of the cash settled awards was based on IBM's stock price on the acquisition date, adjusted for the exclusion of dividend equivalents. Of the equity awards issued, a portion relating to the pre-combination service period was preliminarily allocated to the purchase consideration and the remainder of the preliminary estimated fair value will be expensed over the remaining service periods on a straight-line basis.

The total preliminary purchase price has been allocated between the acquisition of the IBM customer care business and a separate element representing IBM-initiated prepaid compensation plans. Of the total \$16,241 prepaid amount, \$12,951 is recorded in "Other current assets" and \$3,290 in "Other assets" and is being expensed to "Selling, general and administrative expenses" over the service period.

The portion of the preliminary purchase price for the acquisition was allocated to the net tangible and intangible assets based on their preliminary fair values as of January 31, 2014. The excess of the purchase price over the preliminary net tangible assets and preliminary intangible assets was recorded as goodwill. The goodwill balance is attributed to the assembled workforce and expanded market opportunities due to the expanded service portfolio delivery capabilities and geographic reach as a result of the acquisition. The preliminary allocation of the purchase price was based upon a preliminary valuation and the Company's estimates and assumptions are subject to change within the measurement period (up to one year from the acquisition date). The primary areas of the preliminary purchase price allocation that are not yet finalized relate to the fair values of certain tangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed, the valuation of intangible assets acquired, income and non-income based taxes and residual goodwill. The Company



expects to continue to obtain information for the purpose of determining the fair value of the net assets acquired at the acquisition date during the measurement period and the amount of goodwill that will be deductible for tax purposes.

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The total preliminary purchase price allocation is as follows:

Preliminary purchase price allocation:	Fair Value	
Accounts receivable	\$24,788	
Other current assets	23,080	
Property, plant and equipment	36,974	
Goodwill	186,266	
Intangible assets	180,649	
Other assets	26,123	
Accounts payable	(20,326)	)
Accrued liabilities	(24,978)	)
Deferred tax liabilities, non-current	(16,426)	)
Other long-term liabilities	(22,060)	)
	\$394,090	

The identifiable intangible assets acquired and their estimated useful lives are summarized as follows:

	Fair Value	Useful Life
Customer contracts	\$168,449	10 years
Technology	7,200	3-10 years
Trade names	5,000	5-10 years
Total intangibles acquired	\$180,649	

During the three months ended February 28, 2014, the IBM customer care business contributed \$74,493 of revenue to the Company's total consolidated results of operations. Earnings contributed by the acquired business are not separately identifiable as a result of the Company's integration activities. Acquisition and integration expenses recorded in "Selling, general and administrative expenses" were \$8,908 during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and consist of costs incurred to complete the acquisition and integrate the business.

The following unaudited pro forma financial information combines the unaudited Consolidated Results of Operations as if the initial closing of the acquisition of the IBM customer care business had occurred at the beginning of the periods presented and excludes the results of the subsequently closing countries. Pro forma adjustments include only the effects of events directly attributable to transactions that are factually supportable. The pro forma results contained in the table below include pro forma adjustments for amortization of acquired intangibles, interest expense incurred on borrowings to fund the acquisition, stock-based compensation expense, other employee-related payments, the related tax effects of the pro forma adjustments and the issuance of shares.

The pro forma financial information as presented below is for informational purposes only and is not indicative of the results of operations that would have been achieved if the acquisition and any borrowings undertaken to finance the acquisition had taken place at the beginning of fiscal periods presented.

	Three Months Ended	
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013
Revenue	\$3,221,784	\$2,791,339
Net income attributable to SYNEX Corporation	42,512	29,662
Net income from continuing operations per share - basic	\$1.10	\$0.78
Net income from continuing operations per share - diluted	\$1.09	\$0.75

## Fiscal year 2013 acquisitions

In April 2013, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Supercom Canada Limited ("Supercom Canada"), a distributor of IT and consumer electronics products and services in Canada. The purchase price was

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CAD37,593, or US\$36,665, in cash, including CAD4,450, or US\$4,340, in deferred payments, subject to certain post-closing conditions, payable within 18 months. Subsequent to the acquisition, the Company repaid debt and working capital lines in the amount of US\$53,721. Based on the preliminary purchase price allocation, the Company recorded net tangible assets of US\$26,912, goodwill of US\$5,384 and intangible assets of US\$4,369 in relation to this acquisition. This acquisition did not meet the conditions of a material business combination and was not subject to the disclosure requirements of accounting guidance for business combinations utilizing the purchase method of accounting. The acquisition is integrated into the Technology Solutions segment and has expanded the Company's existing product and service offerings in Canada.

**NOTE 4—SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION:**

The Company recognizes share-based compensation expense for all share-based awards made to employees and directors, including employee stock options, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units and employee stock purchases, based on estimated fair values.

The Company uses the Black-Scholes valuation model to estimate fair value of stock options. The Black-Scholes option-pricing model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of short-lived exchange traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option-pricing models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the option's expected life and the price volatility of the underlying stock. The expected stock price volatility assumption was determined using historical volatility of the Company's common stock. The following table summarizes the number of share-based awards granted under the Company's 2013 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and the Company's Amended and Restated 2003 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, during the three months ended February 28, 2013 and the grant-date fair value of the awards:

	Three Months Ended			
	February 28, 2014		February 28, 2013	
	Shares awarded	Fair value of grants	Shares awarded	Fair value of grants
Restricted stock awards	80	\$4,544	2	\$54
Restricted stock units	46	2,704	98	3,467
	126	\$7,248	100	\$3,521

The Company recorded share-based compensation expenses of \$2,584 and \$2,483 in "Selling, general and administrative expenses" for the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

**NOTE 5—BALANCE SHEET COMPONENTS:**

	As of	
	February 28, 2014	November 30, 2013
Short-term investments:		
Trading securities	\$3,741	\$4,728
Held-to-maturity securities	8,673	8,753
Cost method investments	1,593	1,653
	\$14,007	\$15,134

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	As of		
	February 28, 2014	November 30, 2013	
Accounts receivable, net:			
Accounts receivable	\$ 1,628,303	\$ 1,681,917	
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(14,621 )	(14,010 )	
Less: Allowance for sales returns	(56,689 )	(74,716 )	
	\$ 1,556,993	\$ 1,593,191	
	As of		
	February 28, 2014	November 30, 2013	
Property and equipment, net:			
Land	\$ 22,406	\$ 22,665	
Equipment and computers	125,914	107,528	
Furniture and fixtures	35,288	21,480	
Buildings, building improvements and leasehold improvements	122,327	113,777	
Construction in progress	933	1,621	
Total property and equipment, gross	306,868	267,071	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(138,360 )	(133,822 )	
	\$ 168,508	\$ 133,249	
Goodwill:	Technology		
	Solutions	Concentrix	
		Total	
Balance at the beginning of the period	\$ 108,218	\$ 80,317	\$ 188,535
Additions from acquisitions, net of adjustments	—	186,266	186,266
Foreign exchange translation	(1,869 )	3,470	1,601
Balance at the end of the period	\$ 106,349	\$ 270,053	\$ 376,402

As discussed in Note 13—Segment Information, in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, the Company completed a realignment of its business segments. The change has been reflected in the goodwill balances by business segment above for all periods presented.

The additions to "Goodwill" recorded during the three months ended February 28, 2014 relate to the acquisition of IBM customer care business in the Concentrix segment.

Intangible assets, net	As of February 28, 2014			As of November 30, 2013		
	Gross Amounts	Accumulated Amortization	Net Amounts	Gross Amounts	Accumulated Amortization	Net Amounts
Vendor lists	\$ 36,815	\$(30,564 )	\$ 6,251	\$ 36,815	\$(30,180 )	\$ 6,635
Customer relationships	222,405	(40,147 )	182,258	52,179	(35,379 )	16,800
Technology	7,200	(154 )	7,046	—	—	—
Other intangible assets	9,435	(4,448 )	4,987	4,857	(4,520 )	337
	\$ 275,855	\$(75,313 )	\$ 200,542	\$ 93,851	\$(70,079 )	\$ 23,772

Amortization expenses were \$5,697 and \$1,953 for the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The increase in intangible assets, net from November 30, 2013 to February 28, 2014 is due to the acquisition of the IBM customer care business in the Concentrix segment.



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Estimated future amortization expense, which includes the preliminary estimates of amortization for the assets acquired through the initial closing of the IBM customer care acquisition, is as follows:

Fiscal Years Ending November 30,

2014	\$43,994
2015	42,093
2016	33,562
2017	25,401
2018	18,422
thereafter	37,070
Total	\$200,542

Accumulated other comprehensive income

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of taxes, excluding noncontrolling interests were as follows:

	Losses on cash flow hedges, net of taxes	Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities, net of taxes	Unrecognized pension and post-retirement benefit costs, net of taxes	Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of taxes	Total
Beginning balance	\$—	\$ 543	\$(365)	\$18,990	\$19,168
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	(34)	33	—	(2,102)	(2,103)
Net loss reclassified into earnings	27	—	—	—	27
Ending balance	\$(7)	\$ 576	\$(365)	\$16,888	\$17,092

## NOTE 6—INVESTMENTS:

The carrying amount of the Company's investments is shown in the table below:

	As of February 28, 2014			November 30, 2013		
	Cost Basis	Unrealized Gains	Carrying Value	Cost Basis	Unrealized Gains	Carrying Value
Short-term investments:						
Trading securities	\$2,833	\$908	\$3,741	\$3,857	\$871	\$4,728
Held-to-maturity investments	8,673	—	8,673	8,753	—	8,753
Cost method securities	1,593	—	1,593	1,653	—	1,653
	\$13,099	\$908	\$14,007	\$14,263	\$871	\$15,134
Long-term investments in other assets:						
Available-for-sale securities	\$961	\$412	\$1,373	\$909	\$366	\$1,275
Cost-method investments	4,968	—	4,968	4,981	—	4,981

Short-term trading securities generally consist of equity securities relating to the Company's deferred compensation plan. Long-term available-for-sale securities primarily consist of investments in other companies' equity securities. Held-to-maturity investments primarily consist of term deposits with maturities from the date of purchase greater than three months and less than one year. These term deposits are held until the maturity date and are not traded.

Short-term cost-method securities primarily





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consist of investments in a hedge fund under the Company's deferred compensation plan. Long-term cost-method investments consist of investments in equity securities of private entities.

Trading securities and available-for-sale securities are recorded at fair value in each reporting period and therefore the carrying value of these securities equals their fair value. For cost-method securities, the Company records an impairment charge when the decline in fair value is determined to be other-than-temporary. The fair value of the cost-method investments is based on the published fund values or an internal valuation of the investee.

The following table summarizes the total gains and losses recorded in "Other income, net" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations for changes in the fair value of the Company's trading investments:

	Three Months Ended	
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013
Gain on trading investments	\$59	\$569

## NOTE 7—DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS:

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is exposed to foreign currency risk, interest risk, equity risk and credit risk. The Company's transactions in some of its foreign operations are denominated in local currency. The Company's foreign locations enter into transactions, and own monetary assets and liabilities, that are denominated in currencies other than their functional currency.

As part of its risk management strategy, the Company uses short-term forward contracts to minimize its balance sheet exposure to foreign currency risk. These forward-exchange contracts are not designated as hedging instruments. The forward exchange contracts are recorded at fair value in each reporting period and any gains or losses, resulting from the changes in fair value, are recorded in earnings in the period of change.

The Company enters into forward contracts to protect against the foreign currency risk relating to its forecasted revenue denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the selling entity. These forward contracts are designated at inception as cash flow hedges. The Company initially records the effective portion of the gain or loss in "Accumulated other comprehensive income" and subsequently reclassifies these amounts into revenue in the period during which the underlying sale is recognized.

Generally, the Company does not use derivative instruments to cover equity risk and credit risk. The Company's policy is not to allow the use of derivatives for trading or speculative purposes. The fair value of the Company's forward exchange contracts are also disclosed in Note 8.

The following table summarizes the fair value of the Company's foreign exchange forward contracts as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013:

		Fair Value as of	
		February 28, 2014	November 30, 2013
Derivative instruments designated as hedging instruments			
Foreign exchange contracts designated as cash flow hedges	Other current liabilities	\$12	\$—
Derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments			
Foreign exchange contracts	Other current assets	\$1,540	\$2,386
Foreign exchange contracts	Other current liabilities	572	80

The notional amounts of the foreign exchange forward contracts that were outstanding as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013 were \$269,632 and \$158,950, respectively. The notional amounts represent the gross amounts of foreign

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currency that will be bought or sold at maturity. In relation to its forward contracts not designated as hedging instruments, the Company recorded gains of \$3,969 and \$3,428 in "Other income (expense), net" during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively. In relation to its forward contracts designated as cash flow hedging instruments, the Company recorded a loss of \$39 in "Accumulated other comprehensive income" and reclassified a loss of \$27 into revenue during the three months ended February 28, 2013.

## NOTE 8—FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

The Company's fair value measurements are classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2: Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs which are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability;

Level 3: Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (i.e., supported by little or no market activity).

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Company's investments and financial instruments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	As of February 28, 2014				As of November 30, 2013			
	Total	Fair value measurement category			Total	Fair value measurement category		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:								
Cash equivalents	\$25,867	\$25,867	\$—	\$—	\$28,779	\$28,779	\$—	\$—
Trading securities	3,741	3,741	—	—	4,728	4,728	—	—
Available-for-sale securities in other assets	1,373	1,373	—	—	1,275	1,275	—	—
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	1,540	—	1,540	—	2,386	—	2,386	—
Liabilities:								
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	\$584	\$—	\$584	\$—	\$80	\$—	\$80	\$—
Acquisition-related contingent consideration	2,527	—	—	2,527	2,996	—	—	2,996

The Company's cash equivalents consist primarily of highly liquid investments in money market funds and term deposits with maturity periods of three months or less. The carrying value of the cash equivalents approximates the fair value since they are near their maturity. Investments in trading and available-for-sale securities consist of equity securities and are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices. The fair values of forward exchange contracts are measured based on the foreign currency spot and forward rates quoted by the banks or foreign currency dealers. The acquisition-related contingent consideration liability represents the future potential earn-out payments relating to acquisitions. The fair values of the contingent consideration liabilities are based on the Company's probability assessment of the established profitability measures during the periods ranging from one year to three years from the date of the acquisitions. The change in the carrying value of the liability is primarily due to \$400 paid to the sellers, during the three months ended February 28, 2014, for the achievement of earn-out targets.

The carrying value of held-to-maturity securities, accounts receivable, accounts payable and short-term debt, approximate fair value due to their short maturities and the interest rates which are variable in nature. The carrying value of the Company's term loans approximate their fair value since they bear interest rates that are similar to existing market rates.

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During the three months ended February 28, 2014, there were no transfers between the fair value measurement category levels.

**NOTE 9—ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ARRANGEMENTS:**

The Company primarily finances its United States operations with an accounts receivable securitization program (the “U.S. Arrangement”). Until September 2013, the Company’s subsidiary, which is the borrower under the U.S. Arrangement, could borrow up to a maximum of \$400,000 in U.S. trade accounts receivable (“U.S. Receivables”). In September 2013, the Company amended the U.S. Arrangement to increase the commitment of the lenders to \$500,000. In addition, the amendment also included an accordion feature to allow requests for an increase in the lenders' commitment by an additional \$100,000 to a maximum commitment of \$600,000. The maturity date of the U.S. Arrangement is October 18, 2015. The effective borrowing cost under the U.S. Arrangement is a blended rate that includes prevailing dealer commercial paper rates and the daily London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”), plus a program fee of 0.425% per annum based on the used portion of the commitment, and a facility fee of 0.425% per annum payable on the aggregate commitment of the lenders. As of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, there were \$380,000 and \$144,000, respectively, of borrowings outstanding under the U.S. Arrangement.

Under the terms of the U.S. Arrangement, the Company sells, on a revolving basis, its U.S. Receivables to a wholly-owned, bankruptcy-remote subsidiary. The borrowings are funded by pledging all of the rights, title and interest in and to the U.S. Receivables acquired by the Company's subsidiary as security. Any borrowings under the U.S. Arrangement are recorded as debt on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. As is customary in trade accounts receivable securitization arrangements, a credit rating agency's downgrade of the third party issuer of commercial paper or of a back-up liquidity provider (which provides a source of funding if the commercial paper market cannot be accessed) could result in an increase in the Company's cost of borrowing or loss of the Company's financing capacity under these programs if the commercial paper issuer or liquidity back-up provider is not replaced, or if the lender whose commercial paper issuer or liquidity back-up provider is not replaced does not elect to offer the Company an alternative rate. Loss of such financing capacity could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

The Company also has other financing agreements in North America with various financial institutions (“Flooring Companies”) to allow certain customers of the Company to finance their purchases directly with the Flooring Companies. Under these agreements, the Flooring Companies pay to the Company the selling price of products sold to various customers, less a discount, within approximately 15 to 30 days from the date of sale. The Company is contingently liable to repurchase inventory sold under flooring agreements in the event of any default by its customers under the agreement and such inventory being repossessed by the Flooring Companies. Please see Note 17—Commitments and Contingencies for further information.

The following table summarizes the net sales financed through the flooring agreements and the flooring fees incurred:

	Three Months Ended	
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013
Net sales financed	\$281,990	\$186,335
Flooring fees <sup>(1)</sup>	1,569	1,227

(1)Flooring fees are included within “Interest expense and finance charges, net.”

As of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, accounts receivable subject to flooring agreements were \$57,578 and \$89,589, respectively.

Infotec Japan has arrangements with various banks and financial institutions for the sale and financing of approved accounts receivable and notes receivable. The amounts outstanding under these arrangements that were sold, but not

collected as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013 were \$12,775 and \$13,862, respectively.

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## NOTE 10—BORROWINGS:

Borrowings consist of the following:

	As of	
	February 28, 2014	November 30, 2013
SYNEX U.S. securitization	\$380,000	\$144,000
SYNEX U.S. credit agreement	225,000	—
SYNEX Canada term loan	6,947	7,419
Infotec Japan credit facility	120,849	136,679
Other borrowings and capital leases	29,911	29,830
Total borrowings	762,707	317,928
Less: Current portion	(480,881	) (252,523
Non-current portion	\$281,826	\$65,405
SYNEX U.S. securitization		

The Company's subsidiary which is the borrower under the U.S Arrangement can borrow up to a maximum of \$500,000 under its U.S. Arrangement, secured by U.S. Receivables. See Note 9—Accounts Receivable Arrangements. The effective borrowing cost under the U.S. Arrangement is a blended rate that includes the prevailing dealer commercial paper rates and LIBOR, plus a program fee on the used portion of the commitment and a facility fee payable on the aggregate commitment. As of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, the outstanding balances under the U.S. arrangement were \$380,000 and \$144,000, respectively.

## SYNEX U.S. credit agreement

In November 2013, the Company entered into a senior secured credit agreement (the “U.S. Credit Agreement”) which is comprised of \$275,000 in a revolving credit facility and a term loan in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$225,000. The Company may request incremental commitments to increase the principal amount of revolving loans or term loans available under the U.S. Credit Agreement up to \$125,000. The U.S. Credit Agreement matures in November 2018.

Interest on borrowings under the Credit Agreement can be based on LIBOR or a base rate at the Company's option. Loans borrowed under the U.S. Credit Agreement bear interest, in the case of LIBOR loans, at a per annum rate equal to the applicable LIBOR, plus a margin which may range from 1.75% to 2.25%, based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratios, as determined in accordance with the U.S. Credit Agreement. Loans borrowed under the Credit Agreement that are not LIBOR loans, and are instead base rate loans, bear interest at a per annum rate equal to (i) the greatest of (A) the Federal Funds Rate plus a margin of 1/2 of 1.0%, (B) LIBOR plus 1.0% per annum, and (C) the rate of interest announced, from time to time, by the agent, Bank of America, N.A, as its “prime rate,” plus (ii) a margin which may range from 0.75% to 1.25%, based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratios as determined in accordance with the U.S. Credit Agreement.

When drawn, the outstanding principal amount of the long-term loan will be repayable in quarterly installments, in an amount equal to (a) for each of the first eight calendar quarters ending after the term loan is made, 1.25% of the initial principal amount of the term loan, (b) for each calendar quarter ending thereafter, 2.50% of the initial principal amount of the term loan and (c) on the November 2018 maturity date of the term loan, the outstanding principal amount of the term loan. The Company's obligations under the U.S. Credit Agreement are secured by substantially all of the parent company's and its United States domestic subsidiaries' assets and are guaranteed by certain of its United States domestic subsidiaries.

There were \$225,000 borrowings outstanding under the term loan component of the U.S. Credit Agreement as of February 28, 2014. In addition, there was \$1,500 outstanding as of February 28, 2014 in standby letters of credit under

the U.S. Credit Agreement. There were no borrowings outstanding under the U.S. Credit Agreement as of November 30, 2013.

SYNEX Canada revolving line of credit

SYNEX Canada Limited ("SYNEX Canada") has a revolving line of credit arrangement with a financial institution (the "Canadian Revolving Arrangement") which has a maximum commitment of CAD100,000 and includes an accordion

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feature to increase the maximum commitment by an additional CAD25,000 to CAD125,000, at SYNEX Canada's request. The Canadian Revolving Arrangement also provides a sublimit of US\$5,000 for the issuance of standby letters of credit. As of both February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, there were no letters of credit outstanding. SYNEX Canada has granted a security interest in substantially all of its assets in favor of the lender under the Canadian Revolving Arrangement. In addition, the Company pledged its stock in SYNEX Canada as collateral for the Canadian Revolving Arrangement. The interest rate applicable under the Canadian Revolving Arrangement is equal to (i) the Canadian base rate plus a margin of 0.75% for a Base Rate Loan in Canadian Dollars, (ii) the US base rate plus a margin of 0.75% for a Base Rate Loan in U.S. Dollars, and (iii) the Bankers' Acceptance rate ("BA") plus a margin of 2.00% for a BA Rate Loan. The Canadian base rate means the greater of (a) the prime rate determined by a major Canadian financial institution and (b) the one month Canadian Dealer Offered Rate ("CDOR") (the average rate applicable to Canadian dollar bankers' acceptances for the applicable period) plus 1.50%. The US base rate means the greater of (a) a reference rate determined by a major Canadian financial institution for US dollar loans made to Canadian borrowers and (b) the US federal funds rate plus 0.50%. A fee of 0.25% per annum is payable with respect to the unused portion of the commitment. The credit arrangement expires in May 2017. There was no borrowing outstanding under the Canadian Revolving Arrangement as of both February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013.

## SYNEX Canada term loan

SYNEX Canada has a term loan associated with the purchase of its logistics facility in Guelph, Canada. The interest rate for the unpaid principal amount is a fixed rate of 5.374% per annum. The final maturity date for repayment of the unpaid principal is April 1, 2017. The balances outstanding on the term loan as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013 were \$6,947 and \$7,419, respectively.

## Infotec Japan credit facility

Infotec Japan has a credit agreement with a group of financial institutions for a maximum commitment of JPY14,000,000. The credit agreement is comprised of a JPY6,000,000 long-term loan and a JPY8,000,000 short-term revolving credit facility. The interest rate for the long-term and short-term loans is based on the Tokyo Interbank Offered Rate ("TIBOR") plus a margin that was 1.90% per annum, however, in December 2013, the Company amended the credit agreement to lower this margin to 1.40% per annum. The unused line fee on the revolving credit facility was 0.50% per annum. In December 2013, the Company amended this credit agreement to lower this fee to 0.10% per annum. This credit facility expires in December 2016. As of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, the balance outstanding under the credit facility was \$120,849 and \$136,679, respectively. The long-term loan can be repaid at any time prior to expiration date without penalty. The Company has issued a guarantee to cover up to 110% of the outstanding principal amount obligations of Infotec Japan to the lenders.

## Other borrowings and capital leases

In September 2013, Infotec Japan established a short-term revolving credit facility of JPY2,000,000 with a financial institution. The interest rate for the credit facility is based on TIBOR plus a margin of 0.50% per annum. In addition, there is a facility fee of 0.425% per annum. The credit facility can be renewed annually. As of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, the balances outstanding under this credit facility were \$19,650 and \$19,526, respectively.

Infotec Japan has a short-term revolving credit facility of JPY1,000,000 with a financial institution. The credit facility can be renewed annually and bears an interest rate that is based on TIBOR plus a margin of 1.20% per annum. As of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, the balances outstanding under this credit facility were \$9,826 and \$9,763, respectively.

As of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, the Company also had \$435 and \$541, respectively, in outstanding capital lease obligations and obligations for the sale and financing of approved accounts receivable and notes receivable with recourse provisions to Infotec Japan.



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## Future principal payments

Future principal payments under the above loans and capital leases as of February 28, 2014 are as follows:

Fiscal Years Ending November 30,

2014	\$480,674
2015	12,052
2016	23,282
2017	82,258
2018	161,164
Thereafter	3,277
	\$762,707

## Interest expense and finance charges

For the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, the total interest expense and finance charges for the Company's borrowings were \$5,593 and \$6,556, respectively. The interest expense for the three months ended February 28, 2013 includes non-cash interest expenses of \$1,388 for the 4% Convertible Senior Notes due May 2018 (the "Convertible Senior Notes"). The variable interest rates ranged between 0.61% and 3.75% during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and between 0.67% and 3.53% during the three months ended February 28, 2013.

## Covenants compliance

In relation to the U.S. Arrangement, the U.S. Credit Agreement, the Revolver, the Canadian Revolving Arrangement and the Infotec Japan credit facility, the Company has a number of covenants and restrictions that, among other things, require the Company to comply with certain financial and other covenants. These covenants require the Company to maintain specified financial ratios and satisfy certain financial condition tests, including minimum net worth and fixed charge coverage ratios. They also limit the Company's ability to incur additional debt, make or forgive intercompany loans, pay dividends and make other types of distributions, make certain acquisitions, repurchase the Company's stock, create liens, cancel debt owed to the Company, enter into agreements with affiliates, modify the nature of the Company's business, enter into sale-leaseback transactions, make certain investments, enter into new real estate leases, transfer and sell assets, cancel or terminate any material contracts and merge or consolidate.

## Guarantees

The Company has issued guarantees to certain vendors, customers and lenders of its subsidiaries for trade credit lines and loans, and to a certain customer's lessor. In addition, the Company, as the ultimate parent, guaranteed the obligations of SYNEX Investment Holdings Corporation up to \$35,035 in connection with the sale of China Civilink (Cayman), which operated in China as HiChina Web Solutions, to Alibaba.com Limited. The total guarantees issued by the Company as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013 were \$366,297 and \$364,744, respectively. The Company is obligated under these guarantees to pay amounts due should its subsidiaries or customer not pay valid amounts owed to their vendors or lenders or not comply with subsidiary sales agreements.

## NOTE 11—CONVERTIBLE DEBT:

In August 2013, the Company settled its Convertible Senior Notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$143,750 which were issued in May 2008 in a private placement. The Convertible Senior Notes bore a cash coupon interest rate of 4.0% per annum and the initial conversion rate was 33.9945 shares of common stock per \$1 principal amount, equivalent to an initial conversion price of \$29.42 per share of common stock. The Convertible Senior Notes were called in the second quarter of fiscal year 2013. No interest was accrued subsequent to May 2013 in accordance with the Indenture. The final settlement amount of \$218,870 was paid in cash and comprised of \$143,750 in principal payments and \$75,120 in payment of conversion premium. The conversion premium, which represents the total settlement amount less the principal, was recorded as a reduction of "Additional paid-in capital." The final settlement amount was calculated in accordance with the Indenture based on the volume weighted-average trading price of the

Company's common stock over the 60 consecutive trading-day period beginning on and including the third trading day after the related conversion.

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Based on a cash coupon interest rate of 4.0%, the Company recorded contractual interest expense of \$1,624 during the three months ended February 28, 2013. Based on an effective rate of 8.0%, the Company recorded non-cash interest expenses of \$1,388 for the three months ended February 28, 2013.

## NOTE 12—EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended	
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013
Numerator:		
Net income attributable to SYNEX Corporation	\$38,417	\$33,369
Denominator:		
Weighted-average common shares - basic	37,656	36,663
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Stock options, restricted stock awards and restricted stock units	569	520
Conversion spread of convertible debt	—	847
Weighted-average common shares - diluted	38,225	38,030
Earnings per share attributable to SYNEX Corporation:		
Basic	\$1.02	\$0.91
Diluted	\$1.01	\$0.88

During the three months ended February 28, 2013, the Company accounted for the conversion premium of the Convertible Senior Notes using the treasury stock method by adjusting the diluted weighted-average common shares if the effect was dilutive. The Convertible Senior Notes were settled in August 2013 as discussed in Note 11- Convertible Debt.

Options to purchase 12 and 19 shares during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, have not been included in the computation of diluted earnings per share as their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

## NOTE 13—SEGMENT INFORMATION:

## Operating segments

Operating segments are based on components of the Company that engage in business activity that earn revenue and incur expenses and (a) whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resource allocation and performance and (b) for which discrete financial information is available.

The Company operates in two segments the distribution services segment, hereinafter referred to as "Technology Solutions" and the GBS segment hereinafter referred to as "Concentrix." The Technology Solutions segment distributes peripherals, IT systems including data center server and storage solutions, system components, software, networking equipment, CE, and complementary products. The Technology Solutions segment also provides systems design and integration services.

The Concentrix segment offers a range of global business services focused on process optimization, customer engagement strategy and backoffice automation to clients in various industry verticals. The portfolio of services offered by this segment are comprised of end-to-end process outsourcing services that are delivered through omni-channels including both voice and non voice. They range from end-to-end process outsourcing to customers in various industry verticals. Clients include corporations in the automotive, banking and financial services, healthcare

and pharmaceutical, insurance, media and

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communications, retail and ecommerce, consumer electronics, technology, travel and telecommunications industries and the government and public sector.

Effective in the first quarter of 2014, the Company realigned its business segments. Certain operations of the Company that were previously reported under the Concentrix segment and that provided inter-segment support and IT services to the Technology Solutions segment have now been aligned with and report into the Technology Solutions segment. The Concentrix segment includes the legacy Concentrix business and the newly acquired IBM customer care business. The financial information presented herein reflects the impact of the segment structure change for all periods presented.

Summarized financial information related to the Company's reportable business segments for the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013 is shown below:

	Technology Solutions	Concentrix	Inter-Segment Elimination	Consolidated
Three months ended February 28, 2014				
Revenue	\$2,902,907	\$126,965	\$ (2,888 )	\$3,026,984
Income (loss) from operations before non-operating items, income taxes and noncontrolling interest	63,531	(1,779 )	198	61,950
Three months ended February 28, 2013				
Revenue	2,418,916	44,350	(2,427 )	2,460,839
Income from operations before non-operating items, income taxes and noncontrolling interest	53,536	2,424	(20 )	55,940
Total assets as of February 28, 2014	\$3,750,868	\$777,417	\$ (599,712 )	\$3,928,573
Total assets as of November 30, 2013	3,271,804	273,135	(219,050 )	3,325,889

Inter-segment elimination represents services and transactions generated between our reportable segments that are eliminated on consolidation.

## Segment by geography

The Company's sources of revenue are primarily from North America. The United States and Canada are included in the "North America" operations. Australia, China, India, Japan and the Philippines are included in "Asia-Pacific" operations and Europe, Mexico and Central America are included in "Other" operations. The revenues attributable to countries are based on geography of entities from where the products are distributed and from where customer service contracts are managed.

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Shown below is summarized financial information related to the geographic areas in which the Company operated during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013:

	Three Months Ended	
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013
Revenue:		
North America	\$2,580,253	\$2,129,513
Asia-Pacific	391,824	311,624
Other	54,907	19,702
	\$3,026,984	\$2,460,839
	As of	
	February 28, 2014	November 30, 2013
Property and equipment, net:		
North America	\$99,099	\$95,344
Asia-Pacific	49,863	19,853
Other	19,546	18,052
	\$168,508	\$133,249

Revenue in the United States was approximately 72% and 74% of the total revenue for the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Revenue in Canada was approximately 13% of total revenue for both the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013. Revenue in Japan was approximately 12% of the total revenue for both the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013.

Net property and equipment in the United States was approximately 49% and 59% of the total as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, respectively. Net property and equipment in the Philippines represented 16% and 6% of the total as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, respectively. Net property and equipment in Canada was approximately 10% and 13% of the total as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, respectively. As of both February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, no other country represented more than 10% of the total net property and equipment.

## NOTE 14—RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

The Company had a business relationship with MiTAC International Corporation ("MiTAC International"), a publicly-traded company in Taiwan, which began in 1992 when MiTAC International became the Company's primary investor through its affiliates. In September 2013, MiTAC Holdings Corporation ("MiTAC Holdings") was established through a stock swap from MiTAC International and became a publicly traded company on the Taiwan Stock Exchange. MiTAC International is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of MiTAC Holdings. As of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, MiTAC Holdings and its affiliates beneficially owned approximately 25% and 26% of the Company's common stock. Matthew Miao, the Company's Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Directors and a director, is the Chairman of MiTAC Holdings and a director or officer of MiTAC Holdings' affiliates.



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## Beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock by MiTAC Holdings

As noted above, MiTAC Holdings and its affiliates in the aggregate beneficially owned approximately 25% of the Company's common stock as of February 28, 2014. These shares are owned by the following entities:

	As of February 28, 2014
MiTAC Holdings <sup>(1)</sup>	5,552
Synnex Technology International Corp. <sup>(2)</sup>	4,283
Total	9,835

(1) Shares are held via Silver Star Developments Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of MiTAC Holdings. Excludes 442 shares directly held by Matthew Miao.

Synnex Technology International Corp. ("Synnex Technology International") is a separate entity from the Company and is a publicly-traded corporation in Taiwan. Shares are held via Peer Development Ltd., a (2) wholly-owned subsidiary of Synnex Technology International. MiTAC Holdings owns a noncontrolling interest of 8.7% in MiTAC Incorporated, a privately-held Taiwanese company, which in turn holds a noncontrolling interest of 13.6% in Synnex Technology International.

MiTAC Holdings generally has significant influence over the Company and over the outcome of all matters submitted to stockholders for consideration, including any merger or acquisition of the Company. Among other things, this could have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change of control over the Company.

The Company purchased inventories from MiTAC Holdings and its affiliates totaling \$18,885 and \$5,324 during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The Company's sales to MiTAC Holdings and its affiliates during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, totaled \$862 and \$1,363, respectively. In addition, the Company received reimbursements of rent and overhead costs for facilities used by MiTAC Holdings amounting to \$16 and \$931 during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The Company's business relationship with MiTAC Holdings has been informal and is not governed by long-term commitments or arrangements with respect to pricing terms, revenue or capacity commitments. The Company negotiates manufacturing, pricing and other material terms on a case-by-case basis with MiTAC Holdings and its contract assembly customers for a given project. While MiTAC Holdings is a related party and a controlling stockholder, the Company believes that the significant terms under its arrangements with MiTAC Holdings, including pricing, do not materially differ from the terms it could have negotiated with unaffiliated third parties, and it has adopted a policy requiring that material transactions with MiTAC Holdings or its related parties be approved by its Audit Committee, which is composed solely of independent directors. In addition, Matthew Miao's compensation is approved by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which is also composed solely of independent directors.

Synnex Technology International is a publicly-traded corporation in Taiwan that currently provides distribution and fulfillment services to various markets in Asia and Australia, and is also a potential competitor of the Company. Neither MiTAC Holdings, nor Synnex Technology International is restricted from competing with the Company.

## NOTE 15—PENSION AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLANS:

The employees of Infotec Japan are covered by certain defined benefit pension plans, including a multi-employer pension plan. Full-time employees are eligible to participate in the plans on the first day of February following their date of hire and are not required to contribute to the plans.



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The components of net periodic pension costs pertaining to the Company's single employer benefit plan during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013
Service cost	\$ 158	\$ 161
Interest cost	35	41
Expected return on plan assets	(17	) (16
Net periodic pension costs	\$ 176	\$ 186

During the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, the Company contributed \$149 and \$173, respectively, to the single-employer benefit plan.

Following the Company's acquisition of the IBM customer care business, certain employees of the acquired business are covered by defined benefit pension plans. The pension costs recorded during the three months ended February 28, 2014 were not material to the financial statements.

## NOTE 16—EQUITY:

## Share repurchase program

In June 2011, the Board of Directors authorized a three-year \$65,000 share repurchase program. As of February 28, 2014 the Company had purchased 361 shares for a total cost of \$11,340. No purchases were made during the three months ended February 28, 2014.

The share purchases were made on the open market and the shares repurchased by the Company are held in treasury for general corporate purposes.

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## Changes in equity

A reconciliation of the changes in equity for the three months ended February 28, 2014 and February 28, 2013 is presented below:

	Three Months Ended February 28, 2014			Three Months Ended February 28, 2013			
	Attributable to SYNNEX Corporation	Attributable to Noncontrolling interest	Attributable to Total Equity	Attributable to SYNNEX Corporation	Attributable to Noncontrolling interest	Attributable to Total Equity	
Beginning balance of equity:	\$ 1,411,222	\$ 419	\$ 1,411,641	\$ 1,319,023	\$ 332	\$ 1,319,355	
Issuance of common stock on exercise of options	2,449	—	2,449	1,041	—	1,041	
Issuance of common stock for employee stock purchase plan	328	—	328	308	—	308	
Tax benefit from employee stock plans	1,397	—	1,397	240	—	240	
Taxes paid for the settlement of equity awards	(72	) —	(72	) (99	) —	(99	)
Shares and employee stock awards issued for acquisition of IBM customer care business	71,233	—	71,233	—	—	—	
Share-based compensation	2,584	—	2,584	2,483	—	2,483	
Repurchase of treasury stock	—	—	—	(103	) —	(103	)
Comprehensive income:							
Net income	38,417	41	38,458	33,369	22	33,391	
Other comprehensive income:							
Changes in unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities	33	(1	) 32	239	—	239	
Net change in unrealized loss on cash flow hedge	(7	) —	(7	) —	—	—	
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(2,102	) —	(2,102	) (10,954	) (8	) (10,962	)
Total other comprehensive income	(2,076	) (1	) (2,077	) (10,715	) (8	) (10,723	)
	36,341	40	36,381	22,654	14	22,668	

Total comprehensive  
income

Ending balance of equity:	\$1,525,482	\$ 459	\$ 1,525,941	\$1,345,547	\$ 346	\$ 1,345,893
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NOTE 17—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

The Company was contingently liable as of February 28, 2014 under agreements to repurchase repossessed inventory acquired by Flooring Companies as a result of default on floor plan financing arrangements by the Company's customers. These arrangements are described in Note 9—Accounts Receivable Arrangements. Losses, if any, would be the difference between the

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repossession cost and the resale value of the inventory. There have been no repurchases through February 28, 2014 under these agreements and the Company is not aware of any pending customer defaults or repossession obligations. From time to time, the Company receives notices from third parties, including customers and suppliers, seeking indemnification, payment of money or other actions in connection with claims made against them. Also, the Company is involved in various bankruptcy preference actions where the Company was a supplier to the companies now in bankruptcy. In addition, the Company is subject to various other claims, both asserted and unasserted, that arise in the ordinary course of business. The Company is not currently involved in any material proceedings.

In January 2014, the Company received a Civil Investigative Demand in connection with a Federal Trade Commission investigation concerning the use of a database program that has operated for several years under the auspices of the Global Technology Distribution Council ("GTDC"), a trade group of which the Company is a member. Certain GTDC members who participate in the program provide sales data to a third party independent contractor chosen by the GTDC. The contractor aggregates the data and makes it available to program participants. The Company understands that other GTDC members participating in the program have received similar Civil Investigative Demands.

In December 2009, the Company sold China Civilink (Cayman), which operated in China as HiChina Web Solutions, to Alibaba.com Limited. In conjunction with this sale, the Company has recorded a contingent indemnification liability of \$4,122.

The Company does not believe that the above commitments and contingencies will have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

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

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes included elsewhere in this Report.

When used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or the Report, the words "believes," "plans," "estimates," "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "allows," "can," "may," "designed," "will," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These are statements that relate to future periods and include statements about market trends, our business model and our services, our market strategy, including expansion of our product lines, our infrastructure, anticipated benefits, costs, and timing of our acquisitions, including our acquisition of the customer care business of International Business Machines Corporation, or IBM, our employee hiring, impact of MiTAC Holdings Corporation, or MiTAC Holdings, ownership interest in us, our revenue and operating results, our gross margins, competition with Synnex Technology International Corp., our future needs for additional financing, concentration of customers, our international operations, including our operations in Japan, expansion of our operations, including our Concentrix business, our strategic acquisitions of businesses and assets, effects of future expansion of our operations, adequacy of our cash resources to meet our capital needs, cash held by our foreign subsidiaries, adequacy of our disclosure controls and procedures, pricing pressures, competition, impact of our accounting policies, our tax rates, our anti-dilution share repurchase program, and statements regarding our securitization programs and revolving credit lines. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those risks discussed, as well as the seasonality of the buying patterns of our customers, concentration of sales to large customers, dependence upon and trends in capital spending budgets in the information technology, or IT, and consumer electronics, or CE, industries, fluctuations in general economic conditions and risks set forth under Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors." These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof. We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in our expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

#### Overview

We are a Fortune 500 corporation and a leading business process services company, offering a comprehensive range of services to resellers, retailers, original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs, financial and insurance institutions and several other industry verticals worldwide. Our primary business process services are wholesale IT distribution and global business services. We operate in two segments: distribution services, hereinafter referred to as Technology Solutions, and global business services, hereinafter referred to as Concentrix. Our Technology Solutions segment distributes peripherals, IT systems including data center server and storage solutions, system components, software, networking equipment, CE, and complementary products. Within our Technology Solutions services segment, we also provide systems design and integration services. Our Concentrix segment offers a range of global business services around process optimization, customer engagement strategy and backoffice automation to customers in various industry verticals.

On January 31, 2014, under the terms of a Master Asset Purchase Agreement, we completed the initial closing of our acquisition of the assets of the customer care business of International Business Machines Corporation, or IBM. The preliminary aggregate purchase price of \$503.1 million is subject to certain post-closing adjustments. The initial closing represents countries which comprise approximately 80% of the preliminary valuation of the customer care business. The subsequent closings are expected to occur in the second fiscal quarter of 2014, but contractually no later than June 30, 2015, and are subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals. As of February 28, 2014, we have paid \$69.0 million towards the subsequent closings of the acquisition and expect to pay an additional amount of \$40.0 million in cash at the final closing. The acquisition has been integrated into our Concentrix segment. The acquisition in its entirety, including subsequent closures, is anticipated to add approximately 33,000 employees in six continents, providing business process outsourcing delivery capabilities in over 40 languages to approximately 170 customers in 36 countries.

We combine our core strengths in distribution with our customer engagement services to help our customers achieve greater efficiencies in time to market, cost minimization, real-time linkages in the supply chain and after-market product support. We distribute more than 30,000 technology products (as measured by active SKUs) from more than 300 IT, CE and OEM suppliers to more than 20,000 resellers, system integrators, and retailers throughout the United States, Canada, Japan and Mexico. As of February 28, 2014, we had approximately 49,000 full-time, contractors and temporary employees worldwide.



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From a geographic perspective, approximately 85% and 87%, of our total revenue was from North America for the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In our Technology Solutions segment, we purchase peripherals, IT systems, system components, software, networking equipment, including CE and complementary products from our primary suppliers such as Hewlett-Packard Company, or HP, Lenovo, AsusTek Computer Inc., Beats Electronics LLC and Seagate Technologies LLC and sell them to our reseller and retail customers. We perform a similar function for our distribution of licensed software products. Our reseller customers include value-added resellers, or VARs, corporate resellers, government resellers, system integrators, direct marketers, and national and regional retailers. In Technology Solutions, we also provide comprehensive IT solutions in key vertical markets such as government and healthcare and we provide specialized service offerings that increase efficiencies in the areas of print management, renewals, networking, logistics services and supply chain management. Additionally, within our Technology Solutions segment, we provide our customers with systems design and integration services for data center servers and storage solutions built specific to our customers' datacenter environments.

In our Concentrix segment, our portfolio of services includes end to end process outsourcing to customers in various industry vertical markets delivered through omni-channels that include both voice and non-voice mediums. Our clients include corporations in the automotive, banking and financial services, healthcare and pharmaceutical, insurance, media and communications, retail and ecommerce, consumer electronics, technology and travel and telecommunications industries and the government and public sector.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

There have been no material changes in our critical accounting policies and estimates for the three months ended February 28, 2014 from our disclosure in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2013. For more information on all of our critical accounting policies, please see the discussion in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2013 and Note 2 of the financial statements.

### Recent Acquisitions and Divestitures

We continually seek to augment our product and service offerings through both internal expansion and strategic acquisitions of businesses and assets that complement and expand our global operational capabilities. We also divest businesses that we deem no longer strategic to our ongoing operations. Our historical acquisitions have extended the geographic reach of our operations, particularly in targeted markets, and have diversified and expanded the services we provide to our OEM suppliers and customers. Our prior acquisitions have brought us new reseller and retail customers, OEM suppliers, product lines and service offerings and technological capabilities. We account for acquisitions using the purchase method of accounting and include acquired entities within our Consolidated Financial Statements from the closing date of the acquisition.

### Acquisitions during fiscal year 2014

#### IBM customer care business acquisition

On January 31, 2014, under the terms of a Master Asset Purchase Agreement, we completed the initial closing of our acquisition of the assets of the customer care business of IBM. The preliminary aggregate purchase price of \$503.1 million is subject to certain post-closing adjustments. The initial closing represents countries which comprise approximately 80% of the preliminary valuation of the customer care business. The subsequent closings are expected to occur in the second fiscal quarter of 2014, but contractually, no later than June 30, 2015, and are subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals. As of February 28, 2014, we have paid \$69.0 million (recorded in other current assets) towards the subsequent closings of the acquisition and expect to pay an additional amount of \$40.0 million in cash at the final closing. We issued 1,266,357 shares of our common stock at a fair value of \$71.1 million based on the closing price of our common stock on the date of acquisition.

The estimated purchase price allocation consisted of \$27.2 million of net tangible assets, \$180.6 million of intangible assets and \$186.3 million of goodwill. The purchase price allocation is preliminary, subject to finalization of valuation procedures.

The acquisition has been integrated into the Concentrix segment and extends our service portfolio, delivery capabilities and geographic reach.



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## Acquisitions during fiscal year 2013

In April 2013, we acquired substantially all of the assets of Supercom Canada Limited or Supercom Canada, a distributor of IT and consumer electronics products and services in Canada. The purchase price was approximately CAD37.6 million, or US\$36.7 million, in cash, including approximately CAD4.5 million, or US\$4.3 million, in deferred payments, subject to certain post-closing conditions, payable within 18 months. Subsequent to the acquisition, we repaid debt and working capital lines in the amount of US\$53.7 million. Based on the preliminary purchase price allocation, we recorded net tangible assets of US\$26.9 million, goodwill of US\$5.4 million and intangible assets of US\$4.4 million in relation to this acquisition. The determination of the fair value of the assets and liabilities acquired is preliminary and subject to the finalization of more detailed analysis. The acquisition is integrated into the Technology Solutions segment and has expanded our existing product and service offerings in Canada.

## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth, for the indicated periods, data as percentages of revenue:

Statements of Operations Data:	Three Months Ended			
	February 28, 2014		February 28, 2013	
Revenue	100.00	%	100.00	%
Cost of revenue	(93.17	)	(93.66	)
Gross profit	6.83		6.34	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(4.78	)	(4.07	)
Income from operations before non-operating items, income taxes and noncontrolling interest	2.05		2.27	
Interest expense and finance charges, net	(0.15	)	(0.22	)
Other income, net	0.10		0.05	
Income from operations before income taxes and noncontrolling interest	2.00		2.10	
Provision for income taxes	(0.73	)	(0.74	)
Net income	1.27		1.36	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	0.00		0.00	
Net income attributable to SYNEX Corporation	1.27	%	1.36	%

## Segment Information

In the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, we realigned our business segments. Certain operations which were previously reported under the Concentrix segment and which primarily provided inter-segment support and IT services have now been aligned with and report into the Technology Solutions segment. The financial information presented herein reflects the impact of the preceding segment structure change for all periods presented.

Three Months Ended February 28, 2014 and 2013

Revenue	Three Months Ended			Percent Change
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013		
	(in thousands)			
Revenue	\$3,026,984	\$2,460,839	23.0	%
Technology Solutions revenue	2,902,907	2,418,916	20.0	%
Concentrix revenue	126,965	44,350	186.3	%
Inter-segment elimination	(2,888	) (2,427	) 19.0	%

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In our Technology Solutions segment, we distribute in excess of 30,000 technology products (as measured by active SKUs) from more than 300 IT, CE and OEM suppliers to more than 20,000 resellers. The prices of our products are highly dependent on the volumes purchased within a product category. The products we sell from one period to the next are often not comparable because of rapid changes in product models and features. The revenue generated in our Concentrix segment relates to global business services process optimization, customer engagement strategy and back office automation. Inter-segment elimination represents services and transactions generated between our reportable segments that are eliminated on consolidation.

Revenue in our Technology Solutions segment during the three months ended February 28, 2014 increased from the prior year period due to strong consumer and commercial sales growth in U.S. and Japan and the April 2013 acquisition of Supercom Canada. In comparison to the prior year period, first quarter 2014 revenue was negatively impacted by 3.8% for the translation impact of foreign exchange rates, primarily from the weakening of the Japanese yen and the Canadian dollar. On a constant currency basis, revenue increased by 23.8% from the prior year period. Sales in US and Japan benefitted from increased demand for consumer electronics, expansion of our vendor lines and growth in our systems design and integration services. Our revenue from notebook, tablet, networking and software products also increased compared to the prior year period. Consumer and commercial IT demand are expected to continue to be strong in the U.S. and Japan and to continue to improve in Canada.

The increase in revenue in our Concentrix segment from the prior year period is primarily due to the January 31, 2014 acquisition of assets of the IBM customer care business. The acquisition added \$74.5 million in revenue to our consolidated results. The revenue from our legacy Concentrix business also increased over the prior year period, benefiting from new customer contracts and increased volumes of business.

The second phase of the acquisition is anticipated to close in the second quarter of fiscal year 2014. The business process outsourcing market is expected to continue to have overall moderate industry growth rates. Revenue from the acquired IBM customer care business is expected to be flat during the integration period and is then expected to grow toward the end of fiscal year 2014. Revenue growth will be offset by the expiration of certain contracts that were expected to not renew at the time of acquisition.

**Gross Profit**

	Three Months Ended			
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013	Percent Change	
	(in thousands)			
Gross profit	\$206,646	\$156,087	32.4	%
Percentage of revenue	6.83	% 6.34	%	

Our gross profit is affected by a variety of factors, including our sources of revenue by segments, competition, average selling prices, mix of products and services we sell, our customers, product costs along with rebate and discount programs from our suppliers, reserves or settlement adjustments, freight costs, charges for inventory losses, acquisitions and divestitures of business units and fluctuations in revenues.

The increase in our gross margins in the three months ended February 28, 2014 as compared to the prior year period is primarily due to the change in our segment business mix as a result of our acquisition of the IBM customer care business on January 31, 2014 and the increase in our revenue from our legacy Concentrix business. Offsetting this increase was the impact of lower reserve requirements, primarily related to vendor programs in our Technology Solutions segment, benefiting the prior year period.

**Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

	Three Months Ended			
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013	Percent Change	
	(in thousands)			
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$144,696	\$100,147	44.5	%
Percentage of revenue	4.78	% 4.07	%	

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Our selling, general and administrative expenses primarily consists of personnel costs such as salaries, commissions, bonuses, share-based compensation, temporary personnel costs and deferred compensation expense or income. Selling, general and administrative expenses also include costs incurred in relation to the acquisition and integration of businesses, cost of facilities, utility expenses, professional fees, depreciation on our capital equipment, bad debt expense, amortization of our intangible assets, and marketing expenses, offset in part by reimbursements from our OEM suppliers.

The increase in our selling, general and administrative expenses in the three months ended February 28, 2014 compared to the prior year period is primarily the result of our January 31, 2014 acquisition of the IBM customer care business in the Concentrix segment. The acquisition added approximately 34,000 employees and contractors to our personnel resources. We also incurred approximately \$8.9 million in acquisition-related expenses and integration expenses in our Concentrix segment related to the IBM customer care business acquisition. The amortization of our intangible assets was approximately \$3.7 million higher than the prior year period, which was primarily the result of the acquisition. In addition to the increased costs related to the IBM customer care business acquisition, personnel and general operating expenses were higher than the prior year period due to the acquisition of Supercom Canada in the Technology Solutions segment in April 2013, growth and increased business volumes in both business segments, which was partly offset by \$3.6 million favorable impact of foreign currency translation.

## Income from Operations before Non-Operating Items, Income Taxes and Noncontrolling Interests

	Three Months Ended			Percent Change
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013		
Income from operations before non-operating items, income taxes and noncontrolling interest	\$61,950	\$55,940	10.7	%
Percentage of total revenue	2.05	% 2.27	%	
Technology Solutions income from operations before non-operating items, income taxes and noncontrolling interest	63,531	53,536	18.7	%
Percentage of Technology Solutions revenue	2.19	% 2.21	%	
Concentrix income (loss) from operations before non-operating items, income taxes and noncontrolling interest	(1,779	) 2,424	(173.4	)%
Percentage of Concentrix revenue	(1.40	)% 5.47	%	
Inter-segment eliminations	198	(20	) (1,090.0	)%

The operating margin in our Technology Solutions segment during the three months ended February 28, 2014 was slightly lower than the prior year period primarily due to prior year results benefiting from lower reserve requirements. Excluding this factor, operating margins improved reflecting the growth in our business and efficient management of our operating expenses.

The operating margin of our Concentrix segment in the three months ended February 28, 2014 was adversely affected by \$8.9 million in acquisition and integration expenses incurred in relation to our acquisition of the IBM customer care business. In addition, the amortization expense of our intangible assets was approximately \$3.7 million higher than the prior year period as a result of the acquisition. Excluding these factors, the operating margin of the Concentrix segment benefitted from the acquisition of the IBM customer care business.

## Interest Expense and Finance Charges, Net

	Three Months Ended			Percent Change
	February 28, 2014	February 28, 2013		
Interest expense and finance charges, net	\$4,498	\$5,493	(18.1	)%
Percentage of revenue	0.15	% 0.22	%	

Amounts recorded in interest expense and finance charges, net, consist primarily of interest expense paid on our lines of credit and other debt, fees associated with third party accounts receivable financing arrangements, and the sale or

pledge of accounts receivable through our securitization facilities, offset by income earned on our cash investments and financing income

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from our multi-year contracts in our Mexico operation. Interest expense recorded in the three months ended February 28, 2013 also includes non-cash interest expense incurred on our convertible debt.

The reduction in our interest expense during the three months ended February 28, 2014 as compared to the prior year period is primarily the result of the settlement of the convertible debt in August 2013. The prior period interest expense includes approximately \$3.0 million in cash and non-cash interest expense components related to the convertible debt. This was partly offset by \$2.0 million higher interest expense on our borrowing lines during the three months ended February 28, 2014. The increase in borrowing levels was primarily to fund the acquisition of the IBM customer care business on January 31, 2014 and to infuse working capital into the newly acquired business. Interest expense also included higher flooring fees as a result of our higher business volumes, offset in part by the benefit of foreign currency translation.

## Other Income, Net

	Three Months Ended			Percent Change
	February 28, 2014 (in thousands)	February 28, 2013		
Other income, net	\$2,968	\$1,261	135.4	%
Percentage of revenue	0.10	% 0.05	%	

Amounts recorded as other income, net include foreign currency transaction gains and losses, investment gains and losses (including those in our deferred compensation plan) and other non-operating gains and losses.

The increase in other income, net in the three months ended February 28, 2014 was due to \$2.9 million received from a class-action legal settlement, offset in part by foreign exchange losses and lower earnings on our deferred compensation investments.

## Provision for Income Taxes

Income taxes consist of our current and deferred tax expense resulting from our income earned in domestic and foreign jurisdictions.

Our effective tax rate for the three months ended February 28, 2014 was 36.3%, compared to 35.4% for the three months ended February 28, 2013. The increase in our effective tax rate, compared to the prior year period, was due to increased profitability of our operations in higher tax jurisdictions.

Our future effective tax rates could be adversely affected by earnings being lower than anticipated in countries where we have lower statutory rates and earnings being higher than anticipated in countries where we have higher statutory rates, by changes in the valuations of our deferred tax assets or liabilities, or by changes or interpretations in tax laws, regulations or accounting principles. In addition, we are subject to the continuous examination of our income tax returns by the Internal Revenue Service and other tax authorities. We regularly assess the likelihood of adverse outcomes resulting from these examinations to determine the adequacy of our provision for income taxes.

## Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests

Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests represents the share of net income attributable to others, which is recognized for the portion of subsidiaries' equity not owned by us. The change in the net income loss attributable to noncontrolling interests in the three months ended February 28, 2014 as compared to the prior year period was not material to our results of operations.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

## Cash Flows

Our business is working capital intensive. Our working capital needs are primarily to finance accounts receivable and inventory. We rely heavily on debt, accounts receivable arrangements, our securitization programs and our revolver programs for our working capital needs.

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We have financed our growth and cash needs to date primarily through working capital financing facilities, convertible debt, bank credit lines and cash generated from operations.

To increase our market share and better serve our customers, we may further expand our operations through investments or acquisitions. We expect that such expansion would require an initial investment in personnel, facilities and operations. These investments or acquisitions would likely be funded primarily by additional borrowings or issuing common stock.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$35.0 million for the three months ended February 28, 2014, primarily consisting of an increase in inventories of \$136.9 million and a decrease in accounts payable of \$30.7 million, partly offset by our net income of \$38.5 million, adjustments for non-cash items of \$16.1 million, a \$52.0 million decrease in accounts receivable and a \$39.8 million increase in accrued liabilities. The increase in inventories is primarily due to the timing of purchases for the fulfillment of customer orders. The decrease in accounts receivables is the result of collections of prior quarter sales partly offset by high sales volumes in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 and the receivables from the newly acquired IBM customer care business. The adjustments for non-cash items primarily consist of depreciation and amortization expense.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$40.9 million for the three months ended February 28, 2013, primarily resulting from a \$176.3 million reduction in accounts receivable, \$33.4 million net income and non-cash adjustments of \$11.1 million offset in part by \$159.3 million decrease in accounts payables and accrued liabilities and a \$9.0 million increase in inventory. The changes in our accounts receivables and our accounts payables are due to the timing of collections and payments following the seasonally high fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012. The adjustments for non-cash items primarily consist of \$6.2 million of depreciation and amortization expense.

Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended February 28, 2014 was \$388.7 million, which was primarily comprised of a cash payment of \$321.0 million paid at the initial closing for the acquisition of IBM customer care business and \$69.0 million toward subsequent closings. Our capital expenditures during the period were \$4.3 million to support our growth and higher business volumes. These cash outflows were offset in part by a \$4.1 million change in restricted cash due to the timing of our lockbox collections under our borrowing arrangements.

Net cash provided by investing activities for the three months ended February 28, 2013 was \$0.9 million, which included \$4.2 million received from the fiscal year 2012 sale of our equity-method investee SB Pacific Limited and \$0.8 million proceeds from sale of our deferred compensation investments, net of purchases, offset in part by \$3.0 million investment in property and equipment and \$0.9 million paid for prior acquisitions in our Concentrix segment.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended February 28, 2014 was \$418.6 million, consisting primarily of \$443.7 million of net receipts on our securitization arrangement, revolving lines of credit and other credit facility arrangements. The increase in borrowings was primarily to fund the acquisition and working capital requirements of the IBM customer care business.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended February 28, 2013 was \$24.2 million, consisting primarily of \$34.1 million net receipts on our revolving lines of credit and term loans. We paid \$11.4 million for fiscal year 2012 purchase of shares of our subsidiary Infotec Japan from the noncontrolling interest. The proceeds from the issue of common stock upon the exercise of employee stock awards were \$1.2 million and \$0.1 million was used for repurchase of treasury stock.

#### Capital Resources

Our cash and cash equivalents totaled \$148.4 million and \$151.6 million as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, respectively. Of our total cash and cash equivalents, the cash held by our foreign subsidiaries was \$138.0 million and \$142.5 million as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, respectively. Repatriation of the cash held by our foreign subsidiaries would be subject to United States federal income taxes. Also, repatriation of some foreign balances is restricted by local laws. However, we have historically fully utilized and reinvested all foreign cash to fund our foreign operations and expansion. If in the future, our intentions change and we repatriate the cash back to the United States, we will report the expected impact of the applicable taxes depending upon the planned timing and manner of such repatriation. Presently, we believe we have sufficient resources, cash flow and liquidity within the United States to fund current and expected future working capital requirements.





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Based on our financial strength and performance, existing sources of liquidity, available cash resources and funds available under our various borrowing arrangements, we believe we will have sufficient resources to meet our present and future working capital requirements for the next twelve months.

Our accounts receivable securitization program and our U.S credit facility agreement are renewable on their expiration dates. We have no reason to believe that these arrangements will not be renewed as we continue to be in good credit standing with the participating financial institutions. We have had similar borrowing arrangements with various financial institutions throughout our years as a public company.

On-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We primarily finance our United States operations with an accounts receivable securitization program, or the U.S. Arrangement. Until September 2013, our subsidiary, which is the borrower under the U.S. Arrangement, could borrow up to a maximum of \$400.0 million in U.S. trade accounts receivable, or the U.S. Receivables. In September 2013, we amended the U.S Arrangement to increase the commitment of the lenders to \$500.0 million. In addition, the amendment also included an accordion feature to allow requests for an increase in the lenders' commitment by an additional \$100.0 million to a maximum commitment of \$600.0 million. The maturity date of the U.S. Arrangement is October 2015. The effective borrowing cost under the U.S. Arrangement is a blended rate that includes prevailing dealer commercial paper rates and the daily London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, rate, plus a program fee of 0.425% per annum based on the used portion of the commitment, and a facility fee of 0.425% per annum payable on the aggregate commitment of the lenders. As of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, the outstanding balances under the U.S. arrangement was \$380.0 million and \$144.0 million, respectively.

Under the terms of the U.S. Arrangement, we sell, on a revolving basis, U.S. Receivables to a wholly-owned, bankruptcy-remote subsidiary. The borrowings are funded by pledging all of the rights, title and interest in and to the U.S. Receivables acquired by our subsidiary as security. Any borrowings under the U.S. Arrangement are recorded as debt on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. As is customary in trade accounts receivable securitization arrangements, a credit rating agency's downgrade of the third party issuer of commercial paper or of a back-up liquidity provider (which provides a source of funding if the commercial paper market cannot be accessed) could result in an increase in our cost of borrowing or loss of our financing capacity under these programs if the commercial paper issuer or liquidity back-up provider is not replaced, or if the lender whose commercial paper issuer or liquidity back-up provider is not replaced does not elect to offer us an alternate rate. Loss of such financing capacity could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In November 2013, we entered into a senior secured credit agreement, or the U.S. Credit Agreement, which is comprised of \$275.0 million in a revolving credit facility and a term loan in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$225.0 million. We may request incremental commitments to increase the principal amount of revolving loans or term loans available under the U.S. Credit Agreement up to \$125.0 million. The U.S. Credit Agreement matures in November 2018. Interest on borrowings under the U.S. Credit Agreement can be based on the LIBOR, or a base rate, at our option. Loans borrowed under the Credit Agreement bear interest, in the case of LIBOR loans, at a per annum rate equal to the applicable LIBOR, plus a margin which may range from 1.75% to 2.25%, based on our consolidated leverage ratio, as determined in accordance with the U.S. Credit Agreement. Loans borrowed under the Credit Agreement that are not LIBOR loans, and are instead base rate loans, bear interest at a per annum rate equal to (i) the greatest of (A) the Federal Funds Rate plus a margin of 1/2 of 1.0%, (B) LIBOR plus 1.0% per annum, and (C) the rate of interest announced, from time to time, by the agent, Bank of America, N.A., as its "prime rate," plus (ii) a margin which may range from 0.75% to 1.25%, based on our consolidated leverage ratio, as determined in accordance with the U.S. Credit Agreement. When drawn, the outstanding principal amount of the term loan will be repayable in quarterly installments, in an amount equal to (a) for each of the first eight calendar quarters ending after the term loan is made, 1.25% of the initial principal amount of the term loan, (b) for each calendar quarter ending thereafter, 2.50% of the initial principal amount of the term loan and (c) on the November 2018 maturity date of the term loan, the outstanding principal amount of the term loan. Our obligations under the U.S. Credit Agreement are secured by substantially all of the parent company and its United States domestic subsidiaries' assets and are guaranteed by certain of our United States domestic subsidiaries. There was a balance of \$225.0 million outstanding under the term loan component of the U.S. Credit Agreement as of February 28, 2014, and there was no borrowing outstanding as of

November 30, 2013. In addition, there was \$1.5 million outstanding as of February 28, 2014 in standby letters of credit under the U.S Credit Agreement.

SYNEX Canada Limited, or SYNEX Canada, has a revolving line of credit arrangement with a financial institution, or the Canadian Revolving Arrangement, which has a maximum commitment of CAD100.0 million and includes an accordion feature to increase the maximum commitment by an additional CAD25.0 million to CAD125.0 million, at SYNEX Canada's

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request. The Canadian Revolving Arrangement also provides a sublimit of \$5.0 million for the issuance of standby letters of credit. There were no letters of credit outstanding as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013. SYNEX Canada has granted a security interest in substantially all of its assets in favor of the lender under the Canadian Revolving Arrangement. In addition, we pledged our stock in SYNEX Canada as collateral for the Canadian Revolving Arrangement. The interest rate applicable under the Canadian Revolving Arrangement is equal to (i) the Canadian base rate plus a margin of 0.75% for a Base Rate Loan in Canadian Dollars, (ii) the US base rate plus a margin of 0.75% for a Base Rate Loan in U.S. Dollars, and (iii) the Bankers' Acceptance rate, or BA, plus a margin of 2.00% for a BA Rate Loan. The Canadian base rate means the greater of (a) the prime rate determined by a major Canadian financial institution and (b) the one month Canadian Dealer Offered Rate, or CDOR, (the average rate applicable to Canadian dollar bankers' acceptances for the applicable period) plus 1.50%. The US base rate means the greater of (a) a reference rate determined by a major Canadian financial institution for US dollar loans made to Canadian borrowers and (b) the US federal funds rate plus 0.50%. A fee of 0.25% per annum is payable with respect to the unused portion of the commitment. There was no borrowing outstanding under our Canadian Revolving Arrangement as of both February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013.

SYNEX Canada has a term loan associated with the purchase of its logistics facility in Guelph, Canada. The interest rate for the unpaid principal amount is a fixed rate of 5.374% per annum. The final maturity date for repayment of the unpaid principal is April 1, 2017. The balances outstanding on the term loan as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013 were \$6.9 million and \$7.4 million, respectively.

Infotec Japan has a credit agreement with a group of financial institutions for a maximum commitment of JPY14.0 billion. The credit agreement is comprised of a JPY6.0 billion long-term loan and a JPY8.0 billion short-term revolving credit facility. The interest rate for the long-term and short-term loans is based on the Tokyo Interbank Offered Rate, or TIBOR, plus a margin that was 1.90% per annum; however, in December 2013, we amended the credit agreement to lower this margin to 1.40% per annum. The unused line fee on the revolving credit facility was 0.5% per annum, however, in December 2013, we amended this credit agreement to lower this fee to 0.1% per annum. As of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, the balances outstanding under the credit facility were \$120.8 million and \$136.7 million, respectively. The long-term loan can be repaid at any time prior to expiration date without penalty. We have issued a guarantee to cover up to 110% of the outstanding principal amount obligations of Infotec Japan to the lenders. This credit facility expires in December 2016.

In September 2013, Infotec Japan established a short-term revolving credit facility of JPY2.0 billion with a financial institution. The interest rate for the credit facility is based on TIBOR plus a margin of 0.50% per annum. In addition, there is a facility fee of 0.425% per annum. The credit facility can be renewed annually. As of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, the balances outstanding under this credit facility were \$19.7 million and \$19.5 million, respectively.

Infotec Japan has a short-term revolving credit facility of JPY1.0 billion with a financial institution. The credit facility can be renewed annually and bears an interest rate that is based on TIBOR plus a margin of 1.20% per annum. As of both February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, the balances outstanding under these lines were \$9.8 million.

As of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013, we also had \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, outstanding in capital lease obligations primarily pertaining to Infotec Japan and under arrangements with various banks and financial institutions for the sale and financing of approved accounts receivable and notes receivable with recourse provisions to Infotec Japan.

#### Covenants Compliance

In relation to the U.S. Arrangement, the U.S. Credit Agreement, the Canadian Revolving Arrangement and the Infotec Japan credit facility, we have a number of covenants and restrictions that, among other things, require us to comply with certain financial and other covenants. These covenants require us to maintain specified financial ratios and satisfy certain financial condition tests, including leverage and fixed charge coverage ratios. They also limit our ability to incur additional debt, make intercompany loans, pay dividends and make other types of distributions, make certain acquisitions, repurchase our stock, create liens, cancel debt owed to us, enter into agreements with affiliates, modify the nature of our business, enter into sale-leaseback transactions, make certain investments, enter into new real estate leases, transfer and sell assets, cancel or terminate any material contracts and merge or consolidate. As of February 28,

2014, we were in compliance with all material covenants for the above arrangements.

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In August 2013, we settled our Convertible Senior Notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$143.8 million which were issued in May 2008 in a private placement. The Convertible Senior Notes bore a cash coupon interest rate of 4.0% per annum and the conversion rate was 33.9945 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount, equivalent to an initial conversion price of \$29.42 per share of common stock. The Convertible Senior Notes were called in the second quarter of fiscal year 2013. No interest was accrued subsequent to May 2013 in accordance with the Indenture. The final settlement amount of \$218.9 million was paid in cash and comprised of \$143.8 million in principal payments and \$75.1 million in payment of conversion premium. The conversion premium, which represents the difference between the total settlement amount less the principal, was recorded as a reduction of additional paid-in capital. The final settlement amount was calculated in accordance with the Indenture based on the volume weighted-average trading price of our common stock over the 60 consecutive trading-day period beginning on and including the third trading day after the related conversion.

Based on a cash coupon interest rate of 4.0%, we recorded contractual interest expense of \$1.6 million during the three months ended February 28, 2013. Based on an effective rate of 8.0%, we recorded non-cash interest expenses of \$1.4 million during the three months ended February 28, 2013.

**Guarantees**

We issued guarantees to certain vendors, customers, lenders of our subsidiaries for trade credit lines and loans, and to a certain customer's lessor. In addition, we, as the ultimate parent, guaranteed the obligations of SYNEX Investment Holdings Corporation up to \$35.0 million in connection with the sale of China Civilink (Cayman), which operated in China as HiChina Web Solutions, to Alibaba.com Limited. The total guarantees issued by us as of February 28, 2014 and November 30, 2013 were \$366.3 million and \$364.7 million, respectively. We are obligated under these guarantees to pay amounts due should our subsidiaries or customer not pay valid amounts owed to their vendors or lenders or not comply with subsidiary sales agreements.

**Related Party Transactions**

We had a business relationship with MiTAC International Corporation, or MiTAC International, a publicly-traded company in Taiwan, which began in 1992 when MiTAC International became our primary investor through its affiliates. In September 2013, MiTAC Holdings Corporation, or MiTAC Holdings, was established through a stock swap from MiTAC International and became a publicly traded company on the Taiwan Stock Exchange. MiTAC International is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of MiTAC Holdings. As of February 28, 2014 and 2013, MiTAC Holdings and its affiliates beneficially owned approximately 25% and 26%, respectively, of our common stock. Matthew Miao, our Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Directors and director, is the Chairman of MiTAC Holdings' and a director or officer of MiTAC Holdings' affiliates.

The shares owned by MiTAC Holdings are held by the following entities:

	As of February 28, 2014 (in thousands)
MiTAC Holdings <sup>(1)</sup>	5,552
Synnex Technology International Corp. <sup>(2)</sup>	4,283
Total	9,835

(1) Shares are held via Silver Star Developments Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of MiTAC Holdings. Excludes 442 thousand shares directly held by Matthew Miao.

Synnex Technology International Corp., or Synnex Technology International, is a separate entity from us and is a publicly-traded corporation in Taiwan. Shares are held via Peer Development Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of

(2) Synnex Technology International. MiTAC Holdings owns a noncontrolling interest of 8.7% in MiTAC

Incorporated, a privately-held Taiwanese company, which in turn holds a noncontrolling interest of 13.6% in Synnex Technology International.

MiTAC Holdings generally has significant influence over us and over the outcome of all matters submitted to stockholders for consideration, including any merger or acquisition of ours. Among other things, this could have the

effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change of control over us.

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We purchased inventories from MiTAC Holdings and their affiliates totaling \$18.9 million and \$5.3 million during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Our sales to MiTAC Holdings, and its affiliates totaled \$0.9 million and \$1.4 million during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively. In addition, we received reimbursements of rent and overhead costs for facilities used by MiTAC Holdings amounting to \$16.0 thousand and \$0.9 million during the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Our business relationship with MiTAC Holdings and its affiliates has been informal and is not governed by long-term commitments or arrangements with respect to pricing terms, revenue or capacity commitments. We negotiated manufacturing, pricing and other material terms on a case-by-case basis with MiTAC Holdings and our design and integration customers for a given project. While MiTAC Holdings is a related party and a controlling stockholder, we believe that the significant terms under our arrangements with MiTAC Holdings, including pricing, will not materially differ from the terms we could have negotiated with unaffiliated third parties, and we have adopted a policy requiring that material transactions with MiTAC Holdings or its related parties be approved by its Audit Committee, which is composed solely of independent directors. In addition, Matthew Miao's compensation is approved by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which is also composed solely of independent directors.

Synnex Technology International is a publicly-traded corporation in Taiwan that currently provides distribution and fulfillment services to various markets in Asia and Australia, and is also our potential competitor. Neither MiTAC Holdings nor Synnex Technology International is restricted from competing with us.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

For a summary of recent accounting pronouncements and the anticipated effects on our consolidated financial statements see Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

### ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

There have been no material changes in our quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk for the three months ended February 28, 2014 from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2013. For further discussion of quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk, reference is made to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year then ended.

### ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. We maintain "disclosure controls and procedures," as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the disclosure controls and procedures are met. Our disclosure controls and procedures have been designed to meet reasonable assurance standards. Additionally, in designing disclosure controls and procedures, our management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible disclosure controls and procedures. The design of any disclosure controls and procedures also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

Based on their evaluation as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

(b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting. There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) identified in connection with management's evaluation during





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our last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

The following are certain risk factors that could affect our business, financial results and results of operations. These risk factors should be considered in connection with evaluating the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q because these factors could cause the actual results and conditions to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Before you invest in our Company, you should know that making such an investment involves some risks, including the risks described below. The risks that have been highlighted here are not the only ones that we face. If any of the risks actually occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be negatively affected. In that case, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Related to the Acquisition of the IBM Customer Care Business

Failure to complete the subsequent closings of the IBM's customer care business acquisition could negatively impact our stock price and the future of our business and financial results.

On January 31, 2014, we completed the initial closing of our acquisition of the assets of the IBM customer care business. The remainder of the acquisition, approximately 20% of the business, as measured by the preliminary valuation of the business, will be acquired through subsequent closings which are anticipated to occur during the second fiscal quarter of 2014 and are contractually required to be completed by June 2015. There is no assurance that we will receive the necessary regulatory approvals or satisfy the other conditions for the completion of the acquisition.

If the acquisition is not completed for any reason, we will be subject to risks, including the following:

- the current market price of our common stock may reflect a market assumption that the subsequent closings of the acquisition will occur, and a failure to successfully integrate and complete successive closings of the acquisition could result in a negative perception by the market of us generally and a resulting decline in the market price of our common stock;

- we have incurred substantial transaction costs relating to the acquisition (including significant legal, accounting and consulting fees), and these substantial costs are payable by us whether or not the integration of the remainder of the acquisition is successful ;

- there may be a substantial disruption to our business and a distraction of our management and employees from day-to-day operations because matters related to the remainder of the acquisition (including integration planning) may require substantial commitments of time and resources, which could otherwise have been devoted to other opportunities that could have been beneficial;

- the diversion of management time required by the remainder of the acquisition could also adversely affect our results of operations and lead to the loss of important customers; and

- the loss of existing key and other employees could adversely affect our operations and business results.

In addition, even if the integration of the remainder portions of the acquisition is successful, we may not realize the full potential benefits of the acquisition. The anticipated benefits may not be achieved within the anticipated time frame, or at all. As a result, we cannot assure you that this acquisition will result in the realization of the full benefits anticipated from the acquisition.

We may not be able to realize all of the anticipated benefits of the acquisition of the IBM customer care business if we fail to integrate this business successfully, which could reduce our profitability and adversely affect our stock price. Our ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the transaction will depend, in part, on our ability to integrate this customer care business successfully and efficiently with our business. The integration of this business in several geographic locations is a complex, costly and time-consuming process. The integration process may disrupt our business and, if implemented ineffectively, preclude realization of the full benefits expected by us. If we are not successful in this integration, our financial



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results could be adversely impacted. Our management will be required to dedicate significant time and effort to this integration process, which could divert their attention from other business concerns. In addition, the overall integration may result in unanticipated problems, expenses, liabilities, competitive responses, loss of customer and other relationships, a loss of key employees and other employees, and diversion of management's attention, and may cause our stock price to decline. The difficulties of combining the operations of the two businesses include, among others:

- challenges associated with minimizing the diversion of management attention from ongoing business concerns;
  - coordinating geographically separate organizations which may be subject to additional complications resulting from being geographically distant from other of our operations;
- coordinating and combining international operations, relationships, and facilities, and eliminating duplicative operations;
- retaining key employees and maintaining employee morale, particularly in areas where we do not currently have personnel;
- retaining and preserving existing customer relationships and completing the successful novation of customer contracts on favorable and comparable terms;
- possible attrition of customer relationships resulting from the perceived loss of a globally recognized brand name service provider;
- unanticipated changes in general business or market conditions that might interfere with our ability to carry out all of our integration plans;
- unanticipated issues in integrating information, communications and other systems, and
- issues not discovered in our due diligence process.

In addition, even if the integration is successful, we may not realize the full potential benefits of the acquisition. The anticipated benefits may not be achieved within the anticipated time frame, or at all. As a result, we cannot assure you that this acquisition will result in the realization of the full benefits anticipated from the acquisition.

We have significantly expanded the geographic reach of our Concentrix business with our acquisition of the IBM customer care business and this expansion exposes us to additional geopolitical risks that could adversely affect our business and results from operations.

With our acquisition of the IBM customer care business, we have significantly expanded the geographic reach of our Concentrix business, adding international operations in 36 countries, spanning 6 continents. This breadth of business conducted outside of the United States exposes us to additional risks, which in turn could cause our business and results from operations to suffer. These additional risks include political and economic instability, extensive government regulation, cybersecurity threats, natural calamities, terrorist activities, worker strikes, civil unrest and military activity. We also face challenges in our management of, and compliance efforts involving, the larger geographic scope of business that is subject to a wider variety of laws, regulations and government policies. Our operations are based on a global delivery model with client services provided from delivery centers located in several countries at various extents. With the acquisition, we have significantly increased the percentage of our workforce that is located in India and the Philippines. Socio-economic situations which are specific to these regions can severely disrupt our operations and impact our ability to fulfill our contractual obligations to our clients. If these regions experience severe natural calamities or political unrest, our personnel resources may be affected, our IT and communication infrastructure may be at risk and the client processes that we manage may be adversely affected. Changes in governments, laws, regulations and taxation rules may severely impact our ability to do business in these countries, our business practices, our operating costs and our results of operations.

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Risks Related to Our Business

We anticipate that our revenue and operating results will fluctuate, which could adversely affect the enterprise value of our Company and our securities.

Our operating results have fluctuated and will fluctuate in the future as a result of many factors, including:

- the impact of the business acquisitions and dispositions we make;
- general economic conditions and level of IT and CE spending;
- the loss or consolidation of one or more of our significant OEM suppliers or customers;
- market acceptance, product mix, quality, pricing, availability and useful life of our products;
- competitive conditions in our industry;
- pricing, margin and other terms with our OEM suppliers;
- decline in inventory value as a result of product obsolescence and market acceptance;
- variations in our levels of excess inventory, vendor reserves and doubtful accounts;
- fluctuations in rates in the currencies in which we transact;
- changes in the terms of OEM supplier-inventory protections, such as price protection and return rights; and
- the expansion of our design and integration sales and operations, globally.

Although we attempt to control our expense levels, these levels are based, in part, on anticipated revenue. Therefore, we may not be able to control spending in a timely manner to compensate for any unexpected revenue shortfall.

Our operating results also are affected by the seasonality of the IT and CE products and services industry. We have historically experienced higher sales in our fourth fiscal quarter due to patterns in the capital budgeting, federal government spending and purchasing cycles of end-users. These patterns may not be repeated in subsequent periods. You should not rely on period-to-period comparisons of our operating results as an indication of future performance. The results of any quarterly period are not indicative of results to be expected for a full fiscal year. In future quarters, our operating results may be below our expectations or those of our public market analysts or investors, which would likely cause our share price to decline.

In our Technology Solutions segment, we depend on a small number of OEMs to supply the IT and CE products and services that we sell and the loss of, or a material change in our business relationship with a major OEM supplier, could adversely affect our business, financial position and operating results.

Our future success is highly dependent on our relationships with a small number of OEM suppliers. For example, sales of HP products and services represented approximately 28% and 31% of our total revenue for the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Our OEM supplier agreements typically are short-term and may be terminated without cause upon short notice. The loss or deterioration of our relationship with HP or any other major OEM supplier, the authorization by OEM suppliers of additional distributors, the sale of products by OEM suppliers directly to our reseller and retail customers and end-users, or our failure to establish relationships with new OEM suppliers or to expand the distribution and supply chain services that we provide OEM suppliers could adversely affect our business, financial position and operating results. In addition, OEM suppliers may face liquidity or solvency issues that in turn could negatively affect our business and operating results.

Our business is also highly dependent on the terms provided by our OEM suppliers. Generally, each OEM supplier has the ability to change the terms and conditions of its distribution agreements, such as reducing the amount of price protection and return rights or reducing the level of purchase discounts, incentive rebates and marketing programs available to us.

From time to time we may conduct business with a supplier without a formal agreement because the agreement has expired or otherwise terminated. In such case, we are subject to additional risk with respect to products, warranties and returns,

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and other terms and conditions. If we are unable to pass the impact of these changes through to our reseller and retail customers, our business, financial position and operating results could be adversely affected.

In our Technology Solutions segment our gross margins are low, which magnifies the impact of variations in revenue, operating costs and bad debt on our operating results.

As a result of significant price competition in the IT and CE products and services industry, our gross margins are low, and we expect them to continue to be low in the future. Increased competition arising from industry consolidation and low demand for certain IT and CE products and services may hinder our ability to maintain or improve our gross margins. These low gross margins magnify the impact of variations in revenue, operating costs and bad debt on our operating results. A portion of our operating expense is relatively fixed, and planned expenditures are based in part on anticipated orders that are forecasted with limited visibility of future demand. As a result, we may not be able to reduce our operating expense as a percentage of revenue to mitigate any further reductions in gross margins in the future. If we cannot proportionately decrease our cost structure in response to competitive price pressures, our business and operating results could suffer.

We also receive purchase discounts and rebates from OEM suppliers based on various factors, including sales or purchase volume and breadth of customers. A decrease in net sales could negatively affect the level of volume rebates received from our OEM suppliers and thus, our gross margins. Because some rebates from OEM suppliers are based on percentage increases in sales of products, it may become more difficult for us to achieve the percentage growth in sales required for larger discounts due to the current size of our revenue base. A decrease or elimination of purchase discounts and rebates from our OEM suppliers would adversely affect our business and operating results.

Because we sell on a purchase order basis, we are subject to uncertainties and variability in demand by our reseller, retail and design and integration services customers, which could decrease revenue and adversely affect our operating results.

In our Technology Solutions segment, we sell to our reseller, retail and design and integration services customers on a purchase order basis, rather than pursuant to long-term contracts or contracts with minimum purchase requirements. Consequently, our sales are subject to demand variability by our reseller, retail and design and integration services customers. The level and timing of orders placed by our customers vary for a variety of reasons, including seasonal buying by end-users, the introduction of new hardware and software technologies and general economic conditions. Customers submitting a purchase order may cancel, reduce or delay their orders. If we are unable to anticipate and respond to the demands of our reseller, retail and design and integration services customers, we may lose customers because we have an inadequate supply of products, or we may have excess inventory, either of which could harm our business, financial position and operating results.

With regard to our design and integration services business, unique parts are purchased based both on purchase order or forecasted demand. We have limited protection against excess inventory should anticipated demand from our design and integration customers not materialize.

We are subject to the risk that our inventory value may decline, and protective terms under our OEM supplier agreements may not adequately cover the decline in value, which in turn may harm our business, financial position and operating results.

The IT and CE products industry is subject to rapid technological change, new and enhanced product specification requirements, and evolving industry standards. These changes may cause inventory on hand to decline substantially in value or to rapidly become obsolete. Most of our OEM suppliers offer limited protection from the loss in value of inventory. For example, we can receive a credit from many OEM suppliers for products held in inventory in the event of a supplier price reduction. In addition, we have a limited right to return a certain percentage of purchases to most OEM suppliers. These policies are often subject to time restrictions and do not protect us in all cases from declines in inventory value. In addition, our OEM suppliers may become unable or unwilling to fulfill their protection obligations to us. The decrease or elimination of price protection, or the inability of our OEM suppliers to fulfill their protection obligations, could lower our gross margins and cause us to record inventory write-downs. If we are unable to manage our inventory with our OEM suppliers with a high degree of precision, we may have insufficient product supplies or we may have excess inventory, resulting in inventory write-downs, either of which could harm our business, financial position and operating results.



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We depend on OEM suppliers to maintain an adequate supply of products to fulfill customer orders on a timely basis, and any supply shortages or delays could cause us to be unable to timely fulfill orders, which in turn could harm our business, financial position and operating results.

Our ability to obtain particular products in the required quantities and to fulfill reseller and retail customer orders on a timely basis is critical to our success. In most cases, we have no guaranteed price or delivery agreements with our OEM suppliers. We occasionally experience a supply shortage of certain products as a result of strong demand or problems experienced by our OEM suppliers. For example, in fiscal years 2011 and 2012, we experienced shortage in hard drives from OEM suppliers in Thailand due to floods. If shortages or delays persist, the price of those products may increase, or the products may not be available at all. In addition, our OEM suppliers may decide to distribute, or to substantially increase their existing distribution business, through other distributors, their own dealer networks, or directly to resellers, retailers or end-users. Accordingly, if we are not able to secure and maintain an adequate supply of products to fulfill our reseller and retail customer orders on a timely basis, our business, financial position and operating results could be adversely affected.

The market for CE products that we distribute is characterized by short product life cycles. Increased competition for limited retailer shelf space, decreased promotional support from resellers or retailers or increased popularity of downloadable or online content and services could adversely impact our revenue.

The market for CE products, such as personal computers and tablets, mobile devices, wearable devices, video game titles and hardware, and audio or visual equipment, is characterized by short product life cycles and frequent introductions of new products. For example, the life cycle of a video game is short and typically provides a relatively high level of sales only for the first few months after introduction of the game. The markets in which we compete frequently introduce new products to meet changing consumer preferences and trends. As a result, competition is intense for resellers' and retailers' limited shelf space and promotions. If our vendors' new products are not introduced in a timely manner or do not achieve significant market acceptance, we may not generate sufficient sales or profitability. Further, if we are unable to successfully compete for resellers' or retailers' space and promotional resources, this could negatively impact market acceptance of our products and negatively impact our business and operating results. In addition, increased consumer use of downloadable content and online services and the further integration of technological tasks currently requiring several different CE products may negatively affect our CE product distribution business and operating results, as they may reduce consumer demand for having several different electronics devices and other physical products. For example, the popularity of downloadable and online games has increased and continued increases in downloadable and online gaming may result in a reduced level of over-the-counter retail video games sales.

The success of our Concentrix segment, including the customer care business acquired from IBM, is subject to the terms and conditions of our customer contracts.

We provide global business services, including business process outsourcing services to our customers under contracts with provisions that could impact our profitability. Many of our contracts have short termination provisions that could cause fluctuations in our revenue and operating results from period to period. For example, some contracts have performance-related bonus or penalty provisions, whereby we could receive a bonus if we satisfy certain performance levels or have to pay a penalty for failing to do so. In addition, our customers may not guarantee a minimum volume; however, we hire employees based on anticipated average volumes. The reduction of volume, loss of customers, payment of penalties or inability to terminate any unprofitable contracts could have an adverse impact on our operations and financial results.

Our Concentrix business, including the customer care business acquired from IBM, is subject to dynamic changes in the business model and competition, which in turn could cause our Concentrix operations to suffer.

The customer acquisition, support and renewal services businesses of our Concentrix segment represent emerging markets that are vulnerable to numerous changes that could cause a shift in the business and size of the market. For example, if software and hardware customers move to a utility or fee-for-service based business model, this business model change could significantly impact operations or cause a significant shift in the way we currently conduct our business. If OEMs place more focus in this area and internalize these operations, this could also cause a significant reduction in the size of the available market for third party service providers like us. Similarly, if competitors offer



their services at below market margin rates to gain market share, or use other lines of business to subsidize the renewals management business, this could cause a significant decrease in the available market for us. In addition, if a cloud-based solution or some other technology were introduced, this

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new technology could cause an adverse shift in the way our existing business operations are conducted or decrease the size of the available market.

The success of our Concentrix business is dependent on our ability to hire and retain employees with domain expertise.

The success of our operations and the quality of our services are highly dependent on our ability to attract and retain skilled personnel in all of our international delivery centers. The industry is characterized by high employee attrition rates and we face competition in hiring, retaining and motivating talented and skilled leaders and employees with domain experience.

In addition, our profitability is directly affected by the utilization rate of our personnel resources. If we are unable to achieve an optimum utilization of our personnel resources, we may experience erosions in our profit margins.

However, if our utilization is too high, it may result in the deterioration in the quality of services provided to our clients and may also result in higher attrition rates. If we are unable to manage our employee attrition rates, adequately motivate our employees or utilize our personnel resources efficiently, our operations will be disrupted, and such disruption may impact our ability to manage our costs, which in turn could impact our profitability.

The Concentrix business exposes us to certain operational risks that are specific to this industry.

Our customer engagement services business involves us representing our clients in certain critical operations of their business processes such as sales, marketing and customer support. If our clients experience disruptions in these operations or are dissatisfied with the quality of service provided, our client relationships may suffer and we may face possible legal action.

In addition, in our management of our clients operations, we manage large volumes of customer information and confidential data. We may be liable and our operations may be disrupted if there is a breach of confidentiality of client data or if an employee violates policies and regulations governing the management of personal information, if we lose our client's data or if the security of our IT systems is compromised.

We may also be liable if we do not maintain adequate internal controls over the processes we manage for our clients or if we fail to comply with the laws and regulations applicable to the operations in which we represent our clients.

Our clients may request us to obtain audit reports over our internal controls. If we are unable to complete these audit reports or if internal control deficiencies are identified in the audit process, our client relationships may suffer.

Our investments in our Concentrix business could adversely affect our operating results as a result of operation execution risks related to managing and communicating with remote resources, technologies, and customer satisfaction.

Our Concentrix business which has extensive international operations may be adversely impacted if we are unable to manage and communicate with the resources located internationally. Service quality may be placed at risk and our ability to optimize our resources may be more complicated if we are unable to manage our resources remotely. Our Concentrix business uses a wide variety of technologies to allow us to manage a large volume of work. These technologies are designed to keep our employees productive. Any failure in technology may have a negative impact on our operations. The success of our services primarily depends on performance of our employees and resulting customer satisfaction. Any increase in average waiting time or handling time or lack of promptness or technical expertise of our employees will directly impact customer satisfaction. Any adverse customer satisfaction may impact the overall business. If we are unable to successfully manage our service centers, our results of operations could be adversely affected and we may not fully realize the anticipated benefits of our recent acquisitions.

Changes in foreign exchange rates and limitations on the convertibility of foreign currencies could adversely affect our business and operating results.

In the three months ended February 28, 2014 and 2013, approximately 28% and 26% of our total revenue were generated outside the United States, respectively. Most of our international revenue, cost of revenue and operating expenses are denominated in foreign currencies. We presently have currency exposure arising from both sales and purchases denominated in foreign currencies. Changes in exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar may adversely affect our operating margins. For example, if these foreign currencies appreciate against the U.S. dollar, it will be more expensive in terms of U.S. dollars to purchase inventory or pay expenses with foreign currencies. This could have a negative impact to us if revenue related to these purchases is transacted in U.S. dollars.

Our design and integration services business is currently operating out of the United States and United Kingdom and sales contracts are often denominated in foreign currencies. In addition, currency devaluation can result in a loss to us if we hold deposits of that currency and make our products, which are

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usually purchased by us with U.S. dollars, relatively more expensive than products manufactured locally. We currently conduct hedging activities, which involve the use of currency forward contracts and cash flow hedges to manage our currency risks. Hedging foreign currencies can be risky.

In our Concentrix segment, our customer engagement services are delivered from several delivery centers located around the world, with significant operations in India and the Philippines. As a result, our revenue may be earned in currencies that are different from the currencies in which we incur corresponding expenses. Fluctuations in the value of currencies, such as the Indian rupee and the Philippine Peso, against the U.S. dollar, and inflation in the local economies in which these delivery centers are located, could increase the operating and labor costs in these delivery centers which can result in reduced profitability.

There is also additional risk if the currency is not freely or actively traded. Some currencies, such as the Chinese Renminbi, Indian Rupee and Philippines Peso, are subject to limitations on conversion into other currencies, which can limit our ability to hedge or to otherwise react to rapid foreign currency devaluations. We cannot predict the impact of future exchange rate fluctuations on our business and operating results.

Because we conduct substantial operations in China, risks associated with economic, political and social events in China could negatively affect our business and operating results.

A substantial portion of our IT systems operations, including our IT systems support and software development operations, is located in China. In addition, we also conduct general and administrative activities from our facilities in China. As of February 28, 2014, we had approximately 1,000 support personnel located in China. Our operations in China are subject to a number of risks relating to China's economic and political systems, including:

- a government controlled foreign exchange rate and limitations on the convertibility of the Chinese Renminbi;
- extensive government regulation;
- changing governmental policies relating to tax benefits available to foreign-owned businesses;
- the telecommunications infrastructure;
- a relatively uncertain legal system; and
- uncertainties related to continued economic and social reform.

Our IT systems are an important part of our global operations. Any significant interruption in service, whether resulting from any of the above uncertainties, natural disasters or otherwise, could result in delays in our inventory purchasing, errors in order fulfillment, reduced levels of customer service and other disruptions in operations, any of which could cause our business and operating results to suffer.

We may have higher than anticipated tax liabilities.

We conduct business globally and file income tax returns in various tax jurisdictions. Our effective tax rate could be adversely affected by several factors, many of which are outside of our control, including:

- changes in income before taxes in various jurisdictions in which we operate that have differing statutory tax rates;
- changing tax laws, regulations, and/or interpretations of such tax laws in multiple jurisdictions;
- effect of tax rate on accounting for acquisitions and dispositions;
- issues arising from tax audit or examinations and any related interest or penalties; and
- uncertainty in obtaining tax holiday extensions or expiration or loss of tax holidays in various jurisdictions.

We report our results of operations based on our determination of the amount of taxes owed in various tax jurisdictions in which we operate. The determination of our worldwide provision for income taxes and other tax liabilities requires estimation, judgment and calculations where the ultimate tax determination may not be certain. Our determination of tax liability is always

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subject to review or examination by tax authorities in various tax jurisdictions. Any adverse outcome of such review or examination could have a negative impact on our operating results and financial condition. The results from various tax examinations and audit may differ from the liabilities recorded in our financial statements and could adversely affect our financial results and cash flows.

We have pursued and intend to continue to pursue strategic acquisitions or investments in new markets and may encounter risks associated with these activities, which could harm our business and operating results.

We have in the past pursued and in the future expect to pursue acquisitions of, or investments in, businesses and assets in new markets, either within or outside the IT and CE products and services industry, that complement or expand our existing business. Our acquisition strategy involves a number of risks, including:

- difficulty in successfully integrating acquired operations, IT systems, customers, and OEM supplier relationships, products and services and businesses with our operations;

- loss of key employees of acquired operations or inability to hire key employees necessary for our expansion;

- diversion of our capital and management attention away from other business issues;

- increase in our expenses and working capital requirements;

- in the case of acquisitions that we may make outside of the United States, difficulty in operating in foreign countries and over significant geographical distances; and

- other financial risks, such as potential liabilities of the businesses we acquire.

We may incur additional costs and consolidate certain redundant expenses in connection with our acquisitions and investments, which may have an adverse impact on our operating margins. Future acquisitions may result in dilutive issuances of equity securities, the incurrence of additional debt, large write-offs, a decrease in future profitability, or future losses. The incurrence of debt in connection with any future acquisitions could restrict our ability to obtain working capital or other financing necessary to operate our business. Our recent and future acquisitions or investments may not be successful, and if we fail to realize the anticipated benefits of these acquisitions or investments, our business and operating results could be harmed.

Because of the capital-intensive nature of our business, we need continued access to capital, which if not available to us or if not available on favorable terms, could harm our ability to operate or expand our business.

Our business requires significant levels of capital to finance accounts receivable and product inventory that is not financed by trade creditors. If cash from available sources is insufficient, proceeds from our accounts receivable securitization and revolving credit programs are limited or cash is used for unanticipated needs, we may require additional capital sooner than anticipated.

In the event we are required, or elect, to raise additional funds, we may be unable to do so on favorable terms, or at all, and may incur expenses in raising the additional funds. Our current and future indebtedness could adversely affect our operating results and severely limit our ability to plan for, or react to, changes in our business or industry. We could also be limited by financial and other restrictive covenants in securitization or credit arrangements, including limitations on our borrowing of additional funds and issuing dividends. Furthermore, the cost of securitization or debt financing could significantly increase in the future, making it cost prohibitive to securitize our accounts receivable or borrow, which could force us to issue new equity securities. If we issue new equity securities, existing stockholders may experience dilution, or the new equity securities may have rights, preferences or privileges senior to those of existing holders of common stock. If we cannot raise funds on acceptable terms, we may not be able to take advantage of future opportunities or respond to competitive pressures or unanticipated requirements. Any inability to raise additional capital when required could have an adverse effect on our business and operating results.

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The terms of our debt arrangements impose significant restrictions on our ability to operate which in turn could negatively affect our ability to respond to business and market conditions and therefore could have an adverse effect on our business and operating results.

As of February 28, 2014, we had \$762.7 million in outstanding short and long-term borrowings under term loans, lines of credit, accounts receivable securitization programs and capital leases, excluding trade payables. The terms of one or more of the agreements under which this indebtedness was incurred may limit or restrict, among other things, our ability to:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- pay dividends or make certain other restricted payments;
- consummate certain asset sales or acquisitions;
- enter into certain transactions with affiliates; and
- merge, consolidate or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets.

We are also required to maintain specified financial ratios and satisfy certain financial condition tests, including a leverage and a fixed charge coverage ratio as outlined in our senior secured credit arrangement. Our inability to meet these ratios and tests could result in the acceleration of the repayment of the related debt, the termination of the facility, the increase in our effective cost of funds or the cross-default of other credit and securitization arrangements.

As a result, our ability to operate may be restricted and our ability to respond to business and market conditions may be limited, which could have an adverse effect on our business and operating results.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations.

Our ability to make scheduled debt payments or to refinance our debt obligations depends on our financial and operating performance, which is subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business and other factors beyond our control. We cannot be certain that we will maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness. We funded our acquisition of the IBM customer care business through a combination of cash and stock issuance. The cash component of the acquisition was significant and resulted in an increase in borrowing levels.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets or operations, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness. We cannot be certain that we would be able to take any of these actions, that these actions would be successful and permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations or that these actions would be permitted under the terms of our existing or future debt agreements. In the absence of such operating results and resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt service and other obligations. Some of our credit facilities restrict our ability to dispose assets and use the proceeds from the disposition. As such, we may not be able to consummate those dispositions or use any resulting proceeds and, in addition, such proceeds may not be adequate to meet any debt service obligations then due.

If we cannot make scheduled payments on our debt, we will be in default and, as a result:

- our debt holders could declare all outstanding principal and interest to be due and payable;
- the lenders under our credit agreements could terminate their commitments to loan us money and, in the case of our secured credit agreements, foreclose against the assets securing their borrowings;
- we could be forced to raise additional capital through the issuance of additional, potentially dilutive, securities; and
- we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation, which is likely to result in delays in the payment of our indebtedness and in the exercise of enforcement remedies related to our indebtedness.

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We may suffer adverse consequences from changing interest rates.

Our borrowings and securitization arrangements are variable-rate obligations that could expose us to interest rate risks. If interest rates increase, our interest expense would increase, which would negatively affect our net income. An increase in interest rates may increase our future borrowing costs and restrict our access to capital.

Additionally, current market conditions, recovering global economy, and overall credit conditions could limit our availability of capital, which could cause increases in interest margin spreads over underlying indices, effectively increasing the cost of our borrowing. While some of our credit facilities have contractually negotiated spreads, terms such as these are subject to ongoing negotiations.

A portion of our revenue is financed by floor plan financing companies and any termination or reduction in these financing arrangements could increase our financing costs and harm our business and operating results.

A portion of our product distribution revenue is financed by floor plan financing companies. Floor plan financing companies are engaged by our customers to finance, or floor, the purchase of products from us. In exchange for a fee, we transfer the risk of loss on the sale of our products to the floor plan companies. We currently receive payment from these financing companies within approximately 15 to 30 days from the date of the sale, which allows our business to operate at much lower relative working capital levels than if such programs were not available. If these floor plan arrangements are terminated or substantially reduced, the need for more working capital and the increased financing cost could harm our business and operating results.

We have significant credit exposure to our customers, and negative trends in their businesses could cause us significant credit loss and negatively impact our cash flow and liquidity position.

We extend credit to our customers for a significant portion of our sales to them and they have a period of time, generally 30 days after the date of invoice, to make payment. As a result, we are subject to the risk that our customers will not pay on time or at all. The majority of our customers are small and medium sized businesses. Our credit exposure risk may increase due to financial difficulties or liquidity or solvency issues experienced by our customers, resulting in their inability to repay us. The liquidity or solvency issues may increase as a result of an economic downturn or a decrease in IT or CE spending by end-users. If we are unable to collect payments in a timely manner from our customers due to changes in financial or economic conditions, or for other reasons, and we are unable to collect under our credit insurance policies, we may write-off the amount due from the customers. These write-offs may result in credit insurance being more expensive and on terms that are less favorable to us and may negatively impact our ability to utilize accounts receivable-based financing. These circumstances could negatively impact our cash flow and liquidity position. Further, we are exposed to higher collection risk as we continue to expand internationally, where the payment cycles are generally longer and the credit rating process may not be as robust as in the United States.

In addition, the revenue from our Mexico operations includes various long-term projects funded by government and other local agencies, which often involve extended payment terms and contractual penalties and could expose us to additional collection risks.

We are dependent on a variety of IT and telecommunications systems and the Internet, and any failure of these systems could adversely impact our business and operating results.

We depend on IT and telecommunications systems and the Internet for our operations. These systems support a variety of functions including inventory management, order processing, shipping, shipment tracking, billing, and our BPO business.

Failures or significant downtime of our IT or telecommunications systems could prevent us from taking customer orders, printing product pick-lists, shipping products, billing customers and handling call volume. Sales also may be affected if our reseller and retail customers are unable to access our pricing and product availability information. We also rely on the Internet, and in particular electronic data interchange, or EDI, and XML, for a large portion of our orders and information exchanges with our OEM suppliers and reseller and retail customers. The Internet and individual websites have experienced a number of disruptions and slowdowns, some of which were caused by organized attacks. In addition, some websites have experienced security breakdowns. If we were to experience a security breakdown, disruption or breach that compromised sensitive information, it could harm our relationship with our OEM suppliers and reseller and retail customers. Disruption of our website or the Internet in general could impair

our order processing or more generally prevent our OEM suppliers and reseller and retail customers from accessing information. Our BPO business is dependent upon telephone and data services provided by third

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party telecommunications service vendors and our IT and telecommunications system. Any significant increase in our IT and telecommunications costs or temporary or permanent loss of our IT or telecommunications systems could harm our relationships with our customers. The occurrence of any of these events could have an adverse effect on our operations and financial results.

We rely on independent shipping companies for delivery of products, and price increases or service interruptions from these carriers could adversely affect our business and operating results.

We rely almost entirely on arrangements with independent shipping companies, such as FedEx and UPS, for the delivery of our products from OEM suppliers and delivery of products to reseller and retail customers. Freight and shipping charges can have a significant impact on our gross margin. As a result, an increase in freight surcharges due to rising fuel cost or general price increases will have an immediate adverse effect on our margins, unless we are able to pass the increased charges to our reseller and retail customers or renegotiate terms with our OEM suppliers. In addition, in the past, carriers have experienced work stoppages due to labor negotiations with management. An increase in freight or shipping charges, the termination of our arrangements with one or more of these independent shipping companies, the failure or inability of one or more of these independent shipping companies to deliver products, or the unavailability of their shipping services, even temporarily, could have an adverse effect on our business and operating results.

Because of the experience of our key personnel in the IT, CE and the business process outsourcing industries and their technological and industry expertise, if we were to lose any of our key personnel, it could inhibit our ability to operate and grow our business successfully.

We are dependent in large part on our ability to retain the services of our key senior executives and other technological and industry experts and personnel. Except for Kevin Murai, our President and Chief Executive Officer, our employees and executives generally do not have employment agreements. Furthermore, we do not carry “key person” insurance coverage for any of our key executives. We compete for qualified senior management and technical personnel. The loss of, or inability to hire, key executives or qualified employees could inhibit our ability to operate and grow our business successfully.

We may experience theft of product from our warehouses, water damage to our properties and other casualty events which could harm our operating results.

From time to time, we have experienced incidents of theft at various facilities, water damages to our properties and other casualty events. These types of incidents may make it more difficult or expensive for us to obtain insurance coverage in the future. Also, the same or similar incidents may occur in the future for which we may not have sufficient insurance coverage or policy limits to be fully compensated for the loss, which may have an adverse effect on our business and financial results.

We may become involved in intellectual property or other disputes that could cause us to incur substantial costs, divert the efforts of our management, and require us to pay substantial damages or require us to obtain a license, which may not be available on commercially reasonable terms, if at all.

From time to time, we receive notifications alleging infringements of intellectual property rights allegedly held by others relating to our business or the products we sell or assemble for our OEM suppliers and others. Litigation with respect to patents or other intellectual property matters could result in substantial costs and diversion of management and other resources and could have an adverse effect on our business. Although we generally have various levels of indemnification protection from our OEM suppliers and design and integration services customers, in many cases any indemnification to which we may be entitled is subject to maximum limits or other restrictions.

In addition, we have developed proprietary IT systems, mobile applications, and cloud-based technology and acquired technologies that play an important role in our business. If any infringement claim is successful against us and if indemnification is not available or sufficient, we may be required to pay substantial damages or we may need to seek and obtain a license of the other party’s intellectual property rights. We may be unable to obtain such a license on commercially reasonable terms, if at all.

We are from time to time involved in other litigation in the ordinary course of business. We may not be successful in defending these or other claims. Regardless of the outcome, litigation could result in substantial expense and could divert the efforts of our management.



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We have significant operations concentrated in North America, Asia, Europe and Australia and any disruption in the operations of our facilities could harm our business and operating results.

Our worldwide operations could be subject to natural disasters, adverse weather conditions and other business disruptions, which could seriously harm our revenue and financial condition and increase our costs and expenses. We have significant operations in our facilities located in North America, Asia, Europe and Australia. As a result, any prolonged disruption in the operations of our facilities, whether due to technical difficulties, power failures, break-ins, destruction or damage to the facilities as a result of a natural disaster, fire or any other reason, could harm our operating results. If there are related disruptions in local or international supply chains, we may experience supply shortages or delays in receiving products from our OEM suppliers or experience other delays in shipping to our customers. If we are unable to fulfill customer orders in a timely manner, this could harm our operating results. For example, in March 2011, Japan experienced a 9.0 magnitude earthquake followed by tsunami waves and aftershocks. These events affected the infrastructure in the country, caused power outages and temporarily disrupted the local and international, supply chains for some vendors. Our facilities in Japan suffered nominal inventory and facility damages. In addition, our Philippines operation is at greater risk due to adverse weather conditions, such as typhoons, mudslides and floods. We currently do not have a formal disaster recovery plan and may not have sufficient business interruption insurance to compensate for losses that could occur.

Global health and economic, political and social conditions may harm our ability to do business, increase our costs and negatively affect our stock price.

Worldwide economic conditions have experienced significant volatility due to the credit conditions impacted by the subprime mortgage crisis and other factors, including slower economic activity which may impact our results of operations. External factors, such as potential terrorist attacks, acts of war, geopolitical and social turmoil or epidemics and other similar outbreaks in many parts of the world, could prevent or hinder our ability to do business, increase our costs and negatively affect our stock price, which in turn, may require us to record an impairment in the carrying value of our goodwill. More generally, these geopolitical social and economic conditions could result in increased volatility in the United States and worldwide financial markets and economy. For example, increased instability may adversely impact the desire of employees and customers to travel, the reliability and cost of transportation and our ability to obtain adequate insurance at reasonable rates and may require us to incur increased costs for security measures for our domestic and international operations. We are predominantly uninsured for losses and interruptions caused by terrorism, acts of war and similar events. These uncertainties make it difficult for us and our customers to accurately plan future business activities. While general economic conditions have recently begun to improve, there is no assurance that this trend will continue or at what rate.

Part of our business is conducted outside of the United States, exposing us to additional risks that may not exist in the United States, which in turn could cause our business and operating results to suffer.

We have expanded our international operations and presence which subjects us to risks, including:

- political or economic instability;
- extensive governmental regulation;
- changes in import/export duties;
- trade restrictions;
- compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, U.K. bribery laws and similar laws;
- difficulties and costs of staffing and managing operations in certain foreign countries;
- work stoppages or other changes in labor conditions;
- difficulties in collecting of accounts receivable on a timely basis or at all;
- taxes; and
- seasonal reductions in business activity in some parts of the world.

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We may continue to expand internationally to respond to competitive pressure and customer and market requirements. Establishing operations in any other foreign country or region presents risks such as those described above as well as risks specific to the particular country or region. In addition, until a payment history is established over time with customers in a new geography or region, the likelihood of collecting accounts receivable generated by such operations could be less than our expectations. As a result, there is a greater risk that reserves set with respect to the collection of such accounts receivable may be inadequate. In addition, the revenue derived from our Mexico operation includes various long-term projects with government and other public agencies that involve extended payment terms and could expose us to additional collection risks. Furthermore, if our international expansion efforts in any foreign country are unsuccessful, we may decide to cease operations, which would likely cause us to incur additional expense and loss. In addition, changes in policies or laws of the United States or foreign governments resulting in, among other things, higher taxation, currency conversion limitations, restrictions on fund transfers or the expropriation of private enterprises, could reduce the anticipated benefits of our international expansion. Any actions by countries in which we conduct business to reverse policies that encourage foreign trade or investment could adversely affect our business. If we fail to realize the anticipated growth of our future international operations, our business and operating results could suffer.

### Risks Related to Our Relationship with MiTAC Holdings Corporation

As of February 28, 2014, our executive officers, directors and principal stockholders owned approximately 27% of our common stock and this concentration of ownership could allow them to influence all matters requiring stockholder approval and could delay or prevent a change in control of SYNEX.

As of February 28, 2014, our executive officers, directors and principal stockholders owned approximately 27% of our outstanding common stock. In particular, MiTAC International and its affiliates owned approximately 25% of our common stock. Until September 2013, MiTAC International Corporation, or MiTAC International, a publicly-traded company in Taiwan, was our primary investor through its affiliates. In September 2013, MiTAC Holdings Corporation, or MiTAC Holdings, was established through a stock swap from MiTAC International and became a publicly traded company on the Taiwan Stock Exchange. MiTAC International is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of MiTAC Holdings.

MiTAC Holdings' interests and ours may increasingly conflict. For example, until July 2010, we relied on MiTAC Holdings for certain manufacturing and supply services and for relationships with certain key customers. In July 2010, we announced that we had signed a definitive sales agreement to sell certain assets related to our contract assembly business to MiTAC Holdings. The transaction included the sale of inventory and customer contracts, primarily related to customers then being jointly serviced by MiTAC Holdings and us. Also, as part of the transaction, we provided MiTAC Holdings with certain transition services for the business on a fee basis over the next several quarters. Since completion of the transition services, we no longer jointly service any current customers with MiTAC Holdings. In addition, we may not solicit the same contract assembly customers in the future.

There could be potential conflicts of interest between us and MiTAC Holdings and its affiliates, which could impact our business and operating results.

MiTAC Holdings' and its affiliates' continuing beneficial ownership of our common stock could create conflicts of interest with respect to a variety of matters, such as potential acquisitions, competition, issuance or disposition of securities, election of directors, payment of dividends and other business matters. Similar risks could exist as a result of Matthew Miao's positions as our Chairman Emeritus, a member of our Board of Directors, the Chairman of MiTAC Holdings and as a director or officer of MiTAC Holdings' affiliates. For fiscal year 2013, Mr. Miao received the same compensation as our independent directors. For fiscal year 2014, Mr. Miao will receive the same compensation as our independent directors. Mr. Miao's compensation as one of our directors is based upon the approval of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which is solely composed of independent members of the Board. We also have adopted a policy requiring material transactions in which any of our directors has a potential conflict of interest to be approved by our Audit Committee, which is also composed of independent members of the Board.

Synnex Technology International Corp., or Synnex Technology International, a publicly-traded company based in Taiwan and affiliated with MiTAC Holdings, currently provides distribution and fulfillment services to various

markets in Asia and Australia, and is also a potential competitor of ours. As of February 28, 2014, MiTAC Incorporated, a privately-held company based in Taiwan and a separate entity from MiTAC Holdings, directly and indirectly owned approximately 13.6% of Synnex

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Technology International and approximately 8.0% of MiTAC Holdings. As of February 28, 2014, MiTAC Holdings directly and indirectly owned 0.2% of Synnex Technology International and Synnex Technology International directly and indirectly owned approximately 0.9% of MiTAC Holdings. In addition, MiTAC Holdings directly and indirectly owned approximately 8.7% of MiTAC Incorporated and Synnex Technology International directly and indirectly owned approximately 13.6% of MiTAC Incorporated as of February 28, 2014. Synnex Technology International indirectly through its ownership of Peer Developments Limited owned approximately 11.0% of our outstanding common stock as of February 28, 2014. Neither MiTAC Holdings, nor Synnex Technology International is restricted from competing with us. In the future, we may increasingly compete with Synnex Technology International, particularly if our business in Asia expands or Synnex Technology International expands its business into geographies or customers we serve. Although Synnex Technology International is a separate entity from us, it is possible that there will be confusion as a result of the similarity of our names. Moreover, we cannot limit or control the use of the Synnex name by Synnex Technology International in certain geographies and our use of the Synnex name may be restricted as a result of registration of the name by Synnex Technology International or the prior use in jurisdictions where it currently operates.

### Risks Related to Our Industry

Volatility in the IT and CE industries could have a material adverse effect on our business and operating results. We have in the past experienced decreases in demand and we anticipate that the industries we operate in will be subject to a high degree of cyclicity in the future. Softening demand for our products and services caused by an ongoing economic downturn and over-capacity may impact our revenue, as well the salability of inventory and collection of reseller and retail customer accounts receivable.

While in the past, we may have benefited from consolidation in our industry resulting from delays or reductions in IT or CE spending in particular, and economic weakness in general, any such volatility in the IT and CE industries could have an adverse effect on our business and operating results.

We are subject to intense competition in the Technology Solutions and Concentrix businesses, both in the United States and internationally, and if we fail to compete successfully, we will be unable to gain or retain market share.

We operate in a highly competitive environment, both in the United States and internationally. The IT and CE product and service distribution, the global business services and the design and integration services industries are characterized by intense competition. The competitive factors are based primarily on product and service availability, credit availability, price, speed of delivery, ability to tailor specific solutions to customer needs, quality and depth of product and service lines, pre-sales and post-sales technical support, flexibility and timely response to design changes, and technological capabilities, service and support. We compete with a variety of regional, national and international IT and CE product and service distributors and contract manufacturers and assemblers. In some instances, we also compete with our own customers, our own OEM suppliers and MiTAC International and its affiliates.

Our primary competitors are substantially larger and have greater financial, operating, manufacturing and marketing resources than us. Some of our competitors may have broader geographic breadth and range of services than us and may have more developed relationships with their existing customers. We may lose market share in the United States or in international markets, or may be forced in the future to reduce our prices in response to the actions of our competitors and thereby experience a reduction in our gross margins.

In addition, in our contact center business, we also face competition from our customers. For example, some of our customers may have internal capabilities and resources to provide their own call centers. Furthermore, pricing pressures and quality of services could impact our business adversely. Our ability to provide a high quality of service is dependent on our ability to retain and properly train our employees and to continue investing in our infrastructure, including IT and telecommunications systems.

We may initiate other business activities, including the broadening of our supply chain capabilities, and may face competition from companies with more experience in those new areas. In addition, as we enter new areas of business, we may also encounter increased competition from current competitors or from new competitors, including some that may once have been our OEM suppliers or reseller and retail customers. Increased competition and negative reaction from our OEM suppliers



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or reseller and retail customers resulting from our expansion into new business areas could harm our business and operating results.

Our business may be adversely affected by some OEM suppliers' strategies to increase their direct sales, which in turn could cause our business and operating results to suffer.

Consolidation of OEM suppliers has resulted in fewer sources for some of the products and services that we distribute. This consolidation has also resulted in larger OEM suppliers that have significant operating and financial resources. Some OEM suppliers, including some of the leading OEM suppliers that we service, have been selling products and services directly to reseller and retail customers and end-users, thereby limiting our business opportunities. If large OEM suppliers increasingly sell directly to end-users or our resellers and retailers, rather than use us as the distributor of their products and services, our business and operating results will suffer.

OEMs could limit the number of supply chain service providers with which they do business, which in turn could negatively impact our business and operating results.

A determination by any of our primary OEMs to consolidate their business with other distributors or integration service providers could negatively affect our business and operating results. In particular, the termination of our contract by HP would have a significant negative effect on our revenue and operating results.

The IT and CE industries are subject to rapidly changing technologies and process developments, and we may not be able to adequately adjust our business to these changes, which in turn would harm our business and operating results. Dynamic changes in the IT and CE industries, including the consolidation of OEM suppliers and reductions in the number of authorized distributors used by OEM suppliers, have resulted in new and increased responsibilities for management personnel and have placed, and continue to place, a significant strain upon our management, operating and financial systems and other resources. We may be unable to successfully respond to and manage our business in light of industry developments and trends. Also crucial to our success in managing our operations is our ability to achieve additional economies of scale. Our failure to achieve these additional economies of scale or to respond to changes in the IT and CE industries could adversely affect our business and operating results.

Compliance with changing regulation of corporate governance and public disclosure may result in additional expense and affect our operations.

Changing laws, regulations and standards relating to corporate governance and public disclosure, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, SEC regulations and New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, rules, are creating uncertainty for companies such as ours. These new or changed laws, regulations and standards are subject to varying interpretations in many cases due to their lack of specificity, and as a result, their application in practice may evolve over time as new guidance is provided by regulatory and governing bodies, which could result in continuing uncertainty regarding compliance matters and higher costs necessitated by ongoing revisions to disclosure and corporate governance practices. As a result, our efforts to comply with evolving laws, regulations and standards have resulted in, and are likely to continue to result in, increased general and administrative expense and a diversion of management time and attention from revenue-generating activities to compliance activities. For example, we are incurring additional expenses related to SEC compliance with XBRL-tagged interactive data-files. If our efforts to comply with new or changed laws, regulations and standards differ from the activities intended by regulatory or governing bodies due to ambiguities related to practice, our reputation may be harmed.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act directed the SEC to implement disclosure requirements concerning public companies' use and sourcing of "conflict minerals" mined in the Democratic Republic of Congo and adjoining countries. The SEC rules issued in August 2012 necessitate a complex compliance process and related administrative expense for a company once it determines a conflict mineral is necessary to the functionality or production of a product that the company manufactures or contracts to manufacture. Such companies must then conduct a reasonable country of origin inquiry to determine if the conflict minerals originated in the covered countries and undertake due diligence on the source and chain of custody in order to file a conflict minerals report with the SEC. In addition to the increased administrative expense and management involvement for our company as we navigate the aspects of the new requirements that apply to us, we may face a limited pool of suppliers who can provide us "conflict-free" components, parts and manufactured products, and we may not be able to obtain conflict-free products or supplies in sufficient quantities or at competitive prices for our operations or to the extent requested by



any reseller customers and their stakeholders, even if the SEC disclosure requirements do not apply

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to us or to those customers regarding those products. Also, since our supply chain is complex, we may face reputational challenges with our customers, stockholders and other stakeholders if we are unable to sufficiently verify the origins for any conflict minerals used in the products that we sell.

If we are unable to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting, our ability to report our financial results on a timely and accurate basis may be adversely affected, which in turn could cause the market price of our common stock to decline.

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires our management to report on, and our independent registered public accounting firm to attest to, the effectiveness of our internal control structure and procedures for financial reporting. We completed an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting for fiscal year 2013, and we have an ongoing program to perform the system and process evaluation and testing necessary to continue to comply with these requirements. In the past, however, our internal controls have not eliminated all error. We expect to continue to incur increased expense and to devote additional management resources to Section 404 compliance. In the event that one of our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer or independent registered public accounting firm determines that our internal control over financial reporting is not effective as defined under Section 404, investor perceptions and our reputation may be adversely affected and the market price of our stock could decline.

Changes to financial accounting standards may affect our results of operations and cause us to change our business practices.

We prepare our financial statements to conform to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. These accounting principles are subject to interpretation by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the SEC and various bodies formed to interpret and create appropriate accounting policies. A change in those policies can have a significant effect on our reported results and may affect our reporting of transactions completed before a change is announced. Changes to those rules or the questioning of current practices may adversely affect our reported financial results or the way we conduct our business.

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ITEM 6. Exhibits

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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.

Date: April 8, 2014

SYNEX CORPORATION

By: /s/ Kevin M. Murai  
Kevin M. Murai  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Duly authorized officer and principal executive officer)

By: /s/ Marshall W. Witt  
Marshall W. Witt  
Chief Financial Officer  
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