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

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 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 001-34209

MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)
133 Boston Post Road, Building 15, Weston, Massachusetts 02493
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)
(978) 461-8000
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

13-3906555
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share	New York Stock Exchange

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT:

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined under Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

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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 ☐

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

Large accelerated filer ☒ x

Accelerated filer ☐ "

Non-accelerated filer ☐ " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company ☐ "

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

The aggregate market value of common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$567,849,489 as of June 30, 2014, the last business day of the registrant's second fiscal quarter of 2014.

As of January 31, 2015, there were 90,817,092 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement to be used in connection with its 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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Special Note About Forward-Looking Statements

Monster Worldwide, Inc. (together with its consolidated subsidiaries, the Company, Monster, Monster Worldwide, we, our or us) makes forward-looking statements in this report and in other reports and proxy statements that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). Except for historical information contained herein, the statements made in this report constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Such forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties, including statements regarding our strategic direction, prospects and future results. Certain factors, including factors outside of our control, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things, the global economic and financial market environment; risks associated with cuts in government spending; risks relating to our foreign operations; risks relating to the European debt crisis and market perceptions concerning the instability of the euro; our ability to maintain and enhance the value of our brands, particularly Monster; competition; risks related to our new strategy; fluctuations in our quarterly operating results; our ability to adapt to rapid developments in technology; our ability to continue to develop and enhance our information technology systems; concerns related to our privacy policies and our compliance with applicable data protection laws and regulations; intrusions on our systems; interruptions, delays or failures in the provision of our services; our vulnerability to intellectual property infringement claims brought against us by others; our ability to protect our proprietary rights and maintain our rights to use key technologies of third parties; the risk that acquisitions or partnerships may not achieve the expected benefits to us; our ability to attract and retain talented employees, including senior management; potential write-downs if our goodwill or amortizable intangible assets become impaired; adverse determinations by domestic and/or international taxation authorities related to our estimated tax liabilities; effects of anti-takeover provisions in our organizational documents that could inhibit the acquisition of Monster Worldwide by others; volatility in our stock price; risks associated with government regulation; the outcome of litigation we may become involved in from time to time; risks associated with our convertible senior notes due 2019; and other risks and uncertainties set forth from time to time in our reports and other filings made with the SEC, including under Part I, *Item 1A. Risk Factors* of this report.

We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that may arise after the date of this report.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Introduction

Monster Worldwide, Inc. (together with its consolidated subsidiaries, the Company, Monster, Monster Worldwide, we, our or us) is a global leader in connecting people to jobs, wherever they are. For more than 20 years, Monster has helped people improve their lives with better jobs, and employers find the best talent. Today, the Company offers services in more than 40 countries, providing some of the broadest, most sophisticated job seeking, career management, recruitment and talent management capabilities. Monster continues its pioneering work of transforming the recruiting industry with advanced technology using intelligent digital, social and mobile solutions, including our flagship website monster.com® and a vast array of products and services.

The Company's services and solutions include: searchable job advertisements; resume database access; recruitment media solutions through its advertising network and partnerships; Twitter Cards and social job distribution; social profile aggregation; and other career-related content. Job seekers can search job advertisements and post their resumes for free on each of our career websites and mobile applications. Employers pay to: advertise available jobs and recruitment related services; search the Monster resume and social profile databases; and access other career-related services.

Our principal executive offices are located at 133 Boston Post Road, Building 15, Weston, Massachusetts 02493. Our telephone number is (978) 461-8000 and our website for corporate information is <http://www.monster.com/about>. Our predecessor business was founded in 1967, and our current company was incorporated in Delaware and became a public company in 1996. We make all of our public filings with the SEC available on our investor relations website located at <http://ir.monster.com>, free of charge, under the caption *Investor Relations SEC Filings*. Included in these filings are proxy statements and notices to stockholders, annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports, which are available as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file or furnish such materials with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Additionally, we webcast our earnings calls and certain events we participate in or host with members of the investment community on our investor relations website.

Our Strategy

Monster Worldwide's long-term business strategy is designed to capitalize on the numerous opportunities that exist in the global online recruitment marketplace and related markets. Our strategy calls for strategic investment in product, technology, brand support and customer service to expand our global leadership position in an effort to achieve long-term growth and profitability and create shareholder value. In support of this strategy, we continue to invest in our operations on a global basis while controlling the growth of operating expenses.

Monster's focus is on the needs of its customers, both employers and job seekers. Our advanced products and services are intended to improve the seeker experience while also developing deeper relationships with our employer customers. Through our innovative products and website, we offer greater value to all job seekers who look to manage their careers, even those who are not actively engaged in a job search. Our product offerings and services are designed to enhance seeker engagement and increase job response rates. We believe that more active seeker engagement will translate directly into higher quality candidates for our employer customers. For employers, our tools and features allow them to more efficiently and effectively attract and find the most relevant candidates for their job openings.

In May 2014, Monster revealed its "All the People, All the Jobs" strategy to drive the business and enhance its competitive position. Monster's new strategy focuses on adding massive scale to its business to expand its total addressable market and the value it can provide to customers through a variety of new products, technologies and business models to successfully connect more people with more jobs.

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To enhance the scale of its business, the Company is dramatically expanding the number of jobs it offers, collecting jobs content from both traditional and social sources to ensure that employers can reach the right candidates, at the right time and place, with the right opportunities. Monster has grown the number of jobs available across its network from 250,000 in the U.S. in January 2014 to over 4 million today. This represents a vast increase in the volume of jobs, which is poised to grow with further international rollout.

As part of the new strategy, the Company is expanding its job advertising distribution beyond the traditional placement on its own network of sites and its Career Ad Network® to include expanded social distribution. Monster Twitter Cards was launched in the U.S. on July 1, 2014 and in our Tier 1 countries in Europe and in Canada in October 2014. Monster Twitter Cards moves beyond the limitations of a standard Tweet to boost an employer's integrated social recruiting strategy by automatically Tweeting jobs throughout the day to a company's or recruiter's Twitter feed. Monster Twitter Cards provides recruiters with a simple, turn-key way to more effectively message job openings, and drive additional reach, engagement and interaction with individuals on the Twitter platform. Monster Social Ads uses Twitter's Ads API to provide the first fully automated social recruiting job ad solution featuring additional new targeting from Monster's proprietary social candidate search capabilities. Monster Social Ads expands the distribution of Twitter Card-based job ads to directly reach potential candidates on Twitter based on career attributes such as occupation or industry type, something previously not possible for recruiters. The Company also plans to add multiple pricing models to its job advertising business, including duration and pay-per-click options which will roll out in the U.S. and our Tier 1 countries in Europe in the first and second quarters of 2015, respectively. This will create a significant opportunity to serve millions of new customers who seek variable job ad pricing.

Monster is also vastly increasing the number of candidates it delivers for search. With the recent acquisition of TalentBin®, the Company now provides recruiters access to over 130 million candidate profiles aggregated from social sources across the Web, in addition to Monster's own proprietary database of 25 million searchable resumes. This approach surfaces the truly passive candidates who are not actively seeking a new job. TalentBin by Monster was launched in the U.S. on July 1, 2014 and launched in our Tier 1 countries in Europe and in Canada in October 2014, and is expected to launch in our Tier 2 countries in Europe in early 2015. By harnessing the vast amount of professionally relevant information people share across the social web, TalentBin by Monster surfaces potential job candidates by assembling profiles using current professional activities from relevant sites. By making sense of candidate social activity, and compiling those details into a rich professional profile complete with contact information, recruiters now can find many previously undiscoverable candidates including those not actively seeking a new job.

Monster offers the unique 6Sense® semantic search technology to allow job seekers and employers to quickly find a precise match. 6Sense technology transforms traditional keyword-based processes by assisting our customers in matching candidates to their required job specifications. For seekers, 6Sense powered job search has changed how they explore, find and apply for jobs. Monster introduced a cloud-based search product SeeMore® in the third quarter of 2011, which allows customers to utilize patented semantic search technology on their own talent databases. Further, the Monster Career Ad Network® continues to be the largest recruitment-focused advertising network on the Internet, reaching an average of more than 100 million users globally across thousands of websites.

As an additional part of its strategy, Monster developed a commercial talent platform called Monster Talent CRM that can provide end-to-end sourcing or be integrated as components into existing recruiting workflows. Monster Talent CRM was deployed in the U.S. on July 1, 2014 and in our Tier 1 countries in Europe and in Canada in October 2014, and is expected to launch in our Tier 2 countries in early 2015. Monster Talent CRM is a self-service campaign and messaging platform that utilizes the same capabilities as Monster Power Resume Search® technology to identify, source and create campaigns for recruiters and uses integrated CRM toolsets to create one-to-one or one-to-many recruiting campaigns against them.

Monster also operates a government solutions business, Monster Government Solutions (MGS), which sells software solutions to federal, state and local governments and educational institutions within the U.S. and the

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United Kingdom. MGS provides recruitment solutions that engage seekers and employers online, enable MGS customers to attract qualified candidates, expedite time to hire and create online communities using innovative technologies and services. These services primarily include customized career sites hosted by MGS utilizing a Software as a Service (SaaS) model. Additionally, Monster offers customers applicant tracking services, diversity offerings and other ancillary services either directly or through alliances to meet the changing needs of customers.

Monster's Internet Advertising & Fees business operates a network of websites that connect companies to highly targeted audiences at critical stages in their lives. The Company's goal is to offer compelling online services for the users of such websites through personalization, community features and enhanced content. This web traffic is monetized through display advertising and lead generation. The Company believes that these properties appeal to advertisers and other third parties as they deliver certain discrete demographics entirely online.

Monster operates in an industry and in markets that are continually evolving with the entrance of new competitors and the changing needs of seekers and employers. The Company adjusts its product offerings and makes new investments in its technology platform in order to meet the challenges presented by the market evolution. The Company believes its All the People All the Jobs strategy addresses this market evolution and positions Monster to achieve long-term growth while controlling the growth of operating expenses.

In the second quarter of 2014, we carried out a significant realignment of our mid-market and field sales organizations to bring greater focus around accelerating market expansion and acquiring new customers, which included a significant change to our account coverage model. Our global sales structure allows us to sell and distribute our products and services to large, medium and small businesses on a local basis. Our objective is to offer existing customers additional products while expanding our coverage to attract new customers. We service existing and potential customers through a field sales force, telephone sales force and an online service, which we refer to as our e-Commerce channel, where customers can advertise jobs and access the resume database without sales force involvement. In the United States our field and telesales forces operate regionally but under separate segment management structures. In order to support our broadened product portfolio and our expanded sales resources, we have in-sourced, centralized and standardized our global call center operations to create a customer focused, proactive value added model.

Recent Developments

Reallocate to Accelerate

On February 10, 2015, the Company committed to take a series of cost savings initiatives to reduce costs globally while continuing to support the Company's new strategy. The initiatives currently include a global workforce reduction of approximately 300 associates, or 7% of its full-time staff, consolidation of certain office facilities, and continuing discretionary-spending and office and general expense controls. The Company expects these reductions, currently anticipated to be completed by the end of 2015, to result in annualized savings of approximately \$38 million to \$45 million. The full impact of the savings will be realized beginning in the fourth quarter of 2015. As a result of these initiatives, the Company expects to record a cumulative pre-tax charge within the range of \$18 million to \$23 million, all of which is expected to be cash expenditures. The majority of the associated charges are expected to be recorded in the first half of 2015.

Leadership Changes

On November 4, 2014, the Company announced that Timothy Yates, a Director of Monster and formerly its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, had been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer. Monster also

announced that effective November 4, 2014, Mark Stoever, Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Internet Advertising, had been appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

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Effective November 4, 2014, Salvatore Iannuzzi resigned as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, while continuing to serve as Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company. On February 10, 2015, Mr. Iannuzzi resigned as Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors and as a director of the Company, effective immediately. Such resignation is not as a result of any disagreement with the Company with respect to the Company's operations, policies or practices. Pursuant to a letter agreement between Mr. Iannuzzi and the Company, dated November 3, 2014, Mr. Iannuzzi will remain an employee of the Company until June 30, 2015 to facilitate an orderly transition.

Our Services

The Company operates in three reportable segments: Careers-North America; Careers-International; and Internet Advertising & Fees. For the year ended December 31, 2014, these operating segments represented approximately 57%, 35% and 8% of our consolidated revenue, respectively. Please see Note 19-*Segment and Geographic Data* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion of our segment results.

Careers (North America and International)

Monster is a global leader in connecting people to jobs, wherever they are. Monster offers services in more than 40 countries around the world. We earned 35%, 36%, and 39% of our total revenue from continuing operations outside of North America in the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. With a local presence in key markets in North America, Europe, and Asia, Monster works by connecting employers with quality job seekers at all levels and by providing searchable jobs and career management resources online. For the employer, our goal is to provide the most effective solutions and easiest to use technology to simplify the hiring process and deliver access to our community of job seekers. For job seekers, our purpose is to improve their careers by providing work-related content, services and advice.

Our services and solutions include: searchable job advertisements; resume database access; recruitment media solutions through our advertising network and partnerships; Twitter Cards and social job distribution; social profile aggregation; and other career-related content. Job seekers can search job advertisements and post their resumes for free on each of our career websites and mobile applications. Employers pay to: advertise available jobs and recruitment related services; search the Monster resume and social databases; and access other career-related services.

Monster has traditionally targeted the enterprise market, or those businesses that we consider to be among the 1,500 largest organizations globally. However, we have increased our efforts to expand our penetration into the small-to-medium sized businesses (SMBs), those businesses with approximately 10 to 2,000 employees that operate primarily in local and regional markets. We currently have alliances with media and publishing companies, including approximately 1,000 newspapers in the United States, which extends our presence with local and regional job seekers.

Internet Advertising & Fees

Monster's Internet Advertising & Fees business operates a network of websites that connect companies to highly targeted audiences at critical stages in their lives. The Company's goal is to offer compelling online services for the users of such websites through personalization, community features and enhanced content. This web traffic is monetized through display advertising and lead generation. The Company believes that these properties appeal to advertisers and other third parties as they deliver certain discrete demographics entirely online.

Revenue for the Internet Advertising & Fees segment is derived primarily from two types of services: display advertising and lead generation. Display advertising opportunities have been integrated across the Monster Worldwide network of websites, allowing marketers to deliver targeted online advertising messages via numerous sizes and formats of creative units. Consumers come to Monster's websites for information and advice

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on how to manage critical life transitions, and this environment is typically seen by marketers as desirable for the promotion of products and services as consumers are actively looking for new ideas and solutions. Lead generation is a direct response business in which marketers pay for connections to consumers whose demographics match the requirements of specific business or educational offerings and who request information about the offerings. Our large database of users and ongoing collection of numerous points of data allows us to provide our customers with targeted and valuable opportunities to connect with interested consumers.

Sales and Marketing

In the second quarter of 2014, we carried out a significant realignment of our mid-market and field sales organizations to bring greater focus around accelerating market expansion and acquiring new customers, which included a significant change to our account coverage model.

The Company's sales resources consist of field sales, telesales, and a self-service e-Commerce channel. Our sales activities are geared towards enterprise, SMB, government agencies, advertising agencies and educational institutions. The field and telesales resources for our Careers business in the United States are regionalized to better serve our customers with a more high touch, consultative approach, while providing greater efficiencies for developing new business opportunities. We have specialty units within the sales organization, dedicated to serving our vertical markets, such as: government; healthcare; staffing; and newspapers. Our telesales staff is primarily responsible for telemarketing and customer service for SMBs and is located in our offices around the world. Our field sales staff focuses on both local and national customers and is also dispersed throughout our offices globally. Our e-Commerce channel is available to all customer groups and is currently most heavily used by smaller employers. Our Internet Advertising & Fees sales force is located throughout the United States and is focused on cross-selling the products of each property within its network.

The majority of our advertising budget is allocated to online advertising including: search engine marketing; alliances; and distributed job content to drive unique visitors to search for and apply to jobs. Our marketing approach also includes a regionally varied selection of traditional offline advertising such as: television; radio; and business, consumer and trade publications to market and promote the Monster brand and our innovative products and services. The majority of our marketing and promotion expense is allocated to our Careers-North America and Careers-International segments.

Customers

Our customers are comprised of enterprise organizations, small and medium-sized organizations, federal, state and local government agencies, educational institutions and individuals. No one customer accounts for more than 5% of our total annual revenue.

Competition

The markets for our services and products are highly competitive and are characterized by pressure to win new customers, expand the market for our services and incorporate new capabilities and technologies. We face competition from a number of sources. These sources include other employment-related websites, including websites that aggregate job advertisements from multiple company websites and job sites; professional networking and social networking websites; general classified advertising websites; traditional media companies (primarily newspaper publishers); Internet portals; search engines; and general-interest websites such as blogs. The barriers to entry into Internet businesses like ours are relatively low. As a result, new competitors continuously arise.

In addition to traditional competitors that provide products and services that are very similar to Monster's core products and services, we face increasing competition from a broad range of competitor types. Professional networking websites have had significant success over the past several years in gaining large numbers of members

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and attracting employer customers with products that compete directly with our products. Many niche career websites have been launched targeted at specific industry verticals, and many industry blogs and websites now provide employment advertising opportunities for employers within specific industries. Jobs aggregator websites have become a source of competition as they permit job seekers to search multiple company websites and job boards. Low-cost and free classified advertising websites have also gained increased acceptance with employers.

Some of our competitors or potential competitors may have greater financial, management, technological, development, sales, marketing and other resources than we do. In addition, our ability to maintain our existing customers and generate new customers depends to a significant degree on the quality of our services, pricing and reputation among our customers and potential customers.

In May 2014, Monster revealed its "All the People, All the Jobs" strategy to drive the business and enhance its competitive position. Monster's new strategy focuses on adding massive scale to its business to expand its total addressable market and the value it can provide to customers through a variety of new products, technologies and business models to successfully connect more people with more jobs. We believe our new strategy enhances our competitive position and positions the Company to achieve long-term growth while controlling the growth of operating expenses.

Intellectual Property

Our success and ability to compete are dependent in part on the protection of our domain names, trademarks, trade names, service marks, patents and other proprietary rights. We rely on copyright laws to protect the original website content that we develop. In addition, we rely on federal, state and foreign trademark laws to provide additional protection for the identifying marks appearing on and the design and appearance of our Internet sites. A degree of uncertainty exists concerning the application and enforcement of copyright and trademark laws with respect to the Internet, and there can be no assurance that existing laws will provide adequate protection for our original content or the appearance of our Internet sites. In addition, because copyright laws do not prohibit independent development of similar content, there can be no assurance that copyright laws will provide any competitive advantage to us. We also assert common law protection on certain names and marks that we have used in connection with our business activities.

We rely on trade secret, copyright and patent laws to protect the proprietary technologies that we have developed to manage and improve our Internet sites and advertising services, but there can be no assurance that such laws will provide sufficient protection to us, that others will not develop technologies that are similar or superior to ours, or that third parties will not copy or otherwise obtain and use our technologies without authorization. We have obtained patents and applied for several other patents with respect to certain of our software systems, methods and related technologies, but there can be no assurance that any pending applications will be granted or that any patents will not be challenged, invalidated or circumvented in the future, or that the rights granted thereunder will provide us with a competitive advantage. In addition, we rely on certain technology licensed from third parties, and may be required to license additional technology in the future, for use in managing our Internet sites and providing related services to users and advertising customers. Our ability to generate fees from Internet commerce may also depend on data encryption and authentication technologies that we may be required to license from third parties. There can be no assurance that these third-party technology licenses will be available or will continue to be available to us on acceptable commercial terms or at all. The inability to enter into and maintain any of these technology licenses could significantly harm our business, financial condition and operating results.

Policing unauthorized use of our proprietary technology and other intellectual property rights could entail significant expense and could be difficult or impossible, particularly given the global nature of the Internet and the fact that the

laws of other countries may afford us little or no effective protection of our intellectual property.

We have been named as defendants in lawsuits from time to time alleging that we infringed on patents of third parties. There can be no assurance that other third parties will not assert against us claims of patent, copyright or

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trademark infringement. We anticipate an increase in patent infringement claims involving Internet-related technologies as the number of products and competitors in this market grows and as related patents are issued. Further, there can be no assurance that third parties will not claim that we have misappropriated their trade secrets, creative ideas or formats or otherwise infringed their proprietary rights in connection with our Internet content or technology. Any claims of infringement or misappropriation, with or without merit, could be time consuming to defend, result in costly litigation, divert management attention, and require us to enter into costly royalty or licensing arrangements. If a party claiming infringement is successful, we could be required to pay substantial licensing fees or compensatory or punitive damages, and we could be enjoined from using important technologies or methods. If we are enjoined, it may not be possible or commercially practical for us to develop or obtain and implement substitute technologies or methods that are not covered by a third party's intellectual property. Any of these outcomes could significantly harm our business, financial condition and operating results.

Employees

As of January 31, 2015, we employed approximately 4,000 people worldwide.

Executive Officers

As of January 31, 2015, our executive officers were as follows:

Name	Age	Position
Timothy T. Yates	67	President and Chief Executive Officer
Mark Stoever	47	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
James M. Langrock	49	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Lise Poulos	56	Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer
Michael B. McGuinness	38	Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Global Controller

Timothy T. Yates has been a Director of Monster since June 2007 and has been President and Chief Executive Officer since November 2014. Mr. Yates served as Executive Vice President of Monster from June 2007 through June 2013 and concurrently as Chief Financial Officer from June 2007 through January 2011. Prior to joining Monster, Mr. Yates was a Senior Vice President of Motorola, Inc.'s Enterprise Mobility business responsible for Motorola's integration of Symbol Technologies, Inc. (Symbol) from January 2007 to June 2007. Before that, from February 2006 to January 2007, he was Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and a Director of Symbol. From August 2005 to February 2006, Mr. Yates served as an independent consultant to Symbol. Prior to this, from October 2002 to November 2005, Mr. Yates served as a partner and Chief Financial Officer of Saguenay Capital, a boutique investment firm. Prior to that, he served as a founding partner of Cove Harbor Partners, a private investment and consulting firm, which he helped establish in 1996. From 1971 through 1995, Mr. Yates held a number of senior leadership roles at Bankers Trust New York Corporation, including serving as Chief Financial and Administrative Officer from 1990 through 1995.

Mark Stoever has been Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Monster since November 2014. Previously, he held several leadership positions including Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Internet Advertising from October 2011 to November 2014 and Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Strategic Alliances from September 2008 to October 2011. He has overseen Internet Advertising & Fees since joining the Company in July 2005. Prior to joining Monster, Mr. Stoever served as Executive Vice President of Decision Matrix Group and also various management roles at Lycos, Inc. including President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Stoever has also held management positions with ON Technology Corporation, a software company, and

at Microcom, Inc., a modem technology company.

James M. Langrock has been our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since January 2011. From May 2008 until January 2011, Mr. Langrock served as the Company's Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Accounting Officer. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Langrock was Vice President, Finance of Motorola, Inc.'s Enterprise Mobility business from January 2007 to April 2008. From May 2005 to January 2007, Mr. Langrock

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served as the Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Controller at Symbol. From December 2003 to May 2005, Mr. Langrock was Symbol's Vice President Internal Audit. Before joining Symbol, he served as Chief Financial Officer at Empress International, Ltd., an importer and wholesale distributor, from May 2002 to November 2003. From 1991 to April 2002, Mr. Langrock held a variety of audit positions at Arthur Andersen LLP, including Senior Manager in the Audit and Business Advisory Practice.

Lise Poulos has been our Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer since January 2008. Previously, she served as Executive Vice President since September 2007. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Poulos served as Senior Vice President, Human Resources of Motorola, Inc.'s Enterprise Mobility business from January 2007 to July 2007. From 1997 to January 2007, Ms. Poulos held various roles at Symbol, including Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Corporate Communications from August 2006 to January 2007, Vice President, Human Resources from November 2005 to August 2006 and Director, Human Resources from 2002 to November 2005. Prior to joining Symbol, Ms. Poulos worked at a major energy company and in the financial services industry.

Michael B. McGuinness has been our Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Global Controller since February 2012. Previously, he served as the Vice President and Assistant Global Controller from July 2008 to January 2012. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. McGuinness served as the Director of Corporate Accounting at Verint Systems Inc., a publicly-traded provider of enterprise and security intelligence solutions, where he was responsible for global revenue accounting, external reporting and technical accounting from March 2007 to July 2008. Prior to that, he was the Senior Manager of External Reporting and Technical Accounting at Symbol, from January 2004 to March 2007, and Manager of Internal Audit from 2002 to 2004. Before joining Symbol, Mr. McGuinness held a variety of audit positions at Arthur Andersen LLP in the Audit and Business Advisory Practice. Mr. McGuinness is a Certified Public Accountant in New York State.

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ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The existing global economic and financial market environment has had, and may continue to have, a negative effect on our business and operations.

Because demand for our services is sensitive to changes in the level of economic activity, our business has suffered during economic downturns. Many companies hire fewer employees when economic activity is slow. As a result, demand for our services is reduced, which leads to lower sales. If the economy does not fully recover or worsens, or unemployment remains at high levels, demand for our services and our sales may be further reduced. In addition, lower demand for our services may lead to lower prices for our services.

Volatility in global financial markets may also limit our ability to access the capital markets at a time when we would like, or need, to raise capital, which could have an impact on our ability to react to changing economic and business conditions. Accordingly, if the economy does not fully recover from a downturn or worsens, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

Risks associated with cuts in government spending could materially and adversely affect our business, operations and financial condition.

Reductions in government expenditures that have been or may be proposed or mandated could have a material adverse effect on our business, operations and financial condition. Government agencies may be limited in their ability to contract for Monster's services due to any proposed or mandated spending cuts. In addition, there could be an overall negative impact on economic growth as a result of decreased government spending, which could adversely affect our business, operations and financial condition.

We face risks relating to our foreign operations.

We earned 37%, 38% and 42% of our total revenue from continuing operations outside of the United States in the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Such amounts are generally collected in local currencies. In addition, we generally pay operating expenses in local currencies. Therefore, we are at risk for exchange rate fluctuations between such local currencies and the United States dollar. Global foreign exchange markets have experienced periods of heightened volatility in recent years and we cannot predict the direction or magnitude of future currency fluctuations. A weakening of the currencies in which we generate sales relative to the currencies in which our costs are denominated may lower our results of operations.

We are also subject to taxation in foreign jurisdictions. In addition, transactions between our foreign subsidiaries and us may be subject to United States and foreign withholding taxes. Applicable tax rates in foreign jurisdictions differ from those of the United States, and change periodically. The extent, if any, to which we will receive credit in the United States for taxes we pay in foreign jurisdictions will depend upon the application of limitations set forth in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as well as the provisions of any tax treaties that may exist between the United States and such foreign jurisdictions.

Our international operations might not succeed or might fail to meet our expectations for a number of reasons, including:

general political uncertainty;

difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations;

competition from local recruiting services;

operational issues such as longer customer payment cycles and greater difficulties in collecting accounts receivable;

seasonal reductions in business activity;

language and cultural differences;

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taxation issues;

complex legal and regulatory requirements that may be uncertain and may change; and

issues relating to uncertainties of laws and enforcement relating to the regulation and protection of intellectual property.

Also, we could be exposed to fines and penalties under United States laws such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and local laws prohibiting corrupt payments to governmental officials. Although we have implemented policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance with these laws, we cannot be sure that our employees, contractors or agents will not violate our policies. Any such violations could materially damage our reputation, our brand, our international expansion efforts, our business and our operating results.

Concerns regarding the European debt crisis and market perceptions concerning the instability of the euro could adversely affect the Company's business, results of operations and financing.

Concerns persist regarding the debt burden of certain Eurozone countries and their ability to meet future financial obligations, the overall stability of the euro and the suitability of the euro as a single currency given the diverse economic and political circumstances in individual Eurozone countries. These concerns, or market perceptions concerning these and related issues, could adversely affect the value of the Company's euro-denominated assets and obligations and lead to future economic slowdowns.

We rely on the value of our brands, particularly Monster, and the costs of maintaining and enhancing our brand awareness are increasing.

Our success depends on our brands and their value. Our business would be harmed if we were unable to adequately protect our brand names, particularly Monster. We believe that maintaining and expanding the Monster brand is an important aspect of our efforts to attract and expand our job seeker and employer customer base. We also believe that the importance of brand recognition will increase due to the growing number of Internet sites and the relatively low barriers to entry. We have spent considerable money and resources to date on the establishment and maintenance of the Monster brand. We are devoting substantial resources to advertising, marketing and other brand-building efforts to preserve and enhance consumer awareness of the Monster brand. Despite this, we may not be able to successfully maintain or enhance consumer awareness of the Monster brand and, even if we are successful in our branding efforts, such efforts may not be cost-effective. If we are unable to maintain or enhance consumer awareness of the Monster brand in a cost-effective manner, our business, operating results and financial condition may be harmed significantly.

We also are susceptible to others imitating our products and brands, particularly our Monster brand, and infringing on our intellectual property rights. We may not be able to successfully protect our intellectual property rights, upon which we are dependent. While we believe we have strong trademark protection in the Monster brand worldwide in the careers and recruitment business, that protection does not extend fully to our other businesses. Other companies and organizations use the Monster name, and more may do so in the future. This use could adversely affect our brand recognition and reputation if employers or job seekers confuse us with these other organizations. In addition, the laws of foreign countries do not necessarily protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. Imitation of our products or brands, particularly our Monster brand, or infringement of our intellectual property rights could diminish the value of our brands or otherwise reduce our revenues.

Our markets are highly competitive.

The markets for our services are highly competitive. They are characterized by pressures to:

reduce prices;

incorporate new capabilities and technologies; and

accelerate hiring timelines.

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Furthermore, we face competition from a number of sources. These sources include:

other employment-related websites, including large national and international competitors, niche career websites targeted at specific industry verticals, and jobs aggregator websites that aggregate job postings from multiple company websites and job boards;

professional networking and social networking websites;

general classified advertising websites, some of which offer a low-cost or free alternative to our offerings;

traditional media companies, including newspapers; and

Internet portals, search engines and general-interest websites such as blogs.

In addition to traditional competitors that provide products and services that are very similar to Monster's core products and services, we face increasing competition from a broad range of competitor types. Professional networking websites have had significant success over the past several years in gaining large numbers of members and attracting employer customers with products that compete directly with our products. Many niche career websites have been launched targeted at specific industry verticals and many industry blogs and websites now provide employment advertising opportunities for employers within specific industries. Jobs aggregator websites have become a source of competition as they permit job seekers to search multiple company websites and job boards. Low-cost and free classified advertising websites have also gained increased acceptance with employers.

Some of our competitors or potential competitors may have greater financial resources, management, technological development, sales, marketing and other resources than we do. Some of our competitors have more diversified businesses or may be owned by entities engaged in other lines of business, allowing them to operate their directly competitive operations at lower margins than our operations. In addition, our ability to maintain our existing customers and attract new customers depends to a large degree on the quality of our services and our reputation among our customers and potential customers.

Due to competition, we may experience reduced margins on our products and services, loss of market share or diminished use of our services by job seekers and our customers. If we are not able to compete effectively with current or future competitors as a result of these and other factors, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be significantly harmed.

We have no significant proprietary technology that would preclude or inhibit competitors from entering the online advertising market. Existing or future competitors may develop or offer services and products that provide significant performance, price, creative or other advantages over our services. If we do not keep pace with product and technology advances, there could be a material adverse impact on our competitive position, revenue and prospects for growth. This could significantly harm our business, financial condition and operating results.

If we cannot successfully execute on our All the People, All the Jobs strategy and continue to develop and market products, services and solutions that meet customer requirements for innovation and quality, our

financial results may suffer.

The implementation of our new strategy globally is a complex process and relies on leveraging our portfolio of core products to help accelerate the adoption of our new products and services. Success of our future operating results will be dependent upon rapid customer adoption of our new products and services. If our customers are not receptive to our new products and services or our new products and services do not provide the quantity or quality of job candidates that our customers seek, there could be a negative impact on the implementation of our new strategy. To successfully execute on this strategy, we need to continue to further evolve the focus of our organization towards the delivery of cost effective and unique solutions for our customers. Any failure to successfully execute this strategy could adversely affect our operating results.

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Our operating results fluctuate from quarter to quarter.

Our quarterly operating results have fluctuated in the past and may fluctuate in the future. These fluctuations are a result of a variety of factors, including, but not limited to:

the timing and amount of existing customers' subscription renewals;

enhancements to existing services;

the hiring cycles of employers;

changes in general economic conditions, such as recessions, that could, among other things, affect recruiting efforts generally and online recruiting efforts in particular;

the magnitude and timing of marketing initiatives;

the maintenance and development of our strategic relationships;

our ability to attract and retain customers;

technical difficulties or system downtime affecting the Internet generally or the operation of our products and services specifically; and

enhancements to technology to safeguard against security breaches.

We face risks relating to developing technology.

The market for our products and services is characterized by rapid technological developments, frequent new product introductions and evolving industry standards. The emerging character of these products and services and their rapid evolution will require continuous improvement in the performance, features and reliability of our Internet and mobile content, particularly in response to competitive offerings. We may not be successful in responding quickly, cost effectively and sufficiently to these developments. In addition, the widespread adoption of new technologies or standards (including several different mobile and smart phone operating systems) could require us to make substantial expenditures to modify or adapt our websites, applications and services. Each manufacturer or distributor of a mobile device or smart phone may establish unique technical standards for its devices, and our products and services may not work or be viewable on these devices as a result. As new devices and new platforms are continually being released, it is difficult to predict the problems we may encounter in developing versions of our products and services for use on these alternative devices and we may need to devote significant resources to the creation, support, and maintenance of such devices. If we are slow to develop products and technologies that are compatible with such devices, we might fail

to capture a significant share of an increasingly important portion of the market for our products and services. This could harm our business, financial condition and operating results.

New Internet services or enhancements that we have offered or may offer in the future may contain design flaws or other defects that could require expensive modifications or result in a loss of customer confidence. Any disruption in Internet access or in the Internet generally could significantly harm our business, financial condition and operating results. Slower response times or system failures may also result from straining the capacity of our software, hardware or network infrastructure. To the extent that we do not effectively address any capacity constraints or system failures, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be significantly harmed.

Trends that could have a critical impact on our success include:

rapidly changing technology in online recruiting;

evolving industry standards relating to online recruiting;

developments and changes relating to the Internet and mobile devices;

evolving government regulations;

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competing products and services that offer increased functionality;

changes in employer and job seeker requirements; and

customer privacy protection concerning transactions conducted over the Internet.

We rely heavily on our information systems and if our access to this technology is impaired, or we fail to further develop our technology, our business could be significantly harmed.

Our success depends in large part upon our ability to store, retrieve, process and manage substantial amounts of information, including our employer customer and job seeker databases. To achieve our strategic objectives and to remain competitive, we must continue to develop and enhance our information systems. Our future success will depend on our ability to adapt to rapidly changing technologies, to adapt our information systems to evolving industry standards and to improve the performance and reliability of our information systems. This may require the acquisition of equipment and software and the development, either internally or through independent consultants, of new proprietary software. Our inability to design, develop, implement and utilize, in a cost-effective manner, information systems that provide the capabilities necessary for us to compete effectively could significantly harm our business, results of operations or financial condition.

Concerns relating to our privacy policies and our compliance with applicable data protection laws and regulations could damage our reputation and deter current and potential customers, job seekers and other Internet users from using our products and services and subject us to fines.

Concerns about our practices with regard to the collection, use, disclosure or security of personal information or other privacy-related matters, even if unfounded, could damage our reputation, which in turn could significantly harm our business, financial condition and operating results.

While we strive to comply with all applicable data protection laws and regulations, as well as our own posted privacy policies, any failure or perceived failure to comply may result in proceedings or actions against us by government entities or others, which could potentially have an adverse impact on our business. Moreover, failure or perceived failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations, requirements or our policies related to the collection, use, sharing or security of personal information or other privacy-related matters could result in a loss of confidence in us by customers, job seekers and other Internet users and could expose us to fines and penalties and could require us to expend significant sums in connection with any failure or perceived failure, each of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Laws related to data protection continue to evolve. It is possible that certain jurisdictions may enact laws or regulations that impact our ability to offer our products and services and/or result in reduced traffic or contract terminations in those jurisdictions, which could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Intrusions on our systems could damage our business.

Despite our implementation of network security measures, our servers are vulnerable to cyber-attacks, computer viruses, worms and other malicious software programs, physical and electronic break-ins, sabotage and similar disruptions from unauthorized tampering with our computer systems. Unauthorized access could jeopardize the security of information stored in our systems relating to our customers, job seekers and other website users, and can lead to phishing schemes whereby unauthorized persons pose as employers or Monster representatives and seek to obtain personal information from our customers and job seekers. In addition, malware or viruses could jeopardize the

security of information stored or used in a user's computer.

We have experienced these intrusions in the past. We may also experience these intrusions in the future and may be required to expend significant sums and resources to safeguard against or remediate them. Moreover, negative publicity arising from any intrusion is damaging to our reputation and may adversely impact traffic to our sites. Accordingly, any intrusion could significantly harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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Interruptions, delays or failures in the provision of our services could damage our brand and harm our operating results.

Our systems are susceptible to outages and interruptions due to fire, floods, power loss, telecommunications failures, terrorist attacks and similar events. Our systems' continuing and uninterrupted performance is critical to our success. Customers, job seekers and other website users may become dissatisfied by any system failure that interrupts our ability to provide our services to them, including failures affecting our ability to serve web page requests without significant delay to the viewer. Sustained or repeated system failures would reduce the attractiveness of our solutions to customers, job seekers and other Internet users and result in reduced traffic, contract terminations, fee rebates and make goods, thereby reducing revenue. Moreover, negative publicity arising from these types of disruptions is damaging to our reputation and may adversely impact traffic to our sites.

We do not have multiple site redundancy for all of our services and some of our systems are not fully redundant in the event of any such occurrence. In an effort to reduce the likelihood of a geographical or other disaster impacting our business, we have distributed, and intend to continue assessing the need to distribute, our servers among additional data centers. Failure to execute these changes properly or in a timely manner could result in delays or interruptions to our service, which could result in a loss of users and damage to our brand, and harm our operating results. We may not carry sufficient business interruption insurance to compensate us for losses that may occur as a result of any events that cause interruptions in our service.

We are vulnerable to intellectual property infringement claims brought against us by others.

Successful intellectual property infringement claims against us could result in monetary liability or a material disruption in the conduct of our business. We cannot be certain that our products, content and brand names do not or will not infringe valid patents, trademarks, copyrights or other intellectual property rights held by third parties. We expect that infringement claims in our markets will increase in number. We may be subject to legal proceedings and claims from time to time relating to the intellectual property of others in the ordinary course of our business. If we were found to have infringed the intellectual property rights of a third party, we could be liable to that party for license fees, royalty payments, lost profits or other damages, and the owner of the intellectual property might be able to obtain injunctive relief to prevent us from using the technology or software in the future. If the amounts of these payments were significant or we were prevented from incorporating certain technology or software into our products, our business could be significantly harmed.

We may incur substantial expenses in defending against these third party infringement claims, regardless of their merit. As a result, due to the diversion of management time, the expense required to defend against any claim and the potential liability associated with any lawsuit, any significant litigation could significantly harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If we are unable to protect our proprietary rights or maintain our rights to use key technologies of third parties, our business may be harmed.

A degree of uncertainty exists concerning the application and enforcement of trademark, trade dress and copyright laws to the Internet, and existing laws may not provide us adequate protection for our original content or the appearance of our Internet sites. In addition, because copyright laws do not prohibit independent development of similar content, copyright laws may not provide us with any competitive advantage. We have obtained patents and applied for other patents with respect to certain of our software systems, methods and related technologies, but our pending applications may not be granted and any patents issued to us may in the future be challenged, invalidated or circumvented, and the rights granted under patents may not provide us with a competitive advantage. We also face

risks associated with our trademarks, particularly trademarks covering the Monster brand. Policing unauthorized use of our proprietary technology and other intellectual property rights could involve significant expense and could be difficult or impossible, particularly given the global nature of the Internet and the fact that the laws of certain other countries may afford us little or no effective protection of our

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intellectual property. Moreover, certain amendments to the United States patent law made by the America Invents Act of 2011, may affect our ability to protect our innovations and defend against claims of patent infringement.

In addition, we rely on certain technology licensed from third parties, and may be required to license additional technology in the future for use in managing our Internet sites and providing related services to users and advertising customers. Our ability to generate fees from Internet commerce may also depend on data encryption, authentication and other technologies that we may be required to license from third parties. These third-party technology licenses may not continue to be available to us on acceptable commercial terms or at all. The inability to enter into and maintain any of these technology licenses could significantly harm our business, financial condition and operating results.

We have made strategic acquisitions and entered into alliances and joint ventures in the past and may do so in the future. If we are unable to achieve expected benefits from such transactions, there could be a material adverse impact on our business, growth rates and results of operations.

As part of our business strategy we have entered into agreements relating to acquisitions, strategic alliances and joint ventures. Such transactions are inherently risky and can be accompanied by a number of risks, including:

the difficulty of integrating the operations and personnel of the acquired companies into our operations;

the potential disruption of our ongoing business and distraction of management;

the difficulty of integrating acquired technology and rights into our services and unanticipated expenses related to such integration;

the impairment of relationships with customers and partners of the acquired companies or our customers and partners as a result of the integration of acquired operations;

the impairment of relationships with employees of the acquired companies or our employees as a result of integration of new management personnel;

the difficulty of integrating the acquired companies' accounting, management information, human resources and other administrative systems;

in the case of foreign acquisitions, uncertainty regarding foreign laws and regulations and the difficulty integrating operations and systems as a result of cultural, systems and operational differences; and

the impact of known potential liabilities or unknown liabilities associated with the acquired companies.

Our failure to be successful in addressing these risks or other problems encountered in connection with acquisitions could cause us to fail to realize the anticipated benefits of any such acquisitions, incur unanticipated liabilities and significantly harm our business, financial condition and results of operations generally.

Our business depends largely on our ability to attract and retain talented employees, including senior management.

We are substantially dependent on the continued services of our executive officers and senior management. The loss of any of these individuals could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our business is also dependent on our ability to retain, hire, motivate and develop talented, highly skilled personnel. Experienced management and technical, marketing and support personnel in our industry are in high demand, and competition for their talents is intense. If we are less successful in our recruiting efforts, or if we are unable to retain key employees, our ability to develop and deliver successful products and services may be adversely affected.

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We have recorded significant goodwill impairment charges and may be required to record additional charges to future earnings if our goodwill or intangible assets become impaired.

We are required under generally accepted accounting principles to review our intangible assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Goodwill is required to be tested for impairment at least annually. Factors that may be considered a change in circumstances indicating that the carrying value of our intangible assets may not be recoverable include a decline in stock price and market capitalization, slower growth rates in our industry or our own operations, and/or other materially adverse events that have implications on the profitability of our business. In the fourth quarter of 2014, primarily due to declines in our market capitalization, we recorded a pre-tax goodwill impairment charge of \$325.8 million (\$263.0 million in Careers-North America and \$62.8 million in Internet Advertising & Fees). On a net of tax basis, the charge was \$263.0 million after recognizing a tax benefit of \$62.8 million. See Note 5 *Goodwill and Intangible Assets* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for details. We may be required to record additional charges to earnings during the period in which any impairment of our goodwill or other intangible assets is determined which could adversely impact our results of operations. As of December 31, 2014, our goodwill balance was \$540.6 million, which represented 44% of total consolidated assets.

We estimate tax liabilities, the final determination of which is subject to review by domestic and international taxation authorities.

We are subject to income taxes and other taxes in both the United States and the foreign jurisdictions in which we currently operate or have historically operated. We are also subject to review and audit by both domestic and foreign taxation authorities. The determination of our worldwide provision for income taxes and current and deferred tax assets and liabilities requires judgment and estimation. In the ordinary course of our business, there are many transactions and calculations where the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. In addition, our future income taxes could be adversely affected by earnings being lower than anticipated in jurisdictions that have lower statutory tax rates and higher than anticipated in jurisdictions that have higher statutory tax rates, by changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities, or by changes in tax laws, regulations, or accounting principles. The application of indirect taxes (such as sales and use tax, value-added tax (VAT), goods and services tax, business tax and gross receipt tax) to e-Commerce businesses such as Monster and to our users is a complex and evolving issue. Many of the fundamental statutes and regulations that impose these taxes were established before the adoption and growth of the Internet and e-Commerce. In many cases, it is not clear how existing statutes apply to our business models. Although we believe that our estimates are reasonable, the ultimate tax outcome may differ from the amounts recorded in our financial statements and may materially affect our financial results in the period or periods for which such determination is made.

Effects of anti-takeover provisions could inhibit the acquisition of Monster Worldwide by others.

Some of the provisions of our certificate of incorporation, bylaws and Delaware law could, together or separately:

discourage potential acquisition proposals;

delay or prevent a change in control; and/or

limit the price that investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our Common Stock. In particular, our Board of Directors may authorize the issuance of up to 800,000 shares of Preferred Stock with rights and privileges that might be senior to our Common Stock, without the consent of the holders of the Common Stock. In addition, our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide, among other things, for advance notice of stockholder proposals and director nominations.

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There is volatility in our stock price.

The market for our Common Stock has, from time to time, experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations. Factors such as announcements of variations in our quarterly financial results and fluctuations in revenue could cause the market price of our Common Stock to fluctuate significantly. In addition, the stock market in general, and the market prices for Internet-related companies in particular, have experienced volatility that often has been unrelated to the operating performance of such companies. These broad market and industry fluctuations may adversely affect the price of our stock, regardless of our operating performance. Additionally, volatility or a lack of positive performance in our stock price may adversely affect our ability to retain key employees, many of whom have been granted equity compensation.

The market price of our Common Stock can be influenced by stockholders' expectations about the ability of our business to grow and to achieve certain profitability targets. If our financial performance in a particular quarter does not meet the expectations of our stockholders, it may adversely affect their views concerning our growth potential and future financial performance and, therefore, result in a drop in the market price of our Common Stock. In addition, if the securities analysts who regularly follow our Common Stock lower their ratings of our Common Stock, the market price of our Common Stock is likely to drop significantly.

We face risks associated with government regulation.

The application of existing laws and regulations to our websites relating to issues such as user privacy, security of data, defamation, advertising, taxation, promotions, content regulation, and intellectual property ownership and infringement can be unclear. In addition, we will also be subject to new laws and regulations directly applicable to our activities. Any existing or new legislation applicable to us could expose us to substantial liability, including significant expenses necessary to comply with such laws and regulations, and dampen growth in Internet usage.

The federal CAN-SPAM Act and state anti-spam laws impose certain requirements on the use of e-mail. The implications of these laws have not been fully tested. Portions of our business rely on e-mail to communicate with consumers on our behalf and for our customers. We may face risk if our use of e-mail is found to violate the federal law or applicable state law.

We post our privacy policy and practices concerning the use and disclosure of user data on our websites. Any failure by us to comply with our posted privacy policy or other privacy-related laws and regulations could result in proceedings which could potentially harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. In this regard, there are a large number of legislative proposals before the United States Congress, various state legislative bodies as well as various European Union institutions, bodies and agencies regarding privacy issues related to our business. It is not possible to predict whether or when such legislation may be adopted, and certain proposals, if adopted, could significantly harm our business, financial condition and results of operations through a decrease in user registrations and revenues. This could be caused by, among other possible provisions, the required use of disclaimers or other requirements before users can utilize our services.

Due to the global nature of the Internet, it is possible that the governments of other states and foreign countries might attempt to regulate its transmissions or prosecute us for violations of their laws. We might unintentionally violate such laws or such laws may be modified and new laws may be enacted in the future. Any such developments (or developments stemming from enactment or modification of other laws) may significantly harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

Legal proceedings may significantly harm our business.

From time to time, we may become involved in litigation or other proceedings in the ordinary course of business. It is possible that such litigation or proceedings may significantly harm our future results of operations or financial condition due to expenses we may incur to defend ourselves or the ramifications of an adverse decision.

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Servicing our debt requires a significant amount of cash, and we may not have sufficient cash flow from our business to pay our substantial debt.

On October 22, 2014, the Company consummated an offering of \$143.8 million aggregate principal amount of its 3.50% convertible senior notes due 2019 (the Notes). On October 31, 2014, the Company amended and restated its existing credit facility pursuant to a Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, which increased the quarterly amortization payments required with respect to the term loans under our credit facility. Our ability to make scheduled payments of the principal of, to pay interest on, or to refinance our indebtedness, including the Notes and the loans and letters of credit under our credit facility, depends on our future performance, which is subject to economic, financial, competitive and other factors beyond our control. Our business may not continue to generate cash flow from operations in the future sufficient to service our debt and make necessary capital expenditures. If we are unable to generate such cash flow, we may be required to adopt one or more alternatives, such as selling assets, restructuring debt or obtaining additional equity capital on terms that may be onerous or highly dilutive. Our ability to refinance our indebtedness will depend on the capital and credit markets and our financial condition at such time. We may not be able to engage in any of these activities or engage in these activities on desirable terms, which could result in a default on our debt obligations.

We may not have the ability to raise the funds necessary to settle conversions of the Notes or to repurchase the Notes upon a fundamental change, and our future debt may contain limitations on our ability to pay cash upon conversion or repurchase of the Notes.

Holders of the Notes have the right to require us to repurchase their Notes upon the occurrence of a fundamental change at a fundamental change repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. In addition, upon any conversion of the Notes prior to our receipt of stockholder approval to issue upon conversion of the Notes more than 19.99% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, we will be required to make cash payments in respect of the Notes being converted. Upon any conversion of the Notes following our receipt of stockholder approval, unless we elect to deliver solely shares of our common stock to settle such conversion (other than paying cash in lieu of delivering any fractional share), we will be required to make cash payments in respect of the Notes being converted. However, we may not have enough available cash or be able to obtain financing at the time we are required to make repurchases of Notes surrendered or Notes being converted. In addition, our ability to repurchase the Notes or to pay cash upon conversions of the Notes may be limited by law, by regulatory authority or by agreements governing our future indebtedness. Our failure to repurchase Notes at a time when the repurchase is required by the indenture or to pay any cash payable on future conversions of the Notes as required by the indenture would constitute a default under the indenture. A default under the indenture or the fundamental change itself could also lead to a default under agreements governing our future indebtedness. If the repayment of the related indebtedness were to be accelerated after any applicable notice or grace periods, we may not have sufficient funds to repay the indebtedness and repurchase the notes or make cash payments upon conversions thereof.

The conditional conversion feature of the Notes, if triggered, may adversely affect our financial condition and operating results.

In the event the conditional conversion feature of the Notes is triggered, holders of Notes will be entitled to convert the Notes at any time during specified periods at their option. If one or more holders elect to convert their Notes, unless (following our receipt of stockholder approval) we elect to satisfy our conversion obligation by delivering solely shares of our common stock (other than paying cash in lieu of delivering any fractional share), we would be required to settle a portion or all of our conversion obligation through the payment of cash, which could adversely affect our liquidity. In addition, even if holders do not elect to convert their Notes, we could be required under

applicable accounting rules to reclassify all or a portion of the outstanding principal of the Notes as a current rather than long-term liability, which would result in a material reduction of our net working capital.

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The accounting method for convertible debt securities that may be settled in cash, such as the Notes, is the subject of recent changes that could have a material effect on our reported financial results.

Under ASC 470-20, *Debt with Conversion and Other Options*, an entity must separately account for the liability and equity components of the convertible debt instruments (such as the Notes) that may be settled entirely or partially in cash upon conversion in a manner that reflects the issuer's economic interest cost. The effect of ASC 470-20 on the accounting for the Notes is that the equity component is required to be included in the additional paid-in capital section of stockholders' equity on our consolidated balance sheet, and the value of the equity component would be treated as original issue discount for purposes of accounting for the debt component of the Notes. As a result, we will be required to record a greater amount of non-cash interest expense in current periods presented as a result of the amortization of the discounted carrying value of the Notes to their face amount over the term of the Notes. We will report lower net income in our financial results because ASC 470-20 will require interest to include both the current period's amortization of the debt discount and the instrument's coupon interest, which could adversely affect our reported or future financial results, the trading price of our common stock and the trading price of the Notes. In addition, under certain circumstances, convertible debt instruments (such as the Notes) that may be settled entirely or partly in cash are currently accounted for utilizing the treasury stock method, the effect of which is that the shares issuable upon conversion of the Notes are not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share except to the extent that the conversion value of the Notes exceeds their principal amount. Under the treasury stock method, for diluted earnings per share purposes, the transaction is accounted for as if the number of shares of common stock that would be necessary to settle such excess, if we elected to settle such excess in shares, are issued. We cannot be sure that the accounting standards in the future will continue to permit the use of the treasury stock method. If we are unable to use the treasury stock method in accounting for the shares issuable upon conversion of the Notes, then our diluted earnings per share would be adversely affected.

Future conversion of the Notes may limit our ability to utilize our tax attribute carryovers.

Utilization of net operating loss and tax credit carry-forwards may be subject to annual limitations due to the ownership change limitations provided by the United States Internal Revenue Code. If an annual limitation is triggered by an ownership change, it could result in the expiration of carryover attributes before their utilization. The events that may cause ownership changes include, but are not limited to, a cumulative stock ownership change of greater than 50% over a three year period. If one or more holders elect to convert their Notes, and (following our receipt of stockholder approval) we elect to satisfy our conversion obligation by delivering solely shares of our common stock (other than paying cash in lieu of delivering any fractional share), that conversion of the Notes to shares may contribute to such a cumulative ownership change.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

Our principal executive offices are located in Weston, Massachusetts, where we occupy approximately 174,000 square feet of leased space, which is our largest office space. We also lease additional facilities in the United States in: New York, New York; Bedford, Massachusetts; Boston, Massachusetts; Chicago, Illinois; Florence, South Carolina; Indianapolis, Indiana; Los Angeles, California; McLean, Virginia; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mountain View, California; San Francisco, California; Tempe, Arizona; and Washington, D.C. Our domestic properties are used

generally by our Careers-North America and Internet Advertising & Fees segments.

We also maintain leased facilities internationally in: Austria; Belgium; Canada; Czech Republic; France; Germany; Hong Kong; India; Ireland; Italy; Luxembourg; Malaysia; the Netherlands; Norway; the Republic of Korea; Singapore; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. Our international properties are used generally by our Careers-International segment.

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We also operate data centers in the United States, Europe and Asia pursuant to various lease and co-location arrangements.

We consider our leased space to be adequate for the operation of our business, and we do not foresee any difficulties in meeting any future space requirements.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

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

In September 2013, Career Destination Development, LLC filed suit against the Company for allegedly infringing certain patents, U.S. Patent No. 7,424,438 (the '438 Patent) and U.S. Patent No. 8,374,901 (the '901 Patent), relating to methods for the online searching of jobs. The lawsuit, entitled Career Destination Development, LLC vs. Monster Worldwide, Inc. (Civil Action No. 13-cv-2423), was brought in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas. The Plaintiff sought injunctive relief, monetary damages, pre and post judgment interest, and other costs. On October 10, 2013, the Company filed an answer denying the allegations set forth in the complaint. On February 12, 2014, Monster filed two separate petitions in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for covered business method (CBM) review of the '901 Patent, and the USPTO subsequently assigned case numbers CBM2014-00069 and CBM2014-00070 to these petitions for CBM review of the '901 Patent. On February 12, 2014 and February 21, 2014, Monster also filed petitions in the USPTO for CBM review of the '438 Patent, and the USPTO subsequently assigned case numbers CBM2014-00068 and CBM2014-00077 to the petitions for review of the '438 Patent. On March 14, 2014, the District Court for the District of Kansas granted Monster's motion to stay Civil Action No. 13-cv-2423 pending the aforementioned CBM reviews of the '438 and '901 Patents. On November 28, 2014, the parties entered into a settlement agreement whereby all claims would be dismissed with prejudice and the petitions filed with the USPTO would be withdrawn. By Order of the Court dated November 25, 2014, the action was dismissed with prejudice.

In April 2014, Selene Communication Technologies LLC filed suit against the Company for allegedly infringing a certain patent relating to methods for generating search queries. The lawsuit, entitled Selene Communication Technologies LLC vs. Monster Worldwide, Inc. (Civil Action No. 14-cv-434) was brought in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. The Plaintiff sought injunctive relief, monetary damages, pre and post judgment interest and other costs. On June 13, 2014, the Company filed an answer denying the allegations set forth in the complaint. On October 29, 2014, the parties entered into a settlement agreement whereby all claims would be voluntarily dismissed with prejudice. By Order of the Court dated November 17, 2014, the action was dismissed with prejudice.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

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Our Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol MWW.

As of January 31, 2015, the last reported sale price of our Common Stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange was \$4.13. The following table sets forth for the indicated periods the high and low sales prices per share for our Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

2014	High	Low
First Quarter	\$ 8.50	\$ 5.62
Second Quarter	\$ 7.73	\$ 5.33
Third Quarter	\$ 7.03	\$ 5.33
Fourth Quarter	\$ 5.55	\$ 3.41
2013	High	Low
First Quarter	\$ 6.08	\$ 4.94
Second Quarter	\$ 5.70	\$ 4.02
Third Quarter	\$ 6.01	\$ 4.22
Fourth Quarter	\$ 7.30	\$ 4.03

Holders

As of January 31, 2015, there were approximately 1,040 stockholders of record of our Common Stock, although we believe that there are a significantly larger number of beneficial owners.

Dividends

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our stock, and we do not anticipate paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future. The payment of any future dividends, if any, will be at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon, among other things, future earnings, operations, capital requirements, our general financial condition, contractual restrictions and general business conditions. Our credit agreement restricts, in certain circumstances, the payment of dividends on our stock.

Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

Please see our disclosure in Part III, Item 12 in this report on Form 10-K

Stock Performance Graph

The following performance graph and related information shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by

reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

The following graph compares the cumulative total return of the Company's Common Stock during the period commencing December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2014, with the S&P 500 Index and the RDG Internet Composite Index. The graph depicts the results of investing \$100 in the Company's Common Stock, the S&P 500 Index and the RDG Internet Composite Index at closing prices on December 31, 2009 and assumes, with respect to the S&P 500 Index and the RDG Internet Composite Index, that all dividends were reinvested. The Company has never declared or paid any cash dividends on its stock. Such returns are based on historical results and are not intended to suggest future performance.

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**Comparison of Five Year Cumulative Total Return
Among Monster Worldwide, Inc., The S&P 500 Index
and The RDG Internet Composite Index**

Issuance of Unregistered Securities

On September 30, 2014, the Company issued a total of 12,687 shares of our common stock to an employee and a consultant, in consideration for services under an employment agreement and a consulting agreement entered into as part of a prior business combination. The securities were issued pursuant to the exemption contained in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

On April 30, 2013, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized a share repurchase program of up to \$200 million. Under the share repurchase program, shares of common stock will be purchased on the open market or through privately negotiated transactions from time-to-time through April 30, 2015. The timing and amount of purchases will be based on market conditions, corporate and legal requirements and other factors. The share repurchase program does not obligate the Company to acquire any specific number of shares in any period, and may be modified, suspended, extended or discontinued at any time without prior notice. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company repurchased 7,125,988 shares for a total of \$51.9 million, excluding commissions, at an average price of \$7.29 per share. No shares repurchases were made in the fourth quarter of 2014. From the date of the inception of this repurchase program through December 31, 2014, the Company repurchased 27,717,428 shares for a total of \$158.7 million, excluding commissions, at an average price of \$5.73 per share. The Company currently has \$41.3 million remaining under this repurchase program.

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The following tables present selected financial data for the five years ended December 31, 2014, excluding discontinued operations from continuing operations. See *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, found in Item 7 of this report, for information regarding business acquisitions, discontinued operations, critical accounting policies and items affecting comparability of the amounts below.

MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.**SELECTED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA**

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Revenue	\$ 770,013	\$ 807,579	\$ 890,392	\$ 993,644	\$ 874,923
Salaries and related, office, general, marketing and promotion	766,509	754,393	817,882	895,162	893,433
Restructuring and other special charges		19,995	40,358	4,715	
Goodwill impairment	325,800				
Total operating expenses	1,092,309	774,388	858,240	899,877	893,433
Operating (loss) income	(322,296)	33,191	32,152	93,767	(18,510)
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(283,807)	3,509	58,166	66,050	(14,787)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(3,798)	(316,886)	(12,253)	(17,572)
Net (loss) income	(283,807)	(289)	(258,720)	53,797	(32,359)
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	5,482	193			
Net (loss) income attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.	\$ (289,289)	\$ (482)	\$ (258,720)	\$ 53,797	\$ (32,359)

***Basic (loss) earnings per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.:**

(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (3.29)	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.54	\$ (0.12)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(0.04)	(2.81)	(0.10)	(0.15)

Basic (loss) income per share	\$ (3.29)	\$	\$ (2.29)	\$ 0.44	\$ (0.27)
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***Diluted (loss) earnings per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.:**

(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (3.29)	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.53	\$ (0.12)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(0.04)	(2.78)	(0.10)	(0.15)

Diluted (loss) income per share	\$	(3.29)	\$	\$	(2.27)	\$	0.43	\$	(0.27)
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* Earnings per share may not add in certain periods due to rounding

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	At December 31,				
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total current assets	\$ 460,146	\$ 504,065	\$ 579,653	\$ 675,932	\$ 585,371
Total current liabilities	469,314	518,837	584,980	782,963	686,824
Total assets	1,217,151	1,586,257	1,684,865	2,057,998	1,978,002
Long-term debt, net, less current portion	201,821	125,900	145,975		40,000
Current portion of long-term debt	9,563	9,375	18,264	188,836	84,500
Noncontrolling interest in subsidiary	54,247	54,474			
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 474,745	\$ 844,145	\$ 880,039	\$ 1,164,127	\$ 1,128,650

- (a) For December 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the assets and liabilities of discontinued operations, where applicable, are included in total current assets and total current liabilities, respectively.

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We make forward-looking statements in this report and in other reports and proxy statements that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Except for historical information contained herein, the statements made in this report constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Such forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties, including statements regarding our strategic direction, prospects and future results. Certain factors, including factors outside of our control, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things, the global economic and financial market environment; risks associated with cuts in government spending; risks relating to our foreign operations; risks relating to the European debt crisis and market perceptions concerning the instability of the euro; our ability to maintain and enhance the value of our brands, particularly Monster; competition; risks related to our new strategy; fluctuations in our quarterly operating results; our ability to adapt to rapid developments in technology; our ability to continue to develop and enhance our information technology systems; concerns related to our privacy policies and our compliance with applicable data protection laws and regulations; intrusions on our systems; interruptions, delays or failures in the provision of our services; our vulnerability to intellectual property infringement claims brought against us by others; our ability to protect our proprietary rights and maintain our rights to use key technologies of third parties; the risk that acquisitions or partnerships may not achieve the expected benefits to us; our ability to attract and retain talented employees, including senior management; potential write-downs if our goodwill or amortizable intangible assets become impaired; adverse determinations by domestic and/or international taxation authorities related to our estimated tax liabilities; effects of anti-takeover provisions in our organizational documents that could inhibit the acquisition of Monster Worldwide by others; volatility in our stock price; risks associated with government regulation; the outcome of litigation we may become involved in from time to time; risks associated with our convertible senior notes due 2019; and other risks and uncertainties set forth from time to time in our reports and other filings made with the SEC, including under Part I, *Item 1A. Risk Factors* of this report.

OVERVIEW**Business**

Monster Worldwide, Inc. (together with its consolidated subsidiaries, the "Company," "Monster," "Monster Worldwide," "we," "our" or "us") is a global leader in connecting people to jobs, wherever they are. For more than 20 years, Monster has helped people improve their lives with better jobs, and employers find the best talent. Today, the Company offers services in more than 40 countries, providing some of the broadest, most sophisticated job seeking, career management, recruitment and talent management capabilities. Monster continues its pioneering work of transforming the recruiting industry with advanced technology using intelligent digital, social and mobile solutions, including our flagship website monster.com® and a vast array of products and services.

The Company's services and solutions include: searchable job advertisements; resume database access; recruitment media solutions through its advertising network and partnerships; Twitter Cards and social job distribution; social profile aggregation; and other career-related content. Job seekers can search job advertisements and post their resumes for free on each of our career websites and mobile applications. Employers pay to: advertise available jobs and recruitment related services; search the Monster resume and social profile databases; and access other career-related services.

In May 2014, Monster revealed its "All the People, All the Jobs" strategy to drive the business and enhance its competitive position. Monster's new strategy focuses on adding massive scale to its business to expand its total

addressable market and the value it can provide to customers through a variety of new products, technologies and business models to successfully connect more people with more jobs.

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To enhance the scale of its business, the Company is dramatically expanding the number of jobs it offers, collecting jobs content from both traditional and social sources to ensure that employers can reach the right candidates, at the right time and place, with the right opportunities. Monster has grown the number of jobs available across its network from 250,000 in the U.S. in January 2014 to over 4 million today. This represents a vast increase in the volume of jobs, which is poised to grow with further international rollout.

As part of the new strategy, the Company is expanding its job advertising distribution beyond the traditional placement on its own network of sites and its Career Ad Network® to include expanded social distribution. Monster Twitter Cards was launched in the U.S. on July 1, 2014 and in our Tier 1 countries in Europe and in Canada in October 2014. Monster Twitter Cards moves beyond the limitations of a standard Tweet to boost an employer's integrated social recruiting strategy by automatically Tweeting jobs throughout the day to a company's or recruiter's Twitter feed. Monster Twitter Cards provides recruiters with a simple, turn-key way to more effectively message job openings, and drive additional reach, engagement and interaction with individuals on the Twitter platform. Monster Social Ads uses Twitter's Ads API to provide the first fully automated social recruiting job ad solution featuring additional new targeting from Monster's proprietary social candidate search capabilities. Monster Social Ads expands the distribution of Twitter Card-based job ads to directly reach potential candidates on Twitter based on career attributes such as occupation or industry type, something previously not possible for recruiters. The Company also plans to add multiple pricing models to its job advertising business, including duration and pay-per-click options which will roll-out in the U.S. and our Tier 1 countries in Europe in the first and second quarters of 2015, respectively. This will create a significant opportunity to serve millions of new customers who seek variable job ad pricing.

Monster is also vastly increasing the number of candidates it delivers for search. With the recent acquisition of TalentBin®, the Company now provides recruiters access to over 130 million candidate profiles aggregated from social sources across the Web, in addition to Monster's own proprietary database of 25 million searchable resumes. This approach surfaces the truly passive candidates who are not actively seeking a new job. TalentBin by Monster was launched in the U.S. on July 1, 2014 and launched in our Tier 1 countries in Europe and in Canada in October 2014, and is expected to launch in our Tier 2 countries in Europe in early 2015. By harnessing the vast amount of professionally relevant information people share across the social web, TalentBin by Monster surfaces potential job candidates by assembling profiles using current professional activities from relevant sites. By making sense of candidate social activity, and compiling those details into a rich professional profile complete with contact information, recruiters now can find many previously undiscoverable candidates including those not actively seeking a new job.

Monster offers the unique 6Sense® semantic search technology to allow job seekers and employers to quickly find a precise match. 6Sense technology transforms traditional keyword-based processes by assisting our customers in matching candidates to their required job specifications. For seekers, 6Sense powered job search has changed how they explore, find and apply for jobs. Monster introduced a cloud-based search product SeeMore® in the third quarter of 2011, which allows customers to utilize patented semantic search technology on their own talent databases. Further, the Monster Career Ad Network®, continues to be the largest recruitment-focused advertising network on the Internet, reaching an average of more than 100 million users globally across thousands of websites.

As an additional part of its strategy, Monster developed a commercial talent platform called Monster Talent CRM that can provide end-to-end sourcing or be integrated as components into existing recruiting workflows. Monster Talent CRM was deployed in the U.S. on July 1, 2014 and in our Tier 1 countries in Europe and in Canada in October 2014, and is expected to launch in our Tier 2 countries in early 2015. Monster Talent CRM is a self-service campaign and messaging platform that utilizes the same capabilities as Monster Power Resume Search® technology to identify, source and create campaigns for recruiters and uses integrated CRM toolsets to create one-to-one or one-to-many recruiting campaigns against them.

Monster also operates a government solutions business, Monster Government Solutions (MGS), which sells software solutions to federal, state and local governments and educational institutions within the U.S. and the

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United Kingdom. MGS provides recruitment solutions that engage seekers and employers online, enable MGS customers to attract qualified candidates, expedite time to hire and create online communities using innovative technologies and services. These services primarily include customized career sites hosted by MGS utilizing a Software as a Service (SaaS) model. Additionally, Monster offers customers applicant tracking services, diversity offerings and other ancillary services either directly or through alliances to meet the changing needs of customers.

Monster's Internet Advertising & Fees business operates a network of websites that connect companies to highly targeted audiences at critical stages in their lives. The Company's goal is to offer compelling online services for the users of such websites through personalization, community features and enhanced content. This web traffic is monetized through display advertising and lead generation. The Company believes that these properties appeal to advertisers and other third parties as they deliver certain discrete demographics entirely online.

Monster operates in an industry and in markets that are continually evolving with the entrance of new competitors and the changing needs of seekers and employers. The Company adjusts its product offerings and makes new investments in its technology platform in order to meet the challenges presented by the market evolution. The Company believes its All the People All the Jobs strategy addresses this market evolution and positions Monster to achieve long-term growth while controlling the growth of operating expenses.

Recent Developments

Reallocate to Accelerate

On February 10, 2015, the Company committed to take a series of cost savings initiatives to reduce costs globally while continuing to support the Company's new strategy. The initiatives currently include a global workforce reduction of approximately 300 associates, or 7% of its full-time staff, consolidation of certain office facilities, and continuing discretionary-spending and office and general expense controls. The Company expects these reductions, currently anticipated to be completed by the end of 2015, to result in annualized savings of approximately \$38 million to \$45 million. The full impact of the savings will be realized beginning in the fourth quarter of 2015. As a result of these initiatives, the Company expects to record a cumulative pre-tax charge within the range of \$18 million to \$23 million, all of which is expected to be cash expenditures. The majority of the associated charges are expected to be recorded in the first half of 2015.

Leadership Changes

On November 4, 2014, the Company announced that Timothy Yates, a Director of Monster and formerly its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, had been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer. Monster also announced that effective November 4, 2014, Mark Stoeber, Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Internet Advertising, had been appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

Effective November 4, 2014, Salvatore Iannuzzi resigned as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, while continuing to serve as Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company. On February 10, 2015, Mr. Iannuzzi resigned as Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors and as a director of the Company, effective immediately. Such resignation is not as a result of any disagreement with the Company with respect to the Company's operations, policies or practices. Pursuant to a letter agreement between Mr. Iannuzzi and the Company, dated November 3, 2014, Mr. Iannuzzi will remain an employee of the Company until June 30, 2015 to facilitate an orderly transition.

Constant Currency Presentation

Revenue from our international operations has historically represented, and we expect will continue to represent, a significant portion of our business. As a result, our revenue growth has been impacted, and we expect will

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continue to be impacted, by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. For 2014, in order to provide a framework for assessing how our consolidated and Careers-International operating results performed excluding the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, we additionally present the year-over-year percentage changes on a constant currency basis, which assumes no change in the exchange rate from the prior-year period. This constant currency is provided in addition to, and not as a substitute for, the year-over-year percentage changes on an as-reported basis. For 2013, we elected not to use a constant currency presentation for the year-over-year comparisons as foreign currency fluctuations were not material to the comparability of our results of operations.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Consolidated operating results as a percent of revenue, excluding discontinued operations, for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

	The year ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Revenue	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Salaries and related	53.7%	47.0%	45.9%
Office and general	26.9%	25.4%	25.4%
Marketing and promotion	19.0%	21.0%	21.2%
Restructuring and other special charges	0.0%	2.5%	4.5%
Goodwill impairment	42.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Recovery of restitution award from former executive	0.0%	0.0%	(0.6%)
Total operating expenses	141.9%	95.9%	96.4%
Operating (loss) income	(41.9%)	4.1%	3.6%
Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Interest and other, net	(1.1%)	(0.7%)	(0.7%)
(Loss) income before income taxes and loss in equity interests	(41.4%)	3.4%	3.0%
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(4.6%)	2.8%	(3.7%)
Loss in equity interests, net	0.0%	(0.1%)	(0.1%)
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(36.9%)	0.4%	6.5%

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The following presentation of our segment results is prepared based on the criteria we use when evaluating the performance of our business units.

The Year Ended December 31, 2014 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2013***Consolidated Revenue, Operating Expenses and Operating (Loss) Income***

Consolidated revenue, operating expenses and operating (loss) income for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,					
	2014	% of Revenue	2013	% of Revenue	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Revenue	\$ 770,013	100.0%	\$ 807,579	100.0%	\$ (37,566)	(4.7%)
Salaries and related	413,143	53.7%	379,406	47.0%	33,737	8.9%
Office and general	206,974	26.9%	205,397	25.4%	1,577	0.8%
Marketing and promotion	146,392	19.0%	169,590	21.0%	(23,198)	(13.7%)
Restructuring and other special charges		0.0%	19,995	2.5%	(19,995)	(100.0%)
Goodwill impairment	325,800	42.3%		0.0%	325,800	na
Total operating expenses	1,092,309	141.9%	774,388	95.9%	317,921	41.1%
Operating (loss) income	\$ (322,296)	(41.9%)	\$ 33,191	4.1%	\$ (355,487)	(1071.0%)
EBITDA	\$ 88,504	11.5%	\$ 123,053	15.2%	(34,549)	(28.1%)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 101,207	13.1%	\$ 140,653	17.4%	\$ (39,446)	(28.0%)

Our consolidated revenue decreased by \$37.6 million (4.7%, 4.8% on a constant currency basis) in 2014 compared to 2013. Our Careers-North America segment experienced a \$9.3 million (2.1%) decrease primarily due to declines in the government vertical. Our Careers-International segment decreased \$19.6 million (6.8%, 7.5% on a constant currency basis) due to the continued challenging economic environment in certain countries in Europe and Asia. Our Internet Advertising & Fees segment experienced a decrease of \$8.7 million (11.9%) due to a reduction of revenue from display advertising business activities as we optimize seeker experience on Monster for maximum quality applies. We are pleased with the bookings performance in the second half of 2014, particularly in our Careers-North America segment, and expect these trends to continue into 2015.

Salaries and related expenses increased \$33.7 million (8.9%, 8.8% on a constant currency basis), in the 2014 compared to 2013. This increase in salaries and related expenses resulted primarily from increased regular salary costs resulting from headcount additions in the Company's quota-bearing sales force as part of the new strategy, charges associated with the resignation of our former Chief Executive Officer and President, effective November 4, 2014, as well as increased stock based compensation expense.

Office and general expenses remained relatively flat when comparing 2014 to 2013 on both an as-reported and constant currency basis.

Marketing and promotion expenses decreased \$23.2 million (13.7%, 14.0% on a constant currency basis) in 2014 compared to 2013. Beginning in 2012, the Company evolved its marketing approach to efficiently drive improved site traffic. The Company believes that these marketing initiatives have resulted in a build-up of relevant traffic to monster.com and our affiliate sites.

The Company incurred \$20.0 million of restructuring and other special charges in 2013, comprised primarily of costs associated with severance, exiting office facilities and other asset write downs as a result of our restructuring program which was announced in November 2012. No charges were incurred in 2014 relating to this program.

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In the fourth quarter of 2014, primarily due to the decline of our market capitalization and the implications such decline had on the carrying value of our goodwill, management concluded that the carrying amount of goodwill exceeded its estimated fair value for both its Careers-North America and Internet Advertising & Fees reporting units. As a result, the Company recorded a pre-tax goodwill impairment charge of \$325.8 million during the fourth quarter of 2014 (\$263.0 million and \$62.8 million in the Careers-North America and Internet Advertising & Fees segments, respectively). See Note 5 *Goodwill and Intangible Assets* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for details.

Our consolidated operating loss was \$322.3 million in 2014, compared to operating income of \$33.2 million in 2013, as a result of the factors discussed above.

Our consolidated EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA was \$88.5 million and \$101.2 million, respectively, in 2014, compared to consolidated EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA of \$123.1 million and \$140.7 million, respectively, in 2013, as a result of the factors discussed above. See *Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to GAAP Measures* following the discussion of our results of operations for definitions and a reconciliation from our operating (loss) income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA.

Careers-North America

The operating results of our Careers-North America segment for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,					
	2014	% of Revenue	2013	% of Revenue	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Revenue	\$ 436,946	100.0%	\$ 446,274	100.0%	\$ (9,328)	(2.1%)
Salaries and related	196,784	45.0%	179,176	40.1%	17,608	9.8%
Office and general	101,367	23.2%	97,791	21.9%	3,576	3.7%
Marketing and promotion	74,089	17.0%	94,761	21.2%	(20,672)	(21.8%)
Restructuring and other special charges		0.0%	9,537	2.1%	(9,537)	(100.0%)
Goodwill impairment	263,000	60.2%		0.0%	263,000	na
Total operating expenses	635,240	145.4%	381,265	85.4%	253,975	66.6%
Operating (loss) income	\$ (198,294)	(45.4%)	\$ 65,009	14.6%	\$ (263,303)	(405.0%)

Our Careers North America segment revenue decreased \$9.3 million (2.1%) in 2014 compared to 2013. The decrease in the Careers-North America segment is primarily due to declines in the government vertical, partially offset by increased business activity from our ecommerce, recruitment media, newspaper and staffing sectors. We have been pleased with the booking performance in the second half of 2014, with nearly all verticals, excluding government, increasing year over year.

Salaries and related expenses increased \$17.6 million (9.8%) in 2014 compared to 2013. This increase in salaries and related expenses resulted primarily from \$11.6 million of increased regular salary costs resulting from headcount

additions in the Company's quota-bearing sales force and other selective headcount additions as part of the new strategy, as well as \$1.4 million of increased stock based compensation expense.

Office and general expenses increased \$3.6 million (3.7%) in 2014 compared to 2013. This increase in office and general expenses resulted primarily from \$6.2 million in charges related to exited facilities, an increase of \$2.1 million resulting from additional costs to support our new product portfolio, and an impairment charge of \$1.0 million on an indefinite-lived intangible asset recognized in the fourth quarter of 2014. These increases were partially offset by \$5.4 million of decreased amortization expense resulting from the amortization period of certain intangible assets associated with a previous acquisition ending in the third quarter of 2013.

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Marketing and promotion expenses decreased \$20.7 million (21.8%) in 2014 compared to 2013. Beginning in 2012, the Company evolved its marketing approach to efficiently drive improved site traffic. The Company believes that these investments and marketing initiatives have resulted in a build-up of relevant traffic to monster.com and our affiliate sites.

Our Careers-North America segment incurred \$9.5 million of restructuring and other special charges in 2013, comprised primarily of costs associated with severance, exiting office facilities and other asset write downs as a result of our restructuring program announced in November 2012. No charges were incurred in 2014 relating to this program.

In the fourth quarter of 2014, primarily due to the decline of our market capitalization and the implications such decline had on the carrying value of our goodwill, management concluded that the carrying amount of goodwill exceeded its estimated fair value for its Careers-North America reporting unit. As a result, the Company recorded a pre-tax goodwill impairment charge of \$263.0 million in our Careers-North America segment during the fourth quarter of 2014. See Note 5 *Goodwill and Intangible Assets* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for details.

Our Careers North America operating loss was \$198.3 million in 2014, compared to operating income of \$65.0 million in 2013, as a result of the factors described above.

Careers-International

The operating results of our Careers-International segment for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,					
	2014	% of Revenue	2013	% of Revenue	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Revenue	\$ 269,064	100.0%	\$ 288,623	100.0%	\$ (19,559)	(6.8%)
Salaries and related	155,319	57.7%	151,371	52.4%	3,948	2.6%
Office and general	76,160	28.3%	80,878	28.0%	(4,718)	(5.8%)
Marketing and promotion	62,714	23.3%	67,104	23.2%	(4,390)	(6.5%)
Restructuring and other special charges		0.0%	7,866	2.7%	(7,866)	(100.0%)
Total operating expenses	294,193	109.3%	307,219	106.4%	(13,026)	(4.2%)
Operating loss	\$ (25,129)	(9.3%)	\$ (18,596)	(6.4%)	\$ (6,533)	35.1%

Our Careers International segment revenue decreased \$19.6 million (6.8%, 7.5% on a constant currency basis) in 2014 compared to 2013 with Europe and Asia decreasing 7.9% and 3.6%, respectively (8.7% and 4.1% on a constant currency basis, respectively). The reductions within Europe related primarily to Germany and the Netherlands in addition to the Eastern European countries no longer being included in our consolidated results due to the new joint venture with Alma Media. Bookings in Europe stabilized in the fourth quarter of 2014, with flat year over year results on a constant currency basis. In Asia, Korea and India showed improving results in the second half of 2014, with both

countries showing year over year bookings growth.

Salaries and related expenses increased \$3.9 million (2.6%, 2.0% on a constant currency basis) in 2014 compared to 2013. This increase in salaries and related expenses resulted primarily from \$2.4 million in increased regular salary costs relating to selective headcount additions as part of the new strategy and increased stock based compensation expense.

Office and general expenses decreased \$4.7 million (5.8%, 6.8% on a constant currency basis) in 2014 compared to 2013. This decrease in office and general expenses resulted primarily from \$3.7 million of decreased depreciation and amortization expense.

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Marketing and promotion expenses decreased \$4.4 million (6.5%, 7.9% on a constant currency basis) in 2014 compared to 2013. The Company continues to focus on targeted investments in key markets in Europe and Asia to drive site traffic and improve brand awareness.

Our Careers-International segment incurred \$7.9 million of restructuring and other special charges in 2013, comprised primarily of severance costs as a result of our restructuring program announced in November 2012. No charges were incurred in 2014 relating to this program.

Our Careers-International operating loss was \$25.1 million in 2014, compared to an operating loss of \$18.6 million in 2013, as a result of the factors discussed above.

Internet Advertising & Fees

The operating results of our Internet Advertising & Fees segment for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,					
	2014	% of Revenue	2013	% of Revenue	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Revenue	\$ 64,003	100.0%	\$ 72,682	100.0%	\$ (8,679)	(11.9%)
Salaries and related	26,853	42.0%	26,590	36.6%	263	1.0%
Office and general	13,495	21.1%	13,666	18.8%	(171)	(1.3%)
Marketing and promotion	9,479	14.8%	7,593	10.4%	1,886	24.8%
Restructuring and other special charges		0.0%	341	0.5%	(341)	(100.0%)
Goodwill impairment	62,800	98.1%		0.0%	62,800	na
Total operating expenses	112,627	176.0%	48,190	66.3%	64,437	133.7%
Operating (loss) income	\$ (48,624)	(76.0%)	\$ 24,492	33.7%	\$ (73,116)	(298.5%)

Revenue in our Internet Advertising & Fees segment decreased \$8.7 million (11.9%) in 2014 compared to 2013 due to a reduction of revenue from display advertising business activities as we optimize seeker experience on Monster for maximum quality applies.

Marketing and promotion expenses increased \$1.9 million (24.8%) in 2014 compared to 2013. This increase in marketing costs is primarily associated with additional costs to increase the audience for our lead generation delivery.

In the fourth quarter of 2014, primarily due to the decline of our market capitalization and the implications such decline had on the carrying value of our goodwill, management concluded that the carrying amount of goodwill exceeded its estimated fair value for its Internet Advertising & Fees reporting unit. As a result, the Company recorded a pre-tax goodwill impairment charge of \$62.8 million in our Internet Advertising & Fees segment during the fourth quarter of 2014. See Note 5 *Goodwill and Intangible Assets* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for details.

All other operating expenses remained relatively flat when comparing 2014 to 2013.

Our Internet Advertising & Fees segment's operating loss was \$48.6 million in 2014, compared to operating income of \$24.5 million in 2013, as a result of the factors discussed above.

Interest and other, net

Interest and other, net, for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 resulted in an expense of \$8.6 million and \$5.8 million, respectively. Interest and other, net, primarily relates to interest expense on the Company's

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outstanding debt, amortization of the debt discount on our 3.50% convertible senior notes due 2019, interest income associated with the Company's various investments and foreign currency gains or losses.

Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net

During the first quarter of 2014, the Company deconsolidated its subsidiaries in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic and recorded a net gain of \$11.8 million thereon. See Note 11 *Deconsolidation of Subsidiaries* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Income taxes

Income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,			
	2014	2013	Change in Dollars	Percentage Change
(Loss) income before income taxes and loss in equity interests	\$ (319,020)	\$ 27,421	\$ (346,441)	(1263.4%)
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	\$ (35,291)	\$ 23,004	\$ (58,295)	(253.4%)
Effective tax rate	11.1%	84.0%		

The provision for income taxes consists of provisions for federal, state and foreign income taxes. The Company operates globally with operations in the United States and various tax jurisdictions outside of the United States. Accordingly our tax rate is a composite rate, reflecting the earnings and losses in the various tax jurisdictions and the applicable rates. The federal tax rate in the United States is 35%, and tax rates in foreign countries in which we do business vary from approximately 17% to 35%.

Our effective tax rates differ from the statutory rate due to the impact of state and local income taxes, certain nondeductible expenses, foreign earnings taxed at different tax rates, valuation allowances, the accrual of interest on tax liabilities, and certain other items, as described below, which in 2014 included impairment charges on goodwill that had no tax basis. Our business has experienced a shift in the relative proportion of revenue and income to the United States, and during both 2014 and 2013, the Company has incurred operating losses in certain international markets, particularly Europe. International corporate income tax rates are generally lower than the U.S. tax rates. The shift in the global mix of income towards less international income or increased international losses in countries with lower tax rates than the U.S. has contributed towards an increase in our overall effective tax rate.

Primarily as a result of weakness in certain international markets, the Company has in the past recorded valuation allowances on certain deferred tax assets for international tax net operating loss carryovers. In addition, in 2014 the Company has concluded that it needed to increase the valuation allowance by \$16 million due to lowered expectations for the utilization of U.S. foreign tax credit carryovers. The lowered expectations were driven by continued weakness in international markets and increased financing costs. Overall, the tax provision was increased by approximately \$25 million and \$5.2 million due to valuation allowances in the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The determination of tax valuation allowances requires significant judgment and depends on many factors outside of

our control. The valuation allowance may be increased in the future if actual operating results do not conform to expectations and assumptions.

In the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company recorded a pre-tax charge for impairment of goodwill in the amount of \$325.8 million. As a result, the Company recorded a deferred tax benefit of \$62.8 million with respect to the portion of impaired goodwill which is deductible for tax purposes. See Note 5 *Goodwill and Intangible Assets* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for discussion.

In addition, in 2014, the tax provision was increased by \$5.5 million on the \$11.8 million pre-tax gain related to the deconsolidation of our subsidiaries in Poland, Hungary and Czech Republic, and the formation of a new joint

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venture with our existing partner in Finland, Alma Media Corporation. See Note 11 *Deconsolidation of Subsidiaries* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for discussion.

In December 2013, the Company sold a 49.99% interest in JobKorea Ltd., its wholly owned subsidiary in South Korea, to H&Q Korea for an aggregate purchase price of \$90.0 million. The transaction, which is accounted for as a sale of a noncontrolling interest resulted in a sale for tax purposes. A tax provision of \$30.9 million was recorded as a result of the transaction of which \$12.7 million was charged to stockholder's equity and \$18.1 million was charged to the continuing operations tax provision. See Note 3 *Noncontrolling Interest* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for discussion.

Our future effective tax rates could be adversely affected by earnings being lower in countries where we have lower statutory rates, changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets, or changes in tax laws or interpretations thereof. We may engage in internal restructurings or reorganizations in the future. We consider many factors when evaluating these transactions. These transactions may adversely impact our overall tax rate and result in additional cash tax payments. Our future tax rates may be adversely impacted if the Company has insufficient accumulated realized excess tax benefits from vested stock-based compensation such that future tax deficiencies caused by awards vesting at prices below the original grant price are charged to the income tax provision. At December 31, 2014, the Company has no remaining accumulated excess realized tax benefits.

Our filed tax returns are subject to examination by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other tax authorities. The Company recently completed a tax examination with the IRS through the year 2011. No material adjustments to reported income were made. We regularly assess the likelihood of adverse outcomes resulting from these examinations to determine the adequacy of our provision for income taxes. During 2014, the Company recognized previously unrecognized tax positions of \$2.5 million, which on a net of tax basis favorably impacted the effective rate by \$1.1 million, primarily as a result of lapses of statutes of limitations. The Company also reversed accrued interest on unrecognized tax positions of \$1.5 million, which favorably impacted the effective rate by \$0.9 million. The tax matters reversed relate primarily to allocation of income among jurisdictions. The Company estimates that is reasonably possible that unrecognized tax positions may be reduced by an amount ranging from \$0 to \$15 million in the next twelve months due to settlement of examinations or lapse of statute of limitations. The tax matters relate to allocation of income between tax jurisdictions and the amount of tax loss carryovers.

Loss in equity interests, net

Loss in equity interests, net, for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$0.1 million and \$0.9 million, respectively. Through January 3, 2014, the Company had a 25% equity investment in a company located in Finland. Effective January 3, 2014, the Company has a 15% equity investment in Alma Career Oy, a joint venture with Alma Media Corporation. See Note 11 *Deconsolidation of Subsidiaries* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Company also has a 50% equity interest in a company located in Australia.

Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest

In December 2013, the Company sold a 49.99% interest in JobKorea, its wholly owned subsidiary in South Korea, to H&Q Korea for an aggregate purchase price of \$90.0 million. Based on the terms of the agreement, since the Company maintains a controlling interest in the subsidiary, the Company will consolidate the results of JobKorea in its consolidated financial statements. The noncontrolling interest's share of (loss) income from continuing operations and net loss was \$5.5 million and \$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax

For the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company reported a loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, of \$3.8 million. Included in the results from discontinued operations are the results of our operations for Careers-China, Latin America and Turkey. There was no such loss recognized in 2014.

Net loss attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.

As a result of the factors discussed above, our consolidated net loss was \$283.8 million in 2014, compared to a net loss of \$0.3 million in 2013. Net loss attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc. was \$289.3 million and \$0.5 million in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Diluted (loss) earnings per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.

Diluted loss per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc. in 2014 was \$3.29 compared to break-even diluted earnings per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc. in 2013. Diluted weighted average shares outstanding for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was 88.0 million shares and 107.9 million shares, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company repurchased 7.1 million shares as part of its previously announced share repurchase program.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to GAAP Measures

EBITDA is defined as operating income or loss before depreciation and amortization, non-cash compensation expense, non-cash impairment charges, and non-cash costs incurred with the Company's restructuring programs. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA plus charges related to exited facilities, acquisition related costs, costs incurred related to the Company's review of strategic alternatives, separation charges primarily associated with the resignation of our former Chief Executive Officer, effective November 4, 2014, and costs incurred relating to the November 2012 restructuring.

The Company considers EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to be an important indicator of its operational strength which the Company believes is useful to management and investors in evaluating its operating performance. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are Non-GAAP measures and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

We do not consider EBITDA or Adjusted EBITDA in isolation or as an alternative to financial measures determined in accordance with GAAP. The principal limitation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA is that they exclude certain expenses and income that are required by GAAP to be recorded in our consolidated financial statements. In addition, Adjusted EBITDA is subject to inherent limitations as it reflects the exercise of judgment by management about which expenses and income are excluded or included in determining Adjusted EBITDA. In order to compensate for these limitations, management presents EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA in connection with GAAP results.

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A reconciliation of operating (loss) income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Operating (loss) income	\$ (322,296)	\$ 33,191
Goodwill impairment ⁽¹⁾	325,800	
Depreciation expense	46,019	49,922
Stock based compensation expense ⁽⁴⁾	35,357	25,391
Amortization of intangibles	2,624	9,234
Impairment of indefinite-lived intangible ⁽¹⁾	1,000	
Restructuring non-cash expenses ⁽⁵⁾		5,315
EBITDA	88,504	123,053
Facilities costs ⁽²⁾	7,729	
Fees associated with strategic alternatives ⁽³⁾		2,920
Separation charges ⁽⁴⁾	4,974	
Restructuring and other special charges, less non-cash items ⁽⁵⁾		14,680
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 101,207	\$ 140,653

- (1) In the fourth quarter of 2014, primarily due to the decline of our market capitalization and the implications such decline had on the carrying value of our goodwill, management concluded that the carrying amount of goodwill exceeded its estimated fair value for both its Careers-North America and Internet Advertising & Fees reporting units. As a result, the Company recorded a pre-tax goodwill impairment charge of \$325.8 million during the fourth quarter of 2014. In addition, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1.0 million on an indefinite-lived intangible asset in the fourth quarter of 2014.
- (2) The Company incurred \$7.7 million of charges associated with exited facilities in 2014. The majority of these charges related to facility charges associated with the consolidation of multiple offices into the Company's new corporate headquarters in Weston, Massachusetts.
- (3) On March 1, 2012, the Company announced that it had resolved to explore strategic alternatives to maximize value for the Company's stockholders. During 2013, the Company incurred \$2.9 million of costs related to the review of strategic alternatives.
- (4) The Company incurred \$5.0 million of separation charges in 2014. The charges primarily relate to the resignation of the Company's former Chief Executive Officer, effective November 4, 2014. In addition, in connection with the former Chief Executive Officer's resignation, the Company accelerated the vesting of 160,501 RSA's and 2,250,000 RSU's, resulting in \$4,354 of additional non-cash compensation.
- (5) On November 8, 2012, the Company announced actions to concentrate resources on core businesses within North America and key European and Asian markets with increased spending in marketing and sales. The restructuring actions included reducing the Company's workforce, consolidating certain office facilities and impairing certain fixed assets. The Company incurred \$20.0 million of restructuring costs (including \$5.3 million of non-cash expenses) in 2013 relating to this program.

Table of Contents**The Year Ended December 31, 2013 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2012****Consolidated Revenue, Operating Expenses and Operating Income**

Consolidated revenue, operating expenses and operating income for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows (excluding discontinued operations) (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,					
	2013	% of Revenue	2012	% of Revenue	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Revenue	\$ 807,579	100.0%	\$ 890,392	100.0%	\$ (82,813)	(9.3%)
Salaries and related	379,406	47.0%	408,305	45.9%	(28,899)	(7.1%)
Office and general	205,397	25.4%	226,601	25.4%	(21,204)	(9.4%)
Marketing and promotion	169,590	21.0%	188,326	21.2%	(18,736)	(9.9%)
Restructuring and other special charges	19,995	2.5%	40,358	4.5%	(20,363)	(50.5%)
Recovery of restitution award from former executive		0.0%	(5,350)	(0.6%)	5,350	100.0%
Total operating expenses	774,388	95.9%	858,240	96.4%	(83,852)	(9.8%)
Operating income	\$ 33,191	4.1%	\$ 32,152	3.6%	\$ 1,039	3.2%
EBITDA	\$ 123,053	15.2%	\$ 132,148	14.8%	\$ (9,095)	(6.9%)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 140,653	17.4%	\$ 164,272	18.4%	\$ (23,619)	(14.4%)

Our consolidated revenue decreased by \$82.8 million (9.3%) in 2013 compared to 2012. This decrease resulted primarily from our Careers-International segment, with a \$62.5 million (17.8%) reduction in revenue. The economic environment in Europe and Asia continued to be challenging in 2013.

Salaries and related expenses decreased \$28.9 million (7.1%) in 2013 compared 2012. This decrease in salaries and related expenses resulted primarily from decreased regular salary costs as a result of our restructuring programs and decreased variable compensation costs for the Company's sales force.

Office and general expenses decreased \$21.2 million (9.4%) in 2013 compared to 2012. This decrease in office and general expenses resulted primarily from decreased travel expenses, professional fees and occupancy costs.

Marketing and promotion expenses decreased \$18.7 million (9.9%) in 2013 compared to 2012. Beginning in 2012, the Company evolved its marketing approach to efficiently drive improved site traffic.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, we incurred \$20.0 million of restructuring and other special charges, comprised mainly of severance costs, facility charges, and impairment of certain assets as a result of our restructuring program which was announced in November 2012.

In the first quarter of 2012, the Company recorded \$5.4 million from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) for partial restitution of damages caused to the Company in connection with the Company's historical stock option

granting practices of which the Company's former Chief Operating Officer had been convicted of securities fraud in May 2009. This amount had been previously remitted to the DOJ by the Company's former Chief Operating Officer as a civil forfeiture to the United States Federal Government.

Careers-China, Latin America and Turkey, which had previously been included in the Company's consolidated statement of operations, were reclassified as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Please see Note 7 *Discontinued Operations* of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Our consolidated operating income, excluding discontinued operations, was \$33.2 million in 2013, compared to operating income of \$32.2 million in 2012, as a result of the factors discussed above.

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Our consolidated EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA were \$123.1 million and \$140.7 million in 2013, respectively, compared to consolidated EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA of \$132.1 million and \$164.3 million in 2012, respectively, as a result of the factors discussed above. See *Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to GAAP Measures* following the discussion of our results of operations for definitions and a reconciliation from our operating income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA.

Careers-North America

The operating results of our Careers-North America segment for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,					
	2013	% of Revenue	2012	% of Revenue	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Revenue	\$ 446,274	100.0%	\$ 462,962	100.0%	\$ (16,688)	(3.6%)
Salaries and related	179,176	40.1%	184,336	39.8%	(5,160)	(2.8%)
Office and general	97,791	21.9%	103,206	22.3%	(5,415)	(5.2%)
Marketing and promotion	94,761	21.2%	111,764	24.1%	(17,003)	(15.2%)
Restructuring and other special charges	9,537	2.1%	20,970	4.5%	(11,433)	(54.5%)
Total operating expenses	381,265	85.4%	420,276	90.8%	(39,011)	(9.3%)
Operating income	\$ 65,009	14.6%	\$ 42,686	9.2%	\$ 22,323	52.3%

Our Careers-North America segment revenue experienced a \$16.7 million (3.6%) decrease in 2013 when compared to 2012. This decrease was due to a reduction of revenue from our field sales customers, partially offset by increased business activity from our e-Commerce and government sectors.

Salaries and related expenses decreased \$5.2 million (2.8%) in 2013 compared to 2012. This decrease in salaries and related expenses resulted primarily from \$4.7 million of decreased regular salary and other headcount related costs as a result of our restructuring programs.

Office and general expenses decreased \$5.4 million (5.2%) in 2013 compared to 2012. This decrease in office and general expenses resulted primarily from decreased travel expenses of \$2.8 million, decreased occupancy costs of \$1.0 million resulting from our restructuring programs, and decreased amortization expense of \$3.0 million resulting from the amortization period of certain intangible assets associated with a previous acquisition ending during the third quarter of 2013. These reductions were partially offset by increased consulting fees of \$2.0 million related to our government business.

Marketing and promotion expenses decreased \$17.0 million (15.2%) in 2013 compared to 2012. Beginning in 2012, the Company evolved its marketing approach to efficiently drive improved site traffic.

The Company incurred \$9.5 million of restructuring and other special charges in 2013, comprised primarily of costs associated with severance, exiting office facilities and other asset write downs.

Our Careers-North America operating income was \$65.0 million in 2013, compared to operating income of \$42.7 million in 2012, as a result of the factors described above.

Table of Contents***Careers-International***

The operating results of our Careers-International segment for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows (excluding discontinued operations) (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,					
	2013	% of Revenue	2012	% of Revenue	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Revenue	\$ 288,623	100.0%	\$ 351,130	100.0%	\$ (62,507)	(17.8%)
Salaries and related	151,371	52.4%	163,716	46.6%	(12,345)	(7.5%)
Office and general	80,878	28.0%	90,785	25.9%	(9,907)	(10.9%)
Marketing and promotion	67,104	23.2%	67,563	19.2%	(459)	(0.7%)
Restructuring and other special charges	7,866	2.7%	15,990	4.6%	(8,124)	(50.8%)
Total operating expenses	307,219	106.4%	338,054	96.3%	(30,835)	(9.1%)
Operating (loss) income	\$ (18,596)	(6.4%)	\$ 13,076	3.7%	\$ (31,672)	(242.2%)

Our Careers-International segment revenue decreased \$62.5 million (17.8%) in 2013 compared to 2012. The reduction in our Careers-International segment was primarily driven by decreases within Europe where revenue decreased 20.0% compared to 2012, principally in Germany, France, UK, Netherlands and Sweden. Our key Asian markets, Korea and India, also continued to be impacted by global economic uncertainty with revenue declines of 10.5% compared to 2012. The economic environment in Europe and Asia continued to be challenging in 2013.

Salaries and related expenses decreased \$12.3 million (7.5%) in 2013 compared to 2012. This decrease in salaries and related expenses resulted primarily from \$9.0 million in decreased regular salary and other headcount related costs due to our restructuring programs, and \$2.2 million of decreased variable compensation costs for the Company's sales force.

Office and general expenses decreased \$9.9 million (10.9%) in 2013 compared to 2012. This decrease in office and general expenses resulted primarily from \$6.5 million of decreased professional fees in the UK related to our government services, and decreased travel expenses of \$3.5 million, partially offset by increased depreciation expense of \$0.7 million primarily related to capital expenditures made in 2012 associated with our UK government business.

Marketing and promotion decreased \$0.5 million (0.7%) in 2013 compared to 2012. The Company continued to focus on targeted investments in key markets in Europe and Asia to drive site traffic and improve brand awareness.

In 2013, we incurred \$7.9 million of restructuring and other special charges comprised mainly of severance costs as a result of our restructuring program announced in November 2012.

Our Careers-International operating loss was \$18.6 million in 2013, compared to operating income of \$13.1 million in 2012, as a result of the factors discussed above.

Table of Contents***Internet Advertising & Fees***

The operating results of our Internet Advertising & Fees segment for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,					
	2013	% of Revenue	2012	% of Revenue	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Revenue	\$ 72,682	100.0%	\$ 76,300	100.0%	\$ (3,618)	(4.7%)
Salaries and related	26,590	36.6%	31,926	41.8%	(5,336)	(16.7%)
Office and general	13,666	18.8%	16,981	22.3%	(3,315)	(19.5%)
Marketing and promotion	7,593	10.4%	7,549	9.9%	44	0.6%
Restructuring and other special charges	341	0.5%	2,123	2.8%	(1,782)	(83.9%)
Total operating expenses	48,190	66.3%	58,579	76.8%	(10,389)	(17.7%)
Operating income	\$ 24,492	33.7%	\$ 17,721	23.2%	\$ 6,771	38.2%

Revenue in our Internet Advertising & Fees segment decreased \$3.6 million (4.7%) in 2013 compared to 2012. This decrease resulted primarily from the Company focusing on higher margin lead generation and display advertising business activities as demonstrated by our operating margins in 2013.

Salaries and related expenses decreased \$5.3 million (16.7%) in 2013 compared to 2012. This decrease in salaries and related expenses resulted primarily from \$4.3 million in decreased regular salary and other headcount related costs due to our restructuring programs and decreased variable compensation costs for the Company's sales force of \$0.9 million.

Office and general expenses decreased \$3.3 million (19.5%) in 2013 compared to 2012. This decrease in office and general expenses resulted primarily from an across the board expense reduction associated with our restructuring programs.

Our Internet Advertising & Fees operating income was \$24.5 million in 2013, compared to operating income of \$17.7 million in 2012, as a result of the factors discussed above.

Interest and other, net

Interest and other, net, for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 resulted in an expense of \$5.8 million and \$5.9 million, respectively. Interest and other, net, primarily related to interest expense on the Company's outstanding debt, interest income associated with the Company's various investments, and foreign currency gains or losses.

Income taxes

Income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,			
	2013	2012	Change in Dollars	Percentage Change
Income before income taxes and loss in equity interest	\$ 27,421	\$ 26,269	\$ 1,152	4.4%
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	\$ 23,004	\$ (32,978)	\$ 55,982	(169.8%)
Effective tax rate	84.0%	na		

The provision for income taxes consists of provisions for federal, state and foreign income taxes. The Company operates globally with operations in the United States and various tax jurisdictions outside of the United States.

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Accordingly our tax rate is a composite rate, reflecting the earnings and losses in the various tax jurisdictions and the applicable rates. The federal tax rate in the United States is 35% and tax rates in foreign countries in which we do business vary from approximately 17% to 35%.

Our effective tax rates differed from the statutory rate due to the impact of state and local income taxes, certain nondeductible expenses, foreign earnings taxed at different tax rates, valuation allowances, the accrual of interest on tax liabilities and other items, as described below. Our business has experienced a shift in the relative proportion of revenue and profitability to the United States and, during 2013, the Company incurred losses in certain international markets, particularly Europe. International corporate income tax rates are generally lower than the U.S. tax rates. The shift in the global mix of income towards less international income or increased international losses in countries with lower tax rates than the U.S. has contributed towards an increase in our overall effective tax rate. Primarily as a result of weakness in certain international markets the Company has recorded valuation allowances on certain deferred tax assets for operating losses and foreign tax credit carryovers. The tax provision was increased by approximately \$5.2 million in 2013 due to valuation allowances in the year ended December 31, 2013.

Our future effective tax rates could be adversely affected by earnings being lower in countries where we have lower statutory rates, changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets, or changes in tax laws or interpretations thereof. We may engage in internal restructurings or reorganizations in the future. We consider many factors when evaluating these transactions. These transactions may adversely impact our overall tax rate and result in additional cash tax payments. Our future tax rates may be adversely impacted if the Company has insufficient accumulated realized excess tax benefits from vested stock-based compensation such that future tax deficiencies caused by awards vesting at prices below the original grant price are charged to the income tax provision. Excess accumulated benefits recorded in stockholders' equity at December 31, 2013 amounted to \$2.0 million.

In December 2013, the Company sold a 49.99% interest in JobKorea Ltd., its wholly owned subsidiary in South Korea, to H&Q Korea for an aggregate purchase price of \$90.0 million. The transaction, which was accounted for as a sale of a noncontrolling interest, resulted in a sale for tax purposes. A tax provision of \$30.9 million was recorded as a result of the transaction, of which \$12.7 million was charged to stockholders' equity and \$18.1 million was charged to the continuing operations tax provision. See Note 3 *Noncontrolling Interest* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for discussion.

Our filed tax returns are subject to examination by the United States 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. During 2013, the Company recognized previously unrecognized tax positions of \$13.0 million, which on a net of tax basis favorably impacted the effective rate by \$12.4 million as a result of settlements of tax examinations and lapses of statutes of limitations. The Company also reversed accrued interest on unrecognized tax positions of \$3.2 million, which favorably impacted the effective rate by \$2.0 million. The tax matters reversed related primarily to characterization of certain intercompany loans for tax purposes and allocation of income among jurisdictions.

Loss in equity interests, net

Loss in equity interests, net, for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$0.9 million and \$1.1 million, respectively. The Company's equity investments consisted of a 50% equity interest in a company located in Australia and a 25% equity interest in a company located in Finland.

Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest

In December 2013, the Company sold a 49.99% interest in JobKorea Ltd., its wholly owned subsidiary in South Korea, to H&Q Korea for an aggregate purchase price of \$90.0 million. Based on the terms of the agreement, since the Company maintains a controlling interest in the subsidiary, the Company continues to consolidate the

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results of JobKorea Ltd. in its consolidated financial statements. The noncontrolling interest's share of income from continuing operations and net loss was \$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax

For the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company reported a loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, of \$3.8 million and \$316.9 million, respectively. Included in the results from discontinued operations were the results of our operations for Careers-China, Latin America and Turkey.

Net loss attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.

As a result of the factors discussed above, our consolidated net loss was \$0.3 million in 2013, compared to a net loss of \$258.7 million in 2012. Net loss attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc. was \$0.5 million as of December 31, 2013.

Diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.

Diluted earnings per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc. in 2013 was break-even compared to diluted loss per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc. of \$2.27 in 2012. Diluted weighted average shares outstanding for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was 107.9 million shares and 114.0 million shares, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company repurchased 20.6 million shares as part of its previously announced share repurchase program.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to GAAP Measures

EBITDA is defined as operating income or loss before depreciation and amortization, non-cash compensation expense, non-cash impairment charges, and non-cash restructuring costs. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA plus costs incurred related to the Company's review of strategic alternatives, costs incurred relating to the November 2012 restructuring, less the recovery of a restitution award from a former executive.

The Company considers EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to be an important indicator of its operational strength which the Company believes is useful to management and investors in evaluating its operating performance. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are Non-GAAP measures and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

We do not consider EBITDA or Adjusted EBITDA in isolation or as an alternative to financial measures determined in accordance with GAAP. The principal limitation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA is that they exclude certain expenses and income that are required by GAAP to be recorded in our consolidated financial statements. In addition, Adjusted EBITDA is subject to inherent limitations as it reflects the exercise of judgment by management about which expenses and income are excluded or included in determining Adjusted EBITDA. In order to compensate for these limitations, management presents EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA in connection with GAAP results.

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A reconciliation of operating income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,	
	2013	2012
Operating Income	\$ 33,191	\$ 32,152
Depreciation expense	49,922	51,926
Stock based compensation expense	25,391	28,174
Amortization of intangibles	9,234	12,353
Restructuring non-cash expenses	5,315	7,543
EBITDA	123,053	132,148
Fees associated with strategic alternatives ⁽¹⁾	2,920	4,659
Restructuring and other special charges, less non-cash items ⁽²⁾	14,680	32,815
Recovery of restitution award from former executive ⁽³⁾		(5,350)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 140,653	\$ 164,272

- (1) On March 1, 2012, the Company announced that it had resolved to explore strategic alternatives to maximize value for the Company's stockholders. The Company incurred \$2.9 million and \$4.7 million of costs related to the review of strategic alternatives in 2013 and 2012, respectively.
- (2) On November 8, 2012, the Company announced actions to concentrate resources on core businesses within North America and key European and Asian markets with increased spending in marketing and sales. The restructuring actions included reducing the Company's workforce, consolidating certain office facilities and impairing certain fixed assets. The Company incurred \$20.0 million and \$40.4 million of restructuring costs in 2013 and 2012, respectively, related to this program (including \$5.3 million and \$7.5 million of non-cash expenses in 2013 and 2012, respectively).
- (3) In the first quarter of 2012, the Company recorded \$5.4 million from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) for partial restitution of damages caused to the Company in connection with the Company's historical stock option granting practices of which the Company's former Chief Operating Officer had been convicted of securities fraud in May 2009. This amount had been previously remitted to the DOJ by the Company's former Chief Operating Officer as a civil forfeiture to the United States Federal Government.

Financial Condition

The following table details our cash and cash equivalents (dollars in thousands):

	December 31,		Change in	
	2014	2013	Dollars	Percentage
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 94,297	\$ 88,581	\$ 5,716	6.5%
Percentage of total assets	7.7%	5.6%		

As of December 31, 2014, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$94.3 million compared to \$88.6 million as of December 31, 2013. Our increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$5.7 million in 2014 primarily resulted from \$82.8 million of cash provided by operating activities, \$65.3 million of net new borrowings on our term loan and credit facilities and \$122.5 million of net proceeds, after deducting fees, expenses and the cost of the capped call transactions, from the sale of our 3.50% convertible senior notes due 2019, partially offset by \$47.5 million of net payments on our term loan and credit facilities, \$27.0 million of payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired, \$39.8 million of capital expenditures, the repurchase of \$52.1 million of the Company's common stock, \$6.5 million of cash contributed in connection with our joint venture with Alma Media, a \$3.0 million dividend paid to the minority shareholder in Korea, and \$10.6 million of tax withholdings related to vesting of stock awards.

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Consolidated cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,		Change in	
	2014	2013	Dollars	Percentage
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 82,755	\$ 33,822	\$ 48,933	144.7%
Net cash used for investing activities	\$ (80,066)	\$ (38,882)	\$ 41,184	105.9%
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	\$ 7,657	\$ (49,772)	\$ 57,429	115.4%
Effects of exchange rates on cash	\$ (4,630)	\$ (4,772)	\$ 142	3.0%

Cash provided by operating activities was \$82.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, an increase of \$48.9 million from the \$33.8 million of cash provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2013. This increase was driven by increased cash flows of \$52.6 million relating to working capital items, primarily resulting from cash outflows in 2013 related to our 2012 restructuring program, and increased collections on our accounts receivable.

Cash used for investing activities was \$80.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, an increase of \$41.2 million from cash used for investing activities of \$38.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. This increase resulted primarily from \$27.0 million of payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired, \$6.5 million of cash contributed in connection with our joint venture with Alma Media, and increased capital expenditures of \$7.2 million in 2014, primarily due to our new corporate headquarters in Weston, Massachusetts.

Cash provided by financing activities was \$7.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, an increase of \$57.4 million from cash used for financing activities of \$49.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. This increase resulted primarily from \$122.5 million of net proceeds, after deducting fees, expenses and the cost of the capped call transactions, from the sale of our 3.50% convertible senior notes due 2019, the repurchase of \$55.1 million less of the Company's Common Stock in 2014, partially offset by \$86.5 million of net proceeds from the sale of a noncontrolling interest in our South Korean subsidiary which occurred in 2013, and \$18.6 million of additional net payments on our term loan and credit facilities in 2014.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our principal capital requirements have been to fund (i) working capital; (ii) marketing and development of our Monster network; (iii) acquisitions; (iv) capital expenditures; and (v) share repurchases.

Historically, we have relied on funds provided by operating activities, equity offerings, short and long-term borrowings and seller-financed notes to meet our liquidity needs. We invest our excess cash predominantly in bank time deposits and commercial paper that matures within three months of its origination date. Due to the turmoil in the financial markets, we have redeployed our excess cash during 2012, 2013 and 2014 in conservative investment vehicles such as U.S. treasury bills, money market funds that invest solely in U.S. treasuries, top foreign sovereign regional, national and supra-national bank debt obligations and bank deposits at prime money center banks. We actively monitor the third-party depository institutions that hold our cash and cash equivalents. Our emphasis is primarily on safety of principal while secondarily maximizing yield on those funds. We can provide no assurances that access to our invested cash and cash equivalents will not be impacted by adverse conditions in the financial markets.

At any point in time we have funds in our operating accounts and customer accounts that are with third party financial institutions. These balances in the United States may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance limits. While we monitor the cash balances in our operating accounts and adjust the cash balances as appropriate, these cash balances could be impacted if the underlying financial institutions fail or could be subject to other adverse conditions in the financial markets.

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We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents, revolving credit facility and cash we anticipate generating from operating activities will provide us with sufficient liquidity to satisfy our working capital needs, cash payments of our various restructuring costs, capital expenditures and meet our investment requirements and commitments through at least the next twelve months. Our cash generated from operating activities is subject to fluctuations in the global economy and overall hiring demand.

Amended Credit Facility

On October 15, 2014, the Company entered into an amendment of its credit agreement dated March 22, 2012 (the Second Amended Credit Agreement), that (i) permitted the offering of the Notes (as defined below) and the conversion of the Notes into cash and/or equity of the Company, (ii) permitted the Company to enter into a capped call transaction and (iii) required that the Company use the proceeds from the offering of the Notes (net of reasonable and documented fees and expenses incurred in connection with the offering and the net cost of the capped call transaction), to repay the term loan facility and revolving debt under the Second Amended Credit Agreement (with no corresponding reduction of the then-existing revolving credit facility).

On October 31, 2014, the Company amended and restated the Second Amended Credit Agreement (the Third Amended Credit Agreement). The Third Amended Credit Agreement provides the Company with a \$100 million revolving credit facility and \$90 million term loan facility, providing for a total of \$190 million in credit available to the Company. The borrowings under the Third Amended Credit Agreement were used to satisfy the obligations under the Second Amended Credit Agreement in conjunction with the proceeds from the Notes (as defined below). Each of the revolving credit facility and the term loan facility matures on October 31, 2017. The Company is required to make quarterly amortization payments on the outstanding principal amount of the term loans, with \$2.25 million payable on each of March 31, 2015, June 30, 2015, and September 30, 2015, \$2.8 million payable on each of December 31, 2015, March 31, 2016, June 30, 2016, and September 30, 2016, \$3.4 million payable on each of December 31, 2016, March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017, and September 30, 2017, and the remaining balance of the term loan due at maturity. The borrowings under the Third Amended Credit Agreement will be used to refinance the obligations under the existing credit agreement and for general corporate purposes.

Borrowings under the Third Amended Credit Agreement will bear interest at a rate equal to either (i) the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus a margin ranging from 250 basis points to 325 basis points depending on the Consolidated Leverage Ratio as defined in the Third Amended Credit Agreement or upon the Company's election (ii) the sum of (A) the highest of (1) the Agent's prime rate, (2) the sum of 0.50% plus the overnight federal funds rate on such day or (3) LIBOR plus 1.0%, plus (B) a margin ranging from 150 basis points to 225 basis points depending on the Company's Consolidated Leverage Ratio. In addition, the Company will be required to pay the following fees: (i) a fee on all outstanding amounts of letters of credit at a rate per annum ranging from 250 basis points to 325 basis points (depending on the Consolidated Leverage Ratio); and (ii) a commitment fee on the unused portion of the revolving credit facility at a rate per annum ranging from 35 basis points to 50 basis points (depending on the Consolidated Leverage Ratio).

The Third Amended Credit Agreement contains financial covenants requiring the Company to maintain: (i) a Consolidated Leverage Ratio of no more than 2.75 to 1.00, as of the end of each fiscal quarter ending after the Closing Date through the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2015, and 2.50 to 1.00, as of the end of the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2015, and each fiscal quarter ending thereafter; and (ii) a Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, as defined in the Third Amended Credit Agreement, of at least 1.50 to 1.00. The Third Amended Credit Agreement also contains various other negative covenants, including restrictions on incurring indebtedness, creating liens, mergers, dispositions of property, dividends and stock repurchases, acquisitions and other investments and entering into new lines of business. The Third Amended Credit Agreement also contains various affirmative covenants, including

covenants relating to the delivery of financial statements and other financial information, maintenance of property, maintenance of insurance, maintenance of books and records, further assurances regarding collateral and compliance with environmental laws. The Third Amended Credit Agreement is secured by substantially all of the Company's domestic assets, other than real estate and certain other excluded assets.

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On February 5, 2015, the Company entered into an amendment of the Third Amended Credit Agreement to provide the Company with flexibility in connection with its Reallocate to Accelerate cost savings initiatives. The amendment provides that up to \$20 million of costs and restructuring charges incurred during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 will be added back to Consolidated EBITDA, which is a component of the Consolidated Leverage Ratio and the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

As of December 31, 2014, based on the maximum allowed consolidated leverage, \$26.9 million of the Company's revolving credit facility was available under the Third Amended Credit Agreement.

3.50% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2019

On October 22, 2014, the Company consummated an offering of \$143.8 million aggregate principal amount of its 3.50% convertible senior notes due 2019 (the Notes), which includes \$18.8 million in aggregate principal amount of Notes sold pursuant to the over-allotment option that was previously granted to the initial purchasers of the Notes and exercised by the initial purchasers on October 21, 2014. In connection with the offering of the Notes, Monster entered into capped call transactions with an affiliate of one of the initial purchasers. The net proceeds were used to pay for the cost of the capped call transactions, and to repay in full the term loan and a portion of the revolving debt under the Second Amended Credit Agreement.

The Notes are unsecured, senior obligations of Monster, and interest is payable semi-annually at a rate of 3.50% per annum. The Notes will mature on October 15, 2019, unless converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms prior to such date. Prior to January 15, 2019, the Notes are convertible at the option of holders only upon the occurrence of specified events or during certain periods; thereafter, until the second scheduled trading day prior to maturity, the Notes will be convertible at the option of holders at any time.

The conversion rate for the Notes is initially 187.7405 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of the Notes, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$5.33 per share of Monster's common stock (Common Stock), and is subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. Unless and until Monster obtains stockholder approval to issue upon conversion of the Notes more than 19.99% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, Monster will settle conversions of the Notes by paying cash up to the principal amount of any converted Notes and delivering Common Stock and/or paying cash in respect of any remaining conversion obligation, and the number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Notes will be subject to such cap. If Monster obtains stockholder approval to issue upon conversion of the Notes more than 19.99% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock on the date the Notes were priced, Monster will settle conversions of the Notes by paying or delivering, as the case may be, cash, shares of Common Stock or a combination thereof, at its election. Monster does not have the right to redeem the Notes prior to maturity.

In accordance with ASC 470-20, *Debt with Conversion and Other Options*, the Notes were separated into debt and equity components and assigned a fair value. The value assigned to the debt component is the estimated fair value, as of the issuance date, of similar debt without the conversion feature. The difference between the cash proceeds and this estimated fair value represents the value which has been assigned to the equity component and recorded as a debt discount. The debt discount is being amortized using the effective interest method.

The capped call transactions are expected generally to reduce potential dilution to the Common Stock and/or offset cash payments Monster would have to make in excess of the principal amount of any converted Notes in the event that the market price per share of Common Stock, as measured under the terms of the capped call transaction, is greater than the strike price of the capped call transaction, which will initially correspond to the conversion price of the Notes and be subject to anti-dilution adjustments substantially similar to those applicable to the conversion rate of the Notes.

The cap price under the capped call transaction is initially \$7.035 per share, and is subject to certain adjustments under the terms of the capped call transaction. The capped call transaction have been included as a net reduction to additional paid-in capital within stockholders' equity in accordance with ASC 815-40, *Derivatives and Hedging Contracts in Entity's Own Equity*.

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See Note 14 *Long-Term Debt* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Income Taxes

The Company maintains a significant portion of its cash outside the United States which is in subsidiaries for which the Company has asserted its earnings to be indefinitely reinvested in foreign operations. The Company evaluates its reinvestment assertions each reporting period. The Company has asserted to be indefinitely reinvested with respect to all foreign subsidiaries, with the exception of its investment in South Korea.

In November 2013, the Company sold 49.99% of its interest in its South Korean subsidiary to a private equity investor. Aggregate proceeds from the sale were approximately \$90.0 million which was received in the United States. The Company's remaining 50.01% interest in its South Korean subsidiary is treated as a partnership for U.S. tax purposes such that the Company's 50.01% share of income passes through to the United States for tax reporting purposes whether distributed or not. In April 2014, the Company received a distribution of \$3.0 million from its South Korean investment, and is likely to continue to receive distributions in the future.

The amount of cash in subsidiaries offshore for which the Company maintains the indefinite reinvestment assertion at December 31, 2014, was approximately \$66.0 million. While we have not determined the total United States and foreign tax liabilities on such a repatriation, generally, if this cash were repatriated, a United States tax liability would be incurred for the excess of United States tax over local taxes paid, if any on the portion characterized as a taxable dividend for United States tax purposes. Repatriations may be subject to local country withholding taxes, which we estimate can generally range from 0 to 20%, depending on the form of repatriation. The Company is presently contemplating cost savings initiatives in offshore markets and is not likely to repatriate while there is a need for cash offshore for such initiatives. The Company intends to fulfill its domestic liquidity needs by borrowing from its credit facility in the United States should additional liquidity needs arise.

In 2014, the Company incurred a net operating loss in the United States and did not pay U.S. Federal income tax. For 2015, the Company expects to use existing loss and tax credit carryovers to offset most cash income tax liabilities. The Company expects to pay cash tax in certain profitable international markets on a quarterly basis.

Restructuring Activities

Throughout 2012, we undertook a series of restructuring actions in order to improve the Company's long-term growth prospects and profitability in its core markets. We completed the initiatives associated with these restructuring actions in the first quarter of 2013, and the Company will not incur any new charges in the future relating to these programs.

On February 10, 2015, the Company committed to take a series of cost savings initiatives to reduce costs globally while continuing to support the Company's new strategy. The initiatives currently include a global workforce reduction of approximately 300 associates, or 7% of its full-time staff, consolidation of certain office facilities, and continuing discretionary-spending and office and general expense controls. The Company expects these reductions, currently anticipated to be completed by the end of 2015, to result in annualized savings of approximately \$38 million to \$45 million. The full impact of the savings will be realized beginning in the fourth quarter of 2015. As a result of these initiatives, the Company expects to record a cumulative pre-tax charge within the range of \$18 million to \$23 million, all of which is expected to be cash expenditures. The majority of the associated charges are expected to be recorded in the first half of 2015.

Operating Lease Obligations

We have recorded significant charges and accruals relating to terminating certain operating lease obligations before the end of their terms once the Company no longer derives economic benefit from the lease. The liability

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is recognized and measured at its fair value when we determine that the cease use date has occurred and the fair value of the liability is determined based on the remaining lease rentals due, reduced by estimated sublease rental income that could be reasonably obtained for the property. The estimate of subsequent sublease rental income may change and require future changes to the fair value of the liabilities for the lease obligations.

Acquisitions and Investments

We have, from time to time, made strategic acquisitions and partnerships to expand Monster's global footprint, establish strategic partnerships or to obtain technology that is complementary to our product offerings and strategy. We account for business combinations under the acquisition method of accounting which requires that assets acquired and liabilities assumed be recorded at their fair values on the date of a business combination. Our consolidated financial statements and results of operations reflect an acquired business from the completion date of an acquisition. Investments in which the Company does not have a controlling interest or is not the primary beneficiary, but has the ability to exert significant influence, are accounted for under the equity method of accounting.

Share Repurchase Plan

On October 25, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized a share repurchase program of up to \$250.0 million which expired on April 25, 2013. The Company repurchased a total of 14.0 million shares for a total repurchase price of \$107.3 million, excluding commissions, at an average price of \$7.67 per share in connection with this program. No share repurchases were made during the year ended December 31, 2013 related to this program.

On April 30, 2013, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized a share repurchase program of up to \$200 million. Under the share repurchase program, shares of common stock will be purchased on the open market or through privately negotiated transactions from time-to-time through April 30, 2015. The timing and amount of purchases will be based on market conditions, corporate and legal requirements and other factors. The share repurchase program does not obligate the Company to acquire any specific number of shares in any period, and may be modified, suspended, extended or discontinued at any time without prior notice. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company repurchased 7.1 million shares for a total of \$51.9 million, excluding commissions, at an average price of \$7.29 per share. No shares repurchases were made in the fourth quarter of 2014. From the date of the inception of this repurchase program through December 31, 2014, the Company repurchased 27.7 million shares for a total of \$158.7 million, excluding commissions, at an average price of \$5.73 per share. The Company currently has \$41.3 million remaining under this repurchase program.

Contractual Obligations

The commitments as of December 31, 2014 related to our continuing and discontinued operations are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Contractual Obligations (Dollars in thousands)	Total	Payment Due by Period			
		Less Than 1 Year	1- 3 Years	3-5 Years	More Than 5 years
Operating Leases	\$ 192,389	\$ 36,280	\$ 59,597	\$ 45,661	\$ 50,851
Purchase commitments advertising contracts	10,584	8,720	1,864		
Principal Payments	231,500	9,563	78,187	143,750	
Interest Payments	37,525	8,776	23,596	5,128	25

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Software Financing	14,369	5,315	6,130	2,924	
Other	11,793	5,356	5,253	1,184	
Total	\$ 498,160	\$ 74,010	\$ 174,627	\$ 198,647	\$ 50,876

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In addition to the cash commitments above, we also have \$54.6 million of long-term income taxes payable, for which the timing of payment is not reasonably estimable given the many variables related to these liabilities. Please see Note 17 *Income Taxes* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion of information related to long-term income taxes payable.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Other than certain contractual obligations listed above, we do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a material current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources. See Note 18 *Commitments* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for discussion.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). In connection with the preparation of our financial statements, we are required to make assumptions and estimates about future events, and apply judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, expenses and the related disclosures. We base our assumptions, estimates and judgments on historical experience, current trends and other factors that management believes to be relevant at the time our consolidated financial statements are prepared. On a regular basis, management reviews the accounting policies, assumptions, estimates and judgments to ensure that our financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with GAAP. However, because future events and their effects cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could differ from our assumptions and estimates, and such differences could be material.

Our significant accounting policies are discussed in Note 1- *Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies*, of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Item 8, *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*, of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Management believes that the following accounting policies are the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating our reported financial results, and they require management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, resulting from the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. Management has reviewed these critical accounting estimates and related disclosures with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors.

Revenue Recognition and Accounts Receivable

The Company recognizes revenue on agreements in accordance with ASC 605, *Revenue Recognition*.

Careers-North America and Careers-International. Our Careers-North America and Careers-International segments primarily earn revenue from the placement of job postings on the websites within the Monster network, access to the Monster network's online resume and social profile databases, recruitment media services, applicant tracking services, online career-related solutions provided through a Software as a Service (SaaS) offering and other career-related services.

Where appropriate, we recognize revenue in accordance with Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2009-13, *Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements*, which was effective January 1, 2011. The Company's revenue associated with multiple element contracts is based on the selling price hierarchy, which utilizes vendor-specific objective evidence or (VSOE) when available, third-party evidence (TPE) if VSOE is not available, and if neither is available then the best estimate of selling price is used. The Company utilizes VSOE in the majority of its multiple deliverable

transactions. Under this accounting guidance, to treat elements in a multi-element arrangement as separate units of accounting, each element must have standalone value upon delivery. If the element has standalone value, the Company accounts for each element separately. In determining whether elements have standalone value, the Company considers the availability of the elements from other vendors, the nature of the elements, the timing of execution of contracts for customers and the contractual dependence of the element related to a customer's acceptance.

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We recognize revenue at the time that job postings and related accessories are displayed on the Monster network websites, based upon customer usage patterns. Revenue earned from subscriptions to the Monster network's resume and social profile databases, applicant tracking services and other career-related services are recognized over the length of the underlying subscriptions, typically from two weeks to twelve months. The Company accounts for SaaS contracts as the services are being performed.

Unearned revenues are reported on the balance sheet as deferred revenue. We review accounts receivable for those that may potentially be uncollectible and any accounts receivable balances that are determined to be uncollectible are included in our allowance for doubtful accounts. After all attempts to collect a receivable have failed, the receivable is written off against the allowance.

Internet Advertising & Fees. Our Internet Advertising & Fees segment primarily earns revenue from the display of advertisements on the Monster network of websites, click-throughs on text based links, leads provided to advertisers and subscriptions to premium services. We recognize revenue for online advertising as impressions are delivered. An impression is delivered when an advertisement appears in pages viewed by our users. We recognize revenue from the display of click-throughs on text based links as click-throughs occur. A click-through occurs when a user clicks on an advertiser's listing. Revenue from lead generation is recognized as leads are delivered to advertisers.

Fair Value Measurements

The carrying amounts reported in the consolidated balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, certain accrued expenses and other current liabilities approximate fair value because of the immediate or short-term maturity of these financial instruments. The Company's debt relates to its 3.50% convertible senior notes due 2019 and borrowings under its revolving credit facilities and term loan. Our borrowings under our credit facilities approximate fair value due to the debt bearing fluctuating market interest rates. The carrying amounts of the convertible senior notes approximate fair value giving affect for the term of those notes and the effective interest rates.

Asset Impairment

Business Combinations, Goodwill and Intangible Assets. We account for business combinations in accordance with ASC 805, *Business Combinations*. The acquisition method of accounting requires that assets acquired and liabilities assumed be recorded at their fair values on the date of a business acquisition. Our consolidated financial statements and results of operations reflect an acquired business on the completion date of an acquisition.

The Company tests the recorded amount of goodwill for recovery on an annual basis in the fourth quarter of each fiscal year. Goodwill is tested more frequently if indicators of impairment exist. The goodwill impairment test is performed at the reporting unit level. Prior to the sale of Careers-China on February 5, 2013, the Company had four reporting units which were equivalent to our four operating segments: Careers-North America, Careers-International, Careers-China, presented for all periods as a discontinued operation, and Internet Advertising & Fees. Following the sale of the Careers-China business, the Company has three reporting units which are equivalent to our three operating segments: Careers-North America, Careers-International, and Internet Advertising & Fees.

In determining if goodwill is impaired, we estimate the fair value of the reporting unit and compare it to the carrying value of the assets and liabilities of that reporting unit. The Company determines the fair value of its reporting units using a weighting of fair values derived from the income approach and the market approach, depending on the availability of relevant market comparable information. Under the income approach, the Company calculates the fair value of a reporting unit based on the present value of estimated future cash flows. Cash flow projections are based on

management's estimates of revenue growth rates and operating margins, taking into consideration industry and market conditions. The discount rate used is based on the weighted-average cost of capital adjusted for the relevant risk associated with business-specific characteristics and the

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uncertainty related to the business's ability to execute on the projected cash flows. Under the market approach, the Company estimates the fair value based on market multiples of cash flow and earnings derived from comparable publicly-traded companies with similar operating and investment characteristics as the reporting unit and considering a reasonable control premium. The weighting of the fair value derived from the market approach differs for each reporting unit depending on the level of comparability of these publicly-traded companies to the reporting unit. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

As a corroborative source of information, the Company reconciles the estimated fair values of its reporting units to within a reasonable range of its market capitalization, which includes an assumed control premium (an adjustment reflecting an estimated fair value on a control basis) to verify the reasonableness of the fair value of its reporting units obtained through the aforementioned methods. The control premium is estimated based upon control premiums observed in comparable market transactions. As none of our reporting units are publicly-traded, individual reporting unit fair value determinations do not directly correlate to the Company's stock price.

In the fourth quarter of 2014, primarily due to the decline of our market capitalization and the implications such decline had on the carrying value of our goodwill, which resulted in higher discount rates applied to forecasted cash flows, we recorded a pre-tax goodwill impairment charge of \$325.8 million during the fourth quarter of 2014 (\$263.0 million in Careers-North America and \$62.8 million in Internet Advertising & Fees). On a net of tax basis, the charge was \$263.0 million after recognizing a tax benefit of \$62.8 million. See Note 5 *Goodwill and Intangible Assets* of the Company's financial statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for details.

During the third quarter of 2012, the Company performed a qualitative analysis for the Careers-China reporting unit and it was determined that the Careers-China reporting unit was more likely than not to have a fair value less than the unit's carrying amount. The Company recorded a goodwill impairment charge for Careers-China of \$216.2 million. In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company impaired the remaining goodwill balance of the Careers-China business and recorded an additional \$46.4 million impairment, leaving the Careers-China business with no goodwill.

Other intangible assets primarily consist of the value of customer relationships, trade names, resume databases, trademarks and internet domains. Amortizable intangible assets are primarily being amortized on a basis that approximates economic use, over periods ranging from two to ten years.

Indefinite-lived intangible assets are primarily evaluated on an annual basis, generally in conjunction with the Company's evaluation of goodwill balances. In assessing fair value, we generally utilize a relief from royalty method. If the carrying value of the indefinite-lived intangible assets exceeds the fair value of the asset, the carrying value is written down to fair value in the period identified. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1.0 million on an indefinite-lived intangible asset in the fourth quarter of 2014.

Long-lived assets. We review long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the related carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Determining whether an impairment has occurred typically requires various estimates and assumptions, including determining which cash flows are directly related to the potentially impaired asset, the useful life over which cash flows will occur, their amount and the asset's residual value, if any. In turn, measurement of an impairment loss requires a determination of fair value, which is based on the best information available. We use internal discounted cash flows estimates, quoted market prices when available and independent appraisals, as appropriate, to determine fair value. We derive the required cash flow estimates from our historical experience and our internal business plans and apply an appropriate discount rate.

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Income Taxes

We utilize the liability method of accounting for income taxes as set forth in ASC 740, *Income Taxes*. Under the liability method, deferred taxes are determined based on the temporary differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using tax rates expected to be in effect during the years in which the basis differences reverse. A valuation allowance is recorded when it is more likely than not that some of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. In evaluating our ability to recover our deferred tax assets within the jurisdictions from which they arise, we consider all available positive and negative evidence, including scheduled reversals of taxable temporary items, projected future taxable income, tax planning strategies and recent financial operations. Assumptions used in making this evaluation require significant judgment and are consistent with the plans and estimates we are using to manage the underlying business. When we determine that we are not able to realize our recorded deferred tax assets, an increase in the valuation allowance is recorded, decreasing earnings in the period in which such determination is made.

We assess our income tax positions and record tax benefits for all years subject to examination based upon our evaluation of the facts, circumstances and information available at the reporting date. For those tax positions where there is greater than 50% likelihood that a tax benefit will be sustained, we have recorded the largest amount of tax benefit that may potentially be realized upon ultimate settlement with a taxing authority that has full knowledge of all relevant information. For those income tax positions where there is a 50% or less likelihood that a tax benefit will be sustained, no tax benefit has been recognized in the financial statements.

Stock-Based Compensation

We award stock options, non-vested stock, market-based non-vested stock and performance-based non-vested stock to employees, directors and executive officers. We account for stock-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718, *Stock Compensation*. In accordance with ASC 718, we use the fair-market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date the award is approved to measure fair value for service-based and performance-based awards, a Monte Carlo simulation model to determine both the fair value and requisite service period of market-based awards and the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to determine the fair value of stock option awards. Compensation expense for stock option awards and service-based awards is recognized ratably over the requisite service period. For market-based awards, compensation expense is recognized over the requisite service period as derived using a Monte Carlo simulation model. If an award includes both a market and performance or service condition, the requisite service period is adjusted in the event the market condition is satisfied prior to the end of the derived service period. For performance-based awards, compensation expense is recognized based on the probability of achieving the performance conditions associated with the respective shares, as determined by management.

Restructuring and Other Operating Lease Obligations

We recognize a liability for costs to terminate an operating lease obligation before the end of its term when we no longer derive economic benefit from the lease. The liability is recognized and measured at its fair value when we determine that the cease use date has occurred and the fair value of the liability is determined based on the remaining lease rentals due, reduced by estimated sublease rental income that could be reasonably obtained for the property. The estimate of subsequent sublease rental income may change and require future changes to the fair value of the liabilities for the lease obligations.

Equity Investments

Gains and losses in equity interest for the year ended December 31, 2014, resulting from our equity method investments in Alma Career Oy and a business in Australia, are based on unaudited financial information of those businesses. Although we do not anticipate material differences, audited results may differ.

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New accounting pronouncements are issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) or other standards setting bodies that we adopt according to the various timetables the FASB specifies. The Company does not expect the adoption of recently issued accounting pronouncements to have a significant impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flows. As noted in Note 1 *Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies* of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Item 8, *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*, of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the Company is currently assessing the potential impact of ASU No. 2014-09 which supersedes the revenue recognition guidance in ASC 605, *Revenue Recognition*, on the Company's results of operations, financial position and cash flows.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**Foreign Exchange Risk**

During 2014, revenue from our international operations accounted for 37% of our consolidated revenue. Revenue and related expenses are generally denominated in the functional currencies of the local countries. Our primary foreign currencies are Euros, British Pounds, Korean Won, Swedish Krona, and Indian Rupees. The functional currency of our subsidiaries that either operate or support these websites is the same as the corresponding local currency. The results of operations of, and certain of our intercompany balances associated with, our internationally-focused websites are exposed to foreign exchange rate fluctuations. Upon consolidation, as exchange rates vary, revenue and other operating results may differ materially from expectations, and we may record significant gains or losses on the remeasurement of intercompany balances. The effect of the strengthening United States dollar in 2014 positively impacted reported revenue by approximately \$1.0 million but had no impact on reported operating loss when compared to 2013.

We have foreign exchange risk related to foreign-denominated cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities (foreign funds). Based on the balance of foreign funds at December 31, 2014 of \$87.9 million, an assumed 5%, 10% and 20% negative currency movement would result in fair value declines of \$4.4 million, \$8.8 million and \$17.6 million, respectively.

We use forward foreign exchange contracts as cash flow hedges to offset risks related to certain foreign currency transactions. These transactions primarily relate to non-functional currency denominated inter-company funding loans, non-functional currency denominated accounts receivable and non-functional currency denominated accounts payable. We do not enter into derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

The financial statements of our non-United States subsidiaries are translated into United States dollars using current rates of exchange, with gains or losses included in the cumulative translation adjustment account, a component of stockholders' equity. During the year ended December 31, 2014, our cumulative translation adjustment account decreased \$54.1 million, primarily attributable to the foreign currency movements of the United States dollar against the Euro, British Pound, Swedish Krona and Korean Won as well as \$1.8 million of cumulative currency translation adjustments being reclassified to gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net as a result of the deconsolidation of its subsidiaries in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

Interest Rate Risk***Credit Facilities***

As of December 31, 2014, our debt was partly comprised of borrowings under our senior secured revolving credit facility and term loan facility. The credit facilities' interest rates may be reset due to fluctuations in a market-based index, such as the federal funds rate, the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) or the administrative agent's prime rate. Assuming the amount of borrowings provided for under our credit facilities was fully drawn during 2014, we would have had \$188.8 million outstanding under such facilities, and a hypothetical 1.00% (100

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basis-point) change in the interest rate of our credit facilities would have changed our pre-tax earnings by approximately \$1.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. Assuming the amount of borrowings under our credit facilities was equal to the amount of outstanding borrowings on December 31, 2014, we would have had \$87.8 million of total usage and a hypothetical 1.00% (100 basis-point) change in the interest rate of our credit facilities would have changed our pre-tax earnings by approximately \$0.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. We do not manage the interest rate risk on our debt through the use of derivative instruments.

Investment Portfolio

Our investment portfolio is comprised primarily of cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments in a variety of debt instruments of high quality issuers. We invest in bank time deposits, top sovereign, regional, national and supra-national bank commercial paper, bankers' acceptances and government bills or promissory notes or bonds that mature within three months of their origination date. A hypothetical 1.00% (100 basis-point) change in interest rates applicable to our investment portfolio balance as of December 31, 2014 would have changed our annual pretax earnings by approximately \$0.8 million.

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ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The following are the consolidated financial statements of Monster Worldwide, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, which are filed as part of this report.

MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Stockholders

Monster Worldwide, Inc.

New York, New York

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Monster Worldwide, Inc. (the Company) as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Monster Worldwide, Inc. at December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Monster Worldwide, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) and our report dated February 10, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ BDO USA, LLP

New York, New York

February 10, 2015

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MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except par values)

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 94,297	\$ 88,581
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,295 and \$3,995, respectively	282,523	332,675
Prepaid and other	83,326	82,809
Total current assets	460,146	504,065
Goodwill	540,621	895,518
Property and equipment, net	119,729	124,169
Intangibles, net	30,503	24,058
Investment in unconsolidated affiliates	20,700	220
Other assets	45,452	38,227
Total assets	\$ 1,217,151	\$ 1,586,257
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other	\$ 159,027	\$ 167,306
Deferred revenue	300,724	342,156
Current portion of long-term debt	9,563	9,375
Total current liabilities	469,314	518,837
Long-term income taxes payable	54,636	53,078
Long-term debt, net, less current portion	201,821	125,900
Other long-term liabilities	16,635	44,297
Total liabilities	742,406	742,112
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.001 par value, authorized 800 shares; issued and outstanding: none		
Common stock, \$.001 par value, authorized 1,500,000 shares; issued: 144,361 and 141,671 shares, respectively; outstanding: 87,936 and 92,372 shares, respectively	144	142

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Class B common stock, \$.001 par value, authorized 39,000 shares; issued and outstanding: none		
Additional paid-in capital	2,040,209	2,003,394
Accumulated deficit	(854,160)	(564,871)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	9,245	63,368
Less: Treasury stock, at cost, 56,425 and 49,299 shares, respectively	(774,940)	(712,362)
Total Monster Worldwide, Inc. stockholders' equity	420,498	789,671
Noncontrolling interest in subsidiary	54,247	54,474
Total stockholders' equity	474,745	844,145
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,217,151	\$ 1,586,257

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS****(In thousands, except per share amounts)**

	Year ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Revenue	\$ 770,013	\$ 807,579	\$ 890,392
Salaries and related	413,143	379,406	408,305
Office and general	206,974	205,397	226,601
Marketing and promotion	146,392	169,590	188,326
Restructuring and other special charges		19,995	40,358
Goodwill impairment	325,800		
Recovery of restitution award from former executive			(5,350)
Total operating expenses	1,092,309	774,388	858,240
Operating (loss) income	(322,296)	33,191	32,152
Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net	11,828		
Interest and other, net	(8,552)	(5,770)	(5,883)
(Loss) income before income taxes and loss in equity interests	(319,020)	27,421	26,269
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(35,291)	23,004	(32,978)
Loss in equity interests, net	(78)	(908)	(1,081)
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(283,807)	3,509	58,166
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(3,798)	(316,886)
Net loss	(283,807)	(289)	(258,720)
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	5,482	193	
Net loss attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.	\$ (289,289)	\$ (482)	\$ (258,720)
*Basic (loss) earnings per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.:			
(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (3.29)	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.52
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(0.04)	(2.81)
Basic loss per share	\$ (3.29)	\$	\$ (2.29)
*Diluted (loss) earnings per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.:			
(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (3.29)	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.51
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(0.04)	(2.78)

Diluted loss per share	\$ (3.29)	\$	\$ (2.27)
Weighted average shares outstanding:			
Basic	88,045	106,947	112,866
Diluted	88,045	107,913	113,995
Net loss	\$ (283,807)	\$ (289)	\$ (258,720)
Other comprehensive loss:			
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net	(56,811)	(23,859)	23,419
Comprehensive loss	(340,618)	(24,148)	(235,301)
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,794	128	
Comprehensive loss attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.	\$ (343,412)	\$ (24,276)	\$ (235,301)

* (Loss) earnings per share may not add in certain periods due to rounding
See accompanying notes.

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	Shares of Common Stock	Common Stock and Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock	Noncontrolling Interest in Subsidiary	Total Stockholders Equity
Balance, January 1, 2012	137,855	\$ 1,931,094	\$ (305,669)	\$ 63,743	\$ (525,041)	\$	\$ 1,164,127
Net loss			(258,720)				(258,720)
Change in cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment				23,419			23,419
Repurchase of common stock					(65,611)		(65,611)
Tax withholdings related to net share settlements of restricted stock awards and units	(1,099)				(8,482)		(8,482)
Issuance of common stock for stock option exercises	3	23					23
Tax provision for stock-based compensation		(5,319)					(5,319)
Stock based compensation-restricted stock	3,078	30,551					30,551
Stock based compensation-stock options		51					51
Balance, December 31, 2012	139,837	\$ 1,956,400	\$ (564,389)	\$ 87,162	\$ (599,134)	\$	\$ 880,039
Net (loss) income			(482)			193	(289)
Change in cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment				(23,794)		(65)	(23,859)
Repurchase of common stock					(107,167)		(107,167)

Tax withholdings related to net share settlements of restricted stock awards and units	(1,187)				(6,061)		(6,061)
Sale of noncontrolling interest		18,278				54,346	72,624
Tax provision for stock-based compensation		166					166
Stock based compensation-restricted stock	3,021	28,692					28,692
Balance, December 31, 2013	141,671	\$ 2,003,536	\$ (564,871)	\$ 63,368	\$ (712,362)	\$ 54,474	\$ 844,145
Net (loss) income			(289,289)			5,482	(283,807)
Change in cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment				(54,123)		(2,688)	(56,811)
Repurchase of common stock					(52,070)		(52,070)
Tax withholdings related to net share settlements of restricted stock awards and units	(2,043)				(10,508)		(10,508)
Equity component of convertible note issuance, net		18,766					18,766
Purchase of capped call		(16,531)					(16,531)
Cash dividend						(3,021)	(3,021)
Tax provision for stock-based compensation		(2,058)					(2,058)
Stock based compensation-restricted stock	4,733	36,640					36,640
Balance, December 31, 2014	144,361	\$ 2,040,353	\$ (854,160)	\$ 9,245	\$ (774,940)	\$ 54,247	\$ 474,745

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents**MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(In thousands)**

	The year ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Cash flows provided by operating activities:			
Net loss	\$ (283,807)	\$ (289)	\$ (258,720)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	48,643	59,156	70,000
Provision for doubtful accounts	1,707	2,367	4,469
Stock-based compensation	35,357	25,391	28,964
Loss in equity interests, net	78	908	1,081
Impairment of investment & other intangibles	2,070		5,205
Non-cash restructuring charges		5,315	7,505
Deferred income taxes	(43,418)	28,574	(9,814)
Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries	(13,647)		
Tax benefit from change in uncertain tax positions		(14,355)	(43,193)
Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	1,819	(23,109)	
Goodwill impairment	325,800		262,650
Excess income tax benefit from equity compensation plans	(199)	(5,907)	
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:			
Accounts receivable	40,567	8,018	(2,013)
Prepaid and other	(12,508)	14,573	13,332
Deferred revenue	(32,716)	(22,189)	(17,456)
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and other	13,009	(44,631)	(8,683)
Total adjustments	366,562	34,111	312,047
Net cash provided by operating activities	82,755	33,822	53,327
Cash flows used for investing activities:			
Capital expenditures	(39,843)	(32,616)	(59,572)
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(27,005)		
Investment in Alma Career Oy	(6,516)		
Cash funded to and dividends received from equity investee and other	(2,163)	(6,266)	(1,349)
Capitalized patent defense costs	(4,539)		
Net cash used for investing activities	(80,066)	(38,882)	(60,921)
Cash flows provided by (used for) financing activities:			
Payments on borrowings on credit facilities	(192,300)	(91,599)	(305,709)
Proceeds from borrowings on credit facilities	146,400	69,500	224,718
Payments on borrowings on term loan	(91,625)	(6,875)	(43,750)

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Proceeds from borrowings on term loan	90,000		100,000
Proceeds from issuance of convertible notes	143,750		
Fees paid on the issuance of debt and purchase of capped call	(23,111)		
Repurchase of common stock	(52,070)	(107,167)	(65,611)
Tax withholdings related to net share settlements of restricted stock awards and units	(10,565)	(6,061)	(8,459)
Excess income tax benefit from equity compensation plans	199	5,907	
Net proceeds from sale of noncontrolling interest		86,523	
Dividend paid to minority shareholder	(3,021)		
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	7,657	(49,772)	(98,811)
Effects of exchange rates on cash	(4,630)	(4,772)	4,273
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	5,716	(59,604)	(102,132)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	88,581	148,185	250,317
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 94,297	\$ 88,581	\$ 148,185

See accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company

Monster Worldwide, Inc. (together with its consolidated subsidiaries, the Company, Monster, Monster Worldwide, we, our or us) has operations that consist of three reportable segments: Careers-North America, Careers-International and Internet Advertising & Fees. Revenue in the Company's Careers segments is primarily earned from the placement of job advertisements on the websites within the Monster network, access to the Monster network of online resume and social profile databases, recruitment media services and other career-related services. Revenue in the Company's Internet Advertising & Fees segment is primarily earned from the display of advertisements on the Monster network of websites, click-throughs on text based links and leads provided to advertisers. The Company's Careers segments provide online services to customers in a variety of industries throughout North America, Europe, and the Asia-Pacific region, while Internet Advertising & Fees delivers online services primarily in North America.

In May 2014, Monster revealed its All the People, All the Jobs strategy to drive the business and enhance its competitive position. Monster's new strategy focuses on adding massive scale to its business to expand its total addressable market and the value it can provide to customers through a variety of new products, technologies and business models to successfully connect more people with more jobs.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and all of its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries. Investments in which the Company does not have a controlling interest or is not the primary beneficiary, but has the ability to exert significant influence, are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. All inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The noncontrolling interest in our South Korean subsidiary is recorded net of tax as Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest. We have reclassified certain amounts previously reported in our financial statements to conform to the current presentation, including amounts related to discontinued operations. Unless noted otherwise, discussions in these notes pertain to our continuing operations.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events. These estimates and the underlying assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and revenues and expenses. These estimates include, among others, allowances for doubtful accounts, fair value of financial assets and liabilities, net realizable values on long-lived assets and deferred tax assets and liabilities, certain accrued expense accounts, deferred revenue, goodwill, revenue recognition and forfeitures associated with stock-based compensation. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue on agreements in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) ASC 605, *Revenue Recognition*.

Careers-North America and Careers-International. Our Careers-North America and Careers-International segments primarily earn revenue from the placement of job postings on the websites within the Monster network, access to the Monster network's online resume and social profile databases, recruitment media services, applicant tracking services, online career-related solutions provided through a Software as a Service (SaaS) offering and other career-related services.

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Where appropriate, we recognize revenue in accordance with Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2009-13, *Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements*, which was effective January 1, 2011. The Company's revenue associated with multiple element contracts is based on the selling price hierarchy, which utilizes vendor-specific objective evidence or (VSOE) when available, third-party evidence (TPE) if VSOE is not available, and if neither is available, then the best estimate of selling price is used. The Company utilizes VSOE in the majority of its multiple deliverable transactions. Under this accounting guidance, to treat elements in a multi-element arrangement as separate units of accounting, each element must have standalone value upon delivery. If the element has standalone value, the Company accounts for each element separately. In determining whether elements have standalone value, the Company considers the availability of the elements from other vendors, the nature of the elements, the timing of execution of contracts for customers and the contractual dependence of the element related to a customer's acceptance.

We recognize revenue at the time that job postings and related accessories are displayed on the Monster network websites, based upon customer usage patterns. Revenue earned from subscriptions to the Monster network's resume and social profile databases, applicant tracking services and other career-related services are recognized over the length of the underlying subscriptions, typically from two weeks to twelve months. The Company accounts for SaaS contracts as the services are being performed.

Unearned revenues are reported on the balance sheet as deferred revenue. We review accounts receivable for those that may potentially be uncollectible and any accounts receivable balances that are determined to be uncollectible are included in our allowance for doubtful accounts. After all attempts to collect a receivable have failed, the receivable is written off against the allowance.

Internet Advertising & Fees. Our Internet Advertising & Fees segment primarily earns revenue from the display of advertisements on the Monster network of websites, click-throughs on text based links, leads provided to advertisers and subscriptions to premium services. We recognize revenue for online advertising as impressions are delivered. An impression is delivered when an advertisement appears in pages viewed by our users. We recognize revenue from the display of click-throughs on text based links as click-throughs occur. A click-through occurs when a user clicks on an advertiser's listing. Revenue from lead generation is recognized as leads are delivered to advertisers.

Business Combinations

We account for business combinations in accordance with ASC 805, *Business Combinations*. The acquisition method of accounting requires that assets acquired and liabilities assumed be recorded at their fair values on the date of a business combination. Our consolidated financial statements and results of operations reflect an acquired business from the completion date of an acquisition. See Note 4 *Business Combinations*.

Discontinued Operations

The Company accounts for business dispositions and its businesses held for sale in accordance with ASC 205-20, *Discontinued Operations*. ASC 205-20 requires the results of operations of business dispositions to be segregated from continuing operations and reflected as discontinued operations in current and prior periods. See Note 7 *Discontinued Operations*.

Marketing and Promotion

Advertising production costs are recorded as expense the first time an advertisement appears. Costs of communicating advertising are recorded as expense as advertising space or airtime is used. All other advertising costs are expensed as incurred.

Concentrations of Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk are primarily cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. Cash and cash equivalents are maintained with several financial

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institutions. Deposits held with banks may exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits. Generally these deposits may be redeemed upon demand. The Company performs continuing credit evaluations of its customers, maintains allowances for potential credit losses and does not require collateral. The Company makes judgments as to its ability to collect outstanding receivables based primarily on management's evaluation of the customer's financial condition, past collection history and overall aging of the receivables. Historically, such losses have been within management's expectations. The Company has not experienced significant losses related to receivables from individual customers or groups of customers in any particular industry or geographic area.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents, which primarily consist of bank time deposits, are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. For financial statement presentation purposes, the Company considers all highly liquid investments having original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Outstanding checks in excess of account balances, typically payroll and other contractual obligations disbursed on or near the last day of a reporting period, are reported as current liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Accounts Receivable

The Company's accounts receivable primarily consist of trade receivables. Management reviews accounts receivable on a monthly basis to determine if any receivables will potentially be uncollectible. The Company includes any accounts receivable balances that are determined to be uncollectible in its allowance for doubtful accounts. After all attempts to collect a receivable have failed, the receivable is written off against the allowance. Based on the information available, the Company believes its allowance for doubtful accounts as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 are adequate. However, actual write-offs could exceed the recorded allowance. Including discontinued operations, the activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts is as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	Beginning Balance	Charged to Expense	Write-Offs and Other	Ending Balance
2014	\$ 3,995	\$ 1,707	\$ (2,407)	\$ 3,295
2013	\$ 4,721	\$ 2,367	\$ (3,093)	\$ 3,995
2012	\$ 5,240	\$ 4,469	\$ (4,988)	\$ 4,721

Included in the December 31, 2012 ending balance of \$4,721 is \$796 of allowance for doubtful accounts attributable to discontinued operations. There are no such amounts included in the December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 balances.

Property and Equipment

Computer and communications equipment, furniture and equipment and capitalized software costs are stated at cost and are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally three to ten years. Leasehold improvements are stated at cost and amortized using the straight-line method, over their estimated useful lives, or the lease term, whichever is shorter.

Internal Use Software and Website Development Costs

In accordance with ASC 350-40, *Internal-Use Software*, the Company capitalizes costs to purchase or internally develop software for internal use, as well as costs incurred to design, develop, test and implement enhancements to its website. These costs are included in property and equipment with an estimated useful life of five years.

Patent Defense Costs

The Company capitalizes legal costs incurred in the defense of the Company's patents when it is believed that the future economic benefit of the patent will be maintained or increased and a successful defense is probable.

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Capitalized patent defense costs are amortized over the remaining expected life of the related patent. The Company's assessment of future economic benefit or a successful defense of its patents involves considerable management judgment, and a different conclusion or outcome of litigation could result in a material impairment charge up to the carrying value of these assets. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company capitalized \$4,539 of legal fees associated with the defense of its patents.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The Company evaluates its goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets for impairment in accordance with ASC 350, *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other*. Goodwill is recorded when the purchase price paid for an acquisition exceeds the estimated fair value of the net identified tangible and intangible assets acquired.

The Company tests the recorded amount of goodwill for recovery on an annual basis in the fourth quarter of each fiscal year. Goodwill is tested more frequently if indicators of impairment exist. The goodwill impairment test is performed at the reporting unit level. The Company has three reporting units which are equivalent to our three operating segments: Careers-North America, Careers-International, and Internet Advertising & Fees.

In determining if goodwill is impaired, we estimate the fair value of the reporting unit and compare it to the carrying value of the assets and liabilities of that reporting unit. The Company determines the fair value of its reporting units using a weighting of fair values derived from the income approach and the market approach, depending on the availability of relevant market comparable information. Under the income approach, the Company calculates the fair value of a reporting unit based on the present value of estimated future cash flows. Cash flow projections are based on management's estimates of revenue growth rates and operating margins, taking into consideration industry and market conditions. The discount rate used is based on the weighted-average cost of capital adjusted for the relevant risk associated with business-specific characteristics and the uncertainty related to the business's ability to execute on the projected cash flows. Under the market approach, the Company estimates the fair value based on market multiples of cash flow and earnings derived from comparable publicly-traded companies with similar operating and investment characteristics as the reporting unit and considering a reasonable control premium. The weighting of the fair value derived from the market approach differs for each reporting unit depending on the level of comparability of these publicly-traded companies to the reporting unit. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

As a corroborative source of information, the Company reconciles the estimated aggregate fair values of its reporting units to within a reasonable range of its market capitalization, which includes an assumed control premium (an adjustment reflecting an estimated fair value on a control basis) to verify the reasonableness of the fair value of its reporting units obtained through the aforementioned methods. The control premium is estimated based upon control premiums observed in comparable market transactions. As none of our reporting units are publicly-traded, individual reporting unit fair value determinations do not directly correlate to the Company's stock price.

Primarily as a result of the decline in the Company's market capitalization, management believed that there were circumstances evident which indicated that the fair value of our reporting units could be below their carrying amounts. Although the Company's management strongly believes that the Company's current market capitalization undervalues the aggregate fair values of our individual reporting units, we concluded that we must heavily consider the market capitalization levels when performing the 2014 annual goodwill impairment test. As such, higher discount rates were applied to forecasted cash flows. As a result of the test, it was determined that the carrying value of the Careers-North America and Internet Advertising & Fees reporting units exceeded their fair values, and the Company recorded a pre-tax goodwill impairment charge of \$325,800 during the fourth quarter of 2014 (\$263,000 in Careers-North America and \$62,800 in Internet Advertising & Fees). On a net of tax basis, the charge was \$263,047 after

recognizing a tax benefit of \$62,753. See Note 5 *Goodwill and Intangible Assets* for additional details.

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Other intangible assets primarily consist of the value of customer relationships, trade names, resume databases, trademarks and internet domains. Amortizable intangible assets are primarily being amortized on a basis that approximates economic use, over periods ranging from two to ten years.

Indefinite-lived intangible assets are primarily evaluated on an annual basis, generally in conjunction with the Company's evaluation of goodwill balances. In assessing fair value, we generally utilize a relief from royalty method. If the carrying value of the indefinite-lived intangible assets exceeds the fair value of the asset, the carrying value is written down to fair value in the period identified. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1,000 on an indefinite-lived intangible asset in the fourth quarter of 2014.

Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets, other than goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets, are evaluated for impairment when events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be fully recoverable. An impairment loss would be recognized when estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to result from the use of these assets and their eventual disposition are less than their carrying amounts. As a result of the decline in our market capitalization, the Company assessed long-lived assets for impairment in the fourth quarter of 2014. It was concluded that the Company's long-lived assets were not impaired as of December 31, 2014.

Foreign Currency Translation and Transactions

The financial position and results of operations of the Company's foreign subsidiaries are determined using local currency as the functional currency. Assets and liabilities of these subsidiaries are translated at the exchange rate in effect at each year-end. Income statement accounts are translated at the average rate of exchange prevailing during the year. Translation adjustments arising from the use of differing exchange rates from period to period are included in accumulated other comprehensive income, a component of stockholders' equity. Gains and losses resulting from other foreign currency transactions, including forward foreign exchange contracts, are included in interest and other, net.

Comprehensive income (loss) is defined to include all changes in equity except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners. The Company's items of other comprehensive income (loss) are foreign currency translation adjustments, which relate to investments that are permanent in nature, net of applicable income taxes. To the extent that such amounts relate to investments that are permanent in nature, no adjustments for income taxes are made.

The Company uses forward foreign exchange contracts as economic cash flow hedges to offset risks related to foreign currency transactions. These transactions primarily relate to non-functional currency denominated inter-company funding loans and non-functional currency inter-company accounts receivable. The Company does not trade derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes. See Note 13 *Financial Derivative Instruments*.

Income Taxes

We utilize the liability method of accounting for income taxes as set forth in ASC 740, *Income Taxes*. Under the liability method, deferred taxes are determined based on the temporary differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using tax rates expected to be in effect during the years in which the basis differences reverse. A valuation allowance is recorded when it is more likely than not that some of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. In evaluating our ability to recover our deferred tax assets within the jurisdictions from which they arise, we consider all available positive and negative evidence, including scheduled reversals of taxable temporary items, projected future taxable income, tax planning strategies and recent financial operations.

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Assumptions used in making this evaluation require significant judgment and are consistent with the plans and estimates we are using to manage the underlying business. When we determine that we are not able to realize our recorded deferred tax assets, an increase in the valuation allowance is recorded, decreasing earnings in the period in which such determination is made.

We assess our income tax positions and record tax benefits for all years subject to examination based upon our evaluation of the facts, circumstances and information available at the reporting date. For those tax positions where there is greater than 50% likelihood that a tax benefit will be sustained, we have recorded the largest amount of tax benefit that may potentially be realized upon ultimate settlement with a taxing authority that has full knowledge of all relevant information. For those income tax positions where there is a 50% or less likelihood that a tax benefit will be sustained, no tax benefit has been recognized in the financial statements.

Stock-Based Compensation

We award stock options, non-vested stock, market-based non-vested stock and performance-based non-vested stock to employees, directors and executive officers. We account for stock-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718, *Stock Compensation*. In accordance with ASC 718, we use the fair-market value of the Company's common stock on the date the award is approved to measure fair value for service-based and performance-based awards, a Monte Carlo simulation model to determine both the fair value and requisite service period of market-based awards and the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to determine the fair value of stock option awards. Compensation expense for stock option awards and service-based awards is recognized ratably over the requisite service period. For market-based awards, compensation expense is recognized over the requisite service period as derived using a Monte Carlo simulation model. If an award includes both a market and performance or service condition, the requisite service period is adjusted in the event the market condition is satisfied prior to the end of the derived service period. For performance-based awards, compensation expense is recognized based on the probability of achieving the performance conditions associated with the respective shares, as determined by management.

Restructuring and Other Special Charges

The Company accounts for restructuring activities in accordance with ASC 420, *Exit or Disposal Cost Obligations*. Under the guidance, for the cost of restructuring activities that do not constitute a discontinued operation, the liability for the current and fair value of expected future costs associated with such restructuring activity shall be recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred. We segregate the costs of restructuring activities taken pursuant to a management approved restructuring plan.

Operating Lease Obligations

We recognize a liability for costs to terminate an operating lease obligation before the end of its term when we no longer derive economic benefit from the lease. The liability is recognized and measured at its fair value when we determine that the cease use date has occurred and the fair value of the liability is determined based on the remaining lease rentals due, reduced by estimated sublease rental income that could be reasonably obtained for the property. The estimate of subsequent sublease rental income may change and require future changes to the fair value of the liabilities for the lease obligations.

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Basic (loss) earnings per share is calculated using the Company's weighted-average outstanding common shares. When the effects are dilutive, diluted (loss) earnings per share is calculated using the weighted-average outstanding common shares, participating securities and the dilutive effect of all other stock-based compensation awards as determined under the treasury stock method. Certain stock options and stock issuable under employee compensation plans were excluded from the computation of diluted (loss) earnings per share due to their anti-dilutive effect. A reconciliation of shares used in calculating basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share is as follows:

	The year ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Basic weighted-average shares outstanding	88,045	106,947	112,866
Effect of common stock equivalents, stock options and non-vested stock under employee compensation plans ⁽¹⁾		966	1,129
Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding ⁽¹⁾	88,045	107,913	113,995
Weighted-average anti-dilutive common stock equivalents ⁽¹⁾	6,937	5,337	7,167

- (1) For periods in which losses are presented, dilutive earnings per share calculations do not differ from basic earnings per share because the effects of any potential common stock equivalents are anti-dilutive and therefore not included in the calculation of dilutive earnings per share. For the year ended December 31, 2014, those potential shares totaled 3,046 which are included in the weighted average anti-dilutive common stock equivalents above, in addition to 3,891 of out of the money anti-dilutive common stock equivalents for the year ended December 31, 2014.

On October 22, 2014, the Company consummated an offering of its 3.50% convertible senior notes due 2019 (the Notes). Under the treasury stock method, the Notes will generally have a dilutive impact on earnings per share if the Company's average stock price for the period exceeds approximately \$5.33 per share of Monster's common stock, the conversion price of the Notes. For the period from the consummation of the offering of the Notes through December 31, 2014, the conversion feature of the Notes was anti-dilutive.

In connection with the pricing of the Notes, Monster entered into a capped call transaction which increases the effective conversion price of the Notes, and is designed to reduce potential dilution upon conversion of the Notes. Since the beneficial impact of the capped call is anti-dilutive, it is excluded from the calculation of earnings per share. See Note 14 *Long-Term Debt* for additional details.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-08, which amends the guidance in Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) 205, *Presentation of Financial Statements* as it relates to reporting discontinued operations. The revised guidance raises the threshold for a disposal to qualify as a discontinued operation and requires new disclosures of both discontinued operations and certain other disposals that do not meet the revised definition of a discontinued operation. This amended guidance is to be applied prospectively and is effective for reporting periods (interim and annual) beginning after December 15, 2014, for public

companies, with early adoption permitted. The implementation of the amended accounting guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, which supersedes the revenue recognition guidance in ASC 605, *Revenue Recognition*. The new guidance clarifies the principles for recognizing revenue and develops a common revenue standard for U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. The standard

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outlines a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes the most current revenue recognition guidance. This amended guidance is effective retrospectively for reporting periods (interim and annual) beginning after December 15, 2016. We are currently assessing the potential impact of this ASU on our consolidated financial position and results of operations.

2. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company awards non-vested stock to employees, directors and executive officers in the form of Restricted Stock Awards (RSAs) and Restricted Stock Units (RSUs), market-based RSAs and RSUs, performance-based RSAs and RSUs and stock options. The Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors approves stock-based compensation awards for all employees and executive officers of the Company. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee of the Company's Board of Directors approves stock-based compensation awards for all non-employee directors of the Company. The Company uses the fair-market value of the Company's common stock on the date the award is approved to measure fair value for service-based and performance-based awards, a Monte Carlo simulation model to determine both the fair value and requisite service period of market-based awards and the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to determine the fair value of stock option awards. The Company presents as a financing activity in the consolidated statement of cash flows the benefits of tax deductions in excess of the tax-effected compensation of the related stock-based awards for the options exercised and vested RSAs and RSUs.

The Company recognized pre-tax compensation expense, excluding discontinued operations, in the consolidated statements of operations related to stock-based compensation as follows:

	The year ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Non-vested stock, included in salaries and related	\$ 35,357	\$ 25,391	\$ 28,123
Stock options, included in salaries and related			51
Total	\$ 35,357	\$ 25,391	\$ 28,174

Effective November 4, 2014, Salvatore Iannuzzi resigned as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company. In connection with his resignation, the Company accelerated the vesting of 160,501 RSAs and 2,250,000 RSUs, resulting in \$4,354 of additional non-cash compensation. See Note 18 *Commitments* for further discussion.

As of December 31, 2014, the Company has issued the following types of equity awards under its 2008 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated:

Restricted Stock

The Company, from time to time, enters into separate non-vested share-based payment arrangements with employees, executives and directors. The Company grants RSUs that are subject to continued employment and vesting conditions, but do not have dividend or voting rights. The Company also grants RSAs that are subject to continued employment and vesting conditions, have voting rights, but do not have dividend rights. Directors of the Company receive automatic RSAs or RSUs which are measured using the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date of the grant. The Company also grants market-based RSAs and RSUs that vest contingent on meeting certain stock price targets within a specified time period, and performance-based RSAs and RSUs that vest contingent on meeting specific financial results within a specified time period.

Inclusive of discontinued operations, the tax benefits recognized on the non-vested stock-based compensation expenses were \$12,154, \$7,430, and \$8,878 for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. In the event that stock-based compensation vests at a price below the original grant date price, the recognized tax benefits will not be realized. Such tax benefit deficiencies may be charged to equity to the extent of accumulated

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excess realized tax benefits. At December 31, 2014, the Company has no remaining accumulated excess realized tax benefits. In the event that stock-based compensation vests at a price below the original grant date, the tax benefit deficiencies will be charged to the tax provision.

Service-Based Awards During 2014, the Company granted an aggregate of 581,915 service-based RSUs to approximately 250 employees, executive officers and directors of the Company. The RSUs vest in various increments on the anniversaries of the individual grant dates, through December 9, 2019, subject to the recipient's continued employment or service through each applicable vesting date. The Company did not grant RSAs in 2014. Compensation expense for service-based awards is recognized ratably over the requisite service period, net of estimated forfeitures.

During 2013, the Company granted an aggregate of 1,212,848 and 286,500 service-based RSAs and RSUs, respectively, to approximately 75 employees, executive officers and directors of the Company. The RSAs and RSUs vest in various increments on the anniversaries of the individual grant dates, through December 10, 2017, subject to the recipient's continued employment or service through each applicable vesting date.

During 2012, the Company granted an aggregate of 3,156,515 and 1,229,526 service-based RSAs and RSUs, respectively, to approximately 225 employees, executive officers and directors of the Company. The RSAs and RSUs vest in various increments on the anniversaries of the individual grant dates, through December 11, 2016, subject to the recipient's continued employment or service through each applicable vesting date.

Market-Based Awards During 2013, the Company granted 5,340,390 market-based RSUs to approximately 450 employees that will vest contingent on meeting certain stock price targets within five years of the grant date. The market-based RSUs vest in four tranches, with each tranche equaling 25% of the award, if, and when, certain stock price targets are achieved and maintained for 15 trading days in a consecutive 30-day trading period, subject to the recipient's continued employment and service through the one year anniversary of the target stock price being achieved. Compensation expense for market-based awards is recognized over the requisite service period as derived using a Monte Carlo simulation model, net of estimated forfeitures. No market-based RSUs were granted during 2014 or 2012.

Performance-Based Awards During 2014, the Company granted 35,000 RSUs to 2 employees, subject to certain specified performance-based conditions. Compensation expense is recognized based on the probability of achieving the performance conditions associated with the respective shares, as determined by management, net of estimated forfeitures.

During 2013, the Company granted 3,067,200 RSUs to approximately 1,100 employees, subject to certain specified performance-based conditions. No performance-based RSUs were granted during 2012.

As of December 31, 2014, the unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested stock was \$19,638 which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.2 years.

The Company's non-vested stock activity is as follows (shares in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Shares	Shares	Shares	Shares

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		Weighted Average Fair Value at Grant Date		Weighted Average Fair Value at Grant Date		Weighted Average Fair Value at Grant Date
Non-vested at beginning of period	13,142	\$ 5.58	7,639	\$ 10.01	7,432	\$ 13.85
Granted RSAs			1,213	4.72	3,156	6.88
Granted RSUs	617	5.58	8,694	4.15	1,230	6.89
Forfeited	(472)	5.41	(1,386)	10.93	(1,102)	12.14
Vested	(4,733)	7.11	(3,018)	5.10	(3,077)	14.07
Non-vested at end of period	8,554	\$ 4.85	13,142	\$ 5.58	7,639	\$ 10.01

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In connection with the Company's corporate restructuring programs, the Company accelerated the vesting of 418,333 RSAs and RSUs to two former executives in the second quarter of 2013, the expense of which is recorded in restructuring and discontinued operations.

Stock Options

The Company's stock option activity is as follows (shares in thousands):

	The year ended December 31,					
	2014	Weighted	2013	Weighted	2012	Weighted
	Shares	Average	Shares	Average	Shares	Average
		Exercise Price		Exercise Price		Exercise Price
Outstanding as of the beginning of the period	928	\$ 29.68	1,029	\$ 29.04	1,560	\$ 24.10
Exercised					(3)	9.11
Forfeited/expired/cancelled	(782)	29.02	(101)	23.27	(528)	29.10
Outstanding at end of the period	146	\$ 32.32	928	\$ 29.68	1,029	\$ 29.04
Options exercisable at end of period	146	\$ 32.32	928	\$ 29.68	1,029	\$ 29.04

Aggregate intrinsic value of options

exercised during the period \$ \$ \$ 2

Aggregate intrinsic value is calculated as the difference between the closing market price of the Company's common stock as of each exercise date and the exercise price of the underlying options. The Company has not granted any stock options subsequent to 2008 and all options were fully expensed prior to January 1, 2014.

3. NONCONTROLLING INTEREST

In December 2013, the Company sold a 49.99% interest in JobKorea Ltd. ("JobKorea"), its wholly owned subsidiary in South Korea, to H&Q Korea for an aggregate purchase price of \$90,000. H&Q Korea, an affiliate of H&Q Asia Pacific, is a pioneer in the development of Korea's private equity industry and one of the top private equity managers in the country. Based on the terms of the agreement, Monster maintains a controlling interest in the subsidiary and, accordingly, will continue to consolidate the results of JobKorea in its consolidated financial statements.

The Company incurred transaction costs of approximately \$3,500 related to the agreement with H&Q Korea, which were recorded within stockholders' equity on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. See Note 17 "Income Taxes" for discussion on the tax impact of the transaction. The noncontrolling interest's share of stockholders' equity in JobKorea Ltd. is reflected as Noncontrolling interest in the Company's consolidated balance sheets and was \$54,247 as of December 31, 2014. The noncontrolling interest's share of income from continuing operations and net loss was \$5,482 and \$193 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

4. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

In the first quarter of 2014, the Company's Careers-North America segment purchased TalentBin, Inc., a social profile talent search engine, and Gozaik LLC, a developer of social jobs aggregation and distribution technology. Aggregate consideration for the acquisitions was \$27,005 in cash, net of cash acquired, with \$1,750 of the consideration in escrow. The Company recorded \$25,061 of goodwill, \$907 of deferred tax assets, \$1,740 of purchased technology, \$730 of other intangibles, \$249 of other assets and \$1,482 of liabilities related to the acquisitions. Of the goodwill recorded, approximately \$10,500 will be deductible for tax purposes. Revenue and operating results of the acquired entities are not presented due to immateriality.

Table of Contents**5. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

The Company tests the recorded amount of goodwill for recovery on an annual basis in the fourth quarter of each fiscal year. Goodwill is tested more frequently if indicators of impairment exist. The goodwill impairment test is performed at the reporting unit level. Prior to the sale of Careers-China on February 5, 2013, the Company had four reporting units which were equivalent to our four operating segments: Careers-North America, Careers-International, Careers-China, presented for all impacted periods as a discontinued operation, and Internet Advertising & Fees. Following the sale of the Careers-China business, the Company has three reporting units which are equivalent to our three operating segments: Careers-North America, Careers-International, and Internet Advertising & Fees.

In determining if goodwill is impaired, we estimate the fair value of the reporting unit and compare it to the carrying value of the assets and liabilities of that reporting unit. The Company determines the fair value of its reporting units using a weighting of fair values derived from the income approach and the market approach, depending on the availability of relevant market comparable information. Under the income approach, the Company calculates the fair value of a reporting unit based on the present value of estimated future cash flows. Cash flow projections are based on management's estimates of revenue growth rates and operating margins, taking into consideration industry and market conditions. The discount rate used is based on the weighted-average cost of capital adjusted for the relevant risk associated with business-specific characteristics and the uncertainty related to the business's ability to execute on the projected cash flows. Under the market approach, the Company estimates the fair value based on market multiples of cash flows and earnings derived from comparable publicly-traded companies with similar operating and investment characteristics as the reporting unit and considering a reasonable control premium. The weighting of the fair value derived from the market approach differs for each reporting unit depending on the level of comparability of these publicly-traded companies to the reporting unit. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

As a corroborative source of information, the Company reconciles the estimated aggregate fair values of its reporting units to within a reasonable range of its market capitalization, which includes an assumed control premium (an adjustment reflecting an estimated fair value on a control basis) to verify the reasonableness of the fair value of its reporting units obtained through the aforementioned methods. The control premium is estimated based upon control premiums observed in comparable market transactions. As none of our reporting units are publicly-traded, individual reporting unit fair value determinations do not directly correlate to the Company's stock price. We monitor changes in our share price to ensure that our reconciled market capitalization continues to exceed or is not significantly below the carrying value of our net assets. In the event that our reconciled market capitalization does decline below its book value, we consider the length and severity of the decline and the reason for the decline when assessing whether potential goodwill impairment exists. Further, if a reporting unit does not appear to be achieving the projected growth plan used in determining its fair value, we will reevaluate the reporting unit for potential goodwill impairment based on revised projections, as available.

In the fourth quarter of 2014, primarily due to the decline of our market capitalization and the implications such decline had on the carrying value of our goodwill, which resulted in higher discount rates applied to forecasted cash flows, management concluded that there were circumstances evident which indicated the fair value of our reporting units could be below their carrying amounts. Although the Company's management strongly believes that the Company's current market capitalization undervalues the aggregate fair values of our individual reporting units, we concluded that we must heavily consider the market capitalization levels when performing the 2014 annual impairment test.

With the assistance of a third party valuation firm, we completed the first step of the impairment evaluation process in comparing the fair value of our reporting units to their respective carrying values. The Careers-International reporting

unit had a fair value that substantially exceeded its carrying value. The Careers-North America and Internet Advertising & Fees reporting units had carrying values which exceeded the respective fair values of the reporting units and therefore, the Company was required to complete the second step of the impairment evaluation for those reporting units.

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The second step of the impairment evaluation calculates the implied fair value of the goodwill, which is compared to the carrying value of goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is calculated by valuing all identifiable assets and liabilities of the reporting units with potential impairment, as indicated in step one, at the hypothetical fair value, assuming the reporting units had been acquired in a business combination. The excess fair value of the reporting units over the fair value of their identifiable assets and liabilities is the implied fair value of goodwill. Based upon the calculation of the implied fair value of goodwill, it was determined that the carrying value of goodwill exceeded the implied fair value of goodwill for the Careers-North America and Internet Advertising & Fees reporting units, therefore the Company recorded a pre-tax goodwill impairment charge of \$325,800 during the fourth quarter of 2014 (\$263,000 in Careers-North America and \$62,800 in Internet Advertising & Fees). On a net of tax basis, the charge was \$263,047 after recognizing a tax benefit of \$62,753. See Note 17 *Income Taxes* for discussion on the tax impact of the impairment charge.

During the third quarter of 2012, the Company performed a qualitative analysis for the Careers-China reporting unit and it was determined that the Careers-China reporting unit was more likely than not to have a fair value less than the unit's carrying amount. The conclusion was based on the recent financial performance of Careers-China compared to previously forecasted results, updated projections of future profitability as well as indicative offers from potential buyers of the Careers-China business (see Note 7 *Discontinued Operations*). Accordingly, the Company performed a step one fair value evaluation of Careers-China utilizing both a discounted cash flow analysis and the indicative offers from potential buyers of the Careers-China business. The result of this fair value analysis was that the fair value of the reporting unit was less than the carrying value and a step two analysis was required to determine the amount of goodwill impairment, if any. The Company performed the step two evaluation and determined that goodwill for the Careers-China reporting unit was impaired and recorded a goodwill impairment charge for Careers-China of \$216,221. In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company impaired the remaining goodwill balance of the Careers-China business and recorded an additional \$46,429 impairment, leaving the Careers-China business with no goodwill.

A summary of changes in goodwill by reportable segment are as follows:

	Careers- North America	Careers- International	Internet Advertising & Fees	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2013:				
Goodwill	\$ 598,114	\$ 408,464	\$ 151,590	\$ 1,158,168
Accumulated impairment losses		(262,650)		(262,650)
Net goodwill as of December 31, 2013	598,114	145,814	151,590	895,518
Acquisition activity	25,061			25,061
Write-off in connection with deconsolidation of subsidiaries		(4,057)		(4,057)
Impairment	(263,000)		(62,800)	(325,800)
Translation and other adjustments, net		(50,101)		(50,101)
Balance as of December 31, 2014:				
Goodwill	623,175	354,306	151,590	1,129,071
Accumulated impairment losses	(263,000)	(262,650)	(62,800)	(588,450)

Net goodwill as of December 31, 2014	\$ 360,175	\$ 91,656	\$ 88,790	\$ 540,621
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The Company's intangible assets, excluding the assets of the discontinued operations, consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2014		December 31, 2013		Weighted Average Amortization Period (Years)
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	
Customer relationships	\$ 48,856	\$ (47,785)	\$ 49,808	\$ (48,895)	2
Trademarks/Internet domains	14,297		15,240		Indefinite lived
Trade Names	7,786	(2,181)	10,600	(3,926)	3
Patents	8,428	(584)	718	(52)	5
Other	32,986	(31,300)	29,798	(29,233)	2
Total	\$ 112,353	\$ (81,850)	\$ 106,164	\$ (82,106)	

The Company recorded amortization expense, excluding discontinued operations, of \$2,624, \$9,234 and \$12,353 relating to its intangible assets for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. In addition, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1,000 on an indefinite-lived intangible asset in the fourth quarter of 2014.

Based on the carrying value of identified intangible assets recorded as of December 31, 2014, and assuming no subsequent impairment of the underlying assets, the estimated annual amortization expense for the next five years is as follows:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Estimated amortization expense	\$ 2,974	\$ 2,640	\$ 2,631	\$ 2,534	\$ 1,722

6. RESTRUCTURING AND OTHER SPECIAL CHARGES

November 2012 Restructuring

On November 8, 2012, the Company announced actions designed to concentrate resources on core businesses within North America and key European and Asian markets with increased spending in marketing and sales. The actions subsequently included (i) the sale of the Careers-China business which was completed on February 5, 2013, (ii) the exiting of the business operations in Latin America and Turkey and (iii) a strategic restructuring inclusive of a reduction in force, office consolidations and impairment of certain assets. See Note 7 *Discontinued Operations*, for more information relating to the sale of the Careers-China business and the exiting of our businesses in Latin America and Turkey.

Through December 31, 2013, the Company notified approximately 400 associates in North America and Europe (excluding discontinued operations). The Company does not expect to incur significant additional charges in future periods relating to this program. The following table displays a roll forward of the November 2012 Restructuring and other special charges and related liability balances, excluding discontinued operations:

	Accrual at December 31, 2013	Expense	Cash Payments	Non-Cash Utilization	Accrual at December 31, 2014
Workforce reduction	\$ 1,057	\$	\$ (648)	\$	\$ 409
Consolidation of office facilities	4,063		(1,535)		2,528
Other costs and professional fees	128		(124)		4
Total	\$ 5,248	\$	\$ (2,307)	\$	\$ 2,941

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	Accrual at December 31, 2012	Expense	Cash Payments	Non-Cash Utilization	Accrual at December 31, 2013
Workforce reduction	\$ 11,902	\$ 9,645	\$ (18,669)	\$ (1,821)	\$ 1,057
Consolidation of office facilities		6,028	(1,965)		4,063
Impairment of assets		3,494		(3,494)	
Other costs and professional fees	83	828	(783)		128
Total	\$ 11,985	\$ 19,995	\$ (21,417)	\$ (5,315)	\$ 5,248

7. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

During the third quarter of 2012, as part of the Company's review of strategic alternatives, the Company made the decision to sell its Careers-China business. The sale of the Careers-China business to Saongroup, Ltd. (Saongroup) was completed on February 5, 2013. The Company received a 10% minority interest in the combined Chinese business of Saongroup. The Company's 10% minority interest does not provide the Company with representation on the board of directors, the Company is not entitled to any dividend or other forms of cash returns and the Company is not required to make any capital contributions in the future. The Company recognizes the 10% interest as a cost basis investment with an estimated fair value of zero which is based on available information.

Prior to the close of the sale of Careers-China, the Company incurred charges relating to severance benefits associated with terminated employees, retention benefits for employees who remained with the combined operations and certain lease obligation costs. At February 5, 2013, there was \$23,109 of accumulated unrealized currency translation gain related to the net assets of Careers-China. With the sale of Careers-China on February 5, 2013, the Company recorded the foreign currency translation adjustment as a reduction of the loss from discontinued operations. On October 25, 2013, the Company received \$1,846 of funds previously held in escrow relating to the sale of Careers-China, which has been recorded as a gain in the consolidated statements of operations in the year ended December 31, 2013. Additionally, the Company recorded a tax benefit of \$4,916 for the year ended December 31, 2013. Accordingly, the Company recorded a loss from discontinued operations related to Careers-China, net of tax, of \$1,724 in the year ended December 31, 2013. The Company does not expect to incur significant additional charges in future periods relating to Careers-China.

As disclosed in Note 5 *Goodwill and Intangible Assets*, the Company recorded a goodwill impairment charge for 100% of the goodwill attributable to Careers-China in the amount of \$262,650 in the year ended December 31, 2012. Further, in 2012, the Company recorded an impairment of \$5,205 relating to amortizable intangibles. Finally, as disclosed in Note 17- *Income Taxes*, the Company recorded a full valuation allowance of \$9,710 associated with Careers-China deferred tax assets during the year ended December 31, 2012.

During the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company made the strategic decision to discontinue operations in Latin America and Turkey. All of the Latin America and Turkey business operations were discontinued on or before December 31, 2012. The Company incurred approximately \$8,000 of costs associated with the shutdown of these businesses in the fourth quarter of 2012. For the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company recorded additional costs of \$3,565 primarily relating to severance costs associated with terminated employees of our operations in Latin America and Turkey. Additionally, the Company recorded a tax benefit of \$1,491 for the year ended December 31, 2013. Accordingly, the Company recorded a loss from discontinued operations related to Latin America and Turkey, net of tax, of \$2,074 in the year ended December 31, 2013. The Company does not expect to incur significant additional charges in future periods relating to Latin America or Turkey.

In the aggregate, the Company's head count was reduced by approximately 1,000 employees as a result of the sale of Careers-China and the exiting of Latin America and Turkey.

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Operating results for Careers-China, Latin America and Turkey, which had previously been included in the Company's consolidated statement of operations, have been reclassified as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Summarized results of our discontinued operations are as follows:

	The year ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Net revenue	\$	\$ 2,399	\$ 45,590
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$	\$ (3,798)	\$ (316,886)

There were \$268 and \$1,049 of liabilities associated with our discontinued operations as of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. The liabilities have been classified as current and are included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other in the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

8. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

The Company's property, equipment and accumulated depreciation balances are as follows:

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
Capitalized software costs	\$ 209,007	\$ 200,567
Furniture and equipment	16,196	22,785
Leasehold improvements	40,103	41,573
Computer and communications equipment	160,414	183,765
	425,720	448,690
Less: accumulated depreciation	305,991	324,521
Property and equipment, net	\$ 119,729	\$ 124,169

Internally developed software costs capitalized were \$28,024, \$24,901, and \$32,604 for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and are included in property and equipment, net in the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

Depreciation expense, excluding discontinued operations, was \$46,019, \$49,922 and \$51,926 for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. During the first quarter of 2014, the Company vacated, and wrote off assets associated with, its office facilities in Maynard, Massachusetts and Cambridge, Massachusetts and moved in to our new corporate headquarters in Weston, Massachusetts.

9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The Company values its assets and liabilities using the methods of fair value as described in ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. ASC 820 establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. The three levels of fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 Inputs that are generally unobservable and typically reflect management's estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

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In determining fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible, and considers counterparty credit risk in its assessment of fair value. Observable or market inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect the Company's assumptions based on the best information available. There have been no transfers of assets or liabilities between the fair value measurement classifications in the year ended December 31, 2014.

The Company has certain assets and liabilities that are required to be recorded at fair value on a recurring basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The following table summarizes those assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2014:

	December 31, 2014			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Bank time deposits	\$	\$ 60,553	\$	\$ 60,553
Foreign exchange contracts		74		74
Total Assets	\$	\$ 60,627	\$	\$ 60,627
Liabilities:				
Foreign exchange contracts	\$	\$ 265	\$	\$ 265
Lease exit liabilities			8,515	8,515
Total Liabilities	\$	\$ 265	\$ 8,515	\$ 8,780

The following table summarizes those assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2013:

	December 31, 2013			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Bank time deposits	\$	\$ 46,881	\$	\$ 46,881
U.S. and foreign government obligations		1,595		1,595
Bankers' acceptances		8,475		8,475
Foreign exchange contracts		255		255
Total Assets	\$	\$ 57,206	\$	\$ 57,206
Liabilities:				
Foreign exchange contracts	\$	\$ 9	\$	\$ 9
Lease exit liabilities			12,550	12,550
Total Liabilities	\$	\$ 9	\$ 12,550	\$ 12,559

We recognize a liability for costs to terminate an operating lease obligation before the end of its term when we no longer derive economic benefit from the lease. The lease exit liabilities within the Level 3 tier relate to vacated facilities associated with previously discontinued operations, restructuring activities of the Company and consolidation of office facilities and are recorded in accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets. The liability is recognized and measured based on a discounted cash flow model when the cease use date has occurred. The fair value of the liability is determined based on the remaining lease rentals due, reduced by estimated sublease rental income that could be reasonably obtained for the property. In the first quarter of 2014, the Company vacated its office facilities in Maynard, Massachusetts and Cambridge, Massachusetts and moved in to our new corporate headquarters in Weston, Massachusetts.

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The changes in the fair value of the Level 3 liabilities are as follows:

	Lease Exit Liability	
	Year ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Balance, Beginning of Period	\$ 12,550	\$ 14,233
Expense	7,208	6,225
Cash Payments and changes in fair value	(11,243)	(7,908)
Balance, End of Period	\$ 8,515	\$ 12,550

The carrying value for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, certain accrued expenses and other current liabilities approximate fair value because of the immediate or short-term maturity of these financial instruments. The Company's debt relates to its 3.50% convertible senior notes due 2019 and borrowings under its revolving credit facilities and term loan (see Note 14 *Long-Term Debt*). Our borrowings under our credit facilities approximate fair value due to the debt bearing fluctuating market interest rates. The carrying amounts of the convertible senior notes approximate fair value giving affect for the term of those notes and the effective interest rates.

10. CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income were as follows:

	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	
	Year ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Beginning balance	\$ 63,368	\$ 87,162
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	(55,942)	(685)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	1,819	(23,109)
Net current period change in accumulated other comprehensive income	(54,123)	(23,794)
Ending balance	\$ 9,245	\$ 63,368

Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to income were as follows:

	Affected Line Item in the Statement Where Net Income Is Presented	Year ended December 31,	
Details about AOCI Components		2014	2013
Foreign currency translation adjustments			

Deconsolidation of foreign subsidiaries	Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net	\$ 1,819	\$
Sale of foreign entity	Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		(23,109)
Total reclassifications		\$ 1,819	\$ (23,109)

11. DECONSOLIDATION OF SUBSIDIARIES

Prior to January 3, 2014, the Company had a 25% equity investment in a company located in Finland related to a business combination completed in 2001, with the remaining 75% held by Alma Media Corporation (Alma Media). Alma Media is a leading media company based in Finland, focused on digital services and publishing in Finland, the Nordic countries, the Baltics and Central Europe. Effective January 3, 2014, the Company expanded its relationship with Alma Media. Monster and Alma Media each contributed several additional entities and

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businesses into the existing joint venture and formed a significantly larger joint venture where Monster has an equity ownership of 15% with the opportunity to increase ownership up to 20%. The Company also contributed cash of approximately \$6,500. Following closing, Monster no longer held a controlling interest in its subsidiaries in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic and therefore deconsolidated those subsidiaries effective January 3, 2014. The Company accounts for its investment under the equity method of accounting due to the Company's ability to exert significant influence over the financial and operating policies of the new joint venture, primarily through our representation on the board of directors.

The Company recorded a gain of \$13,647 as a result of the deconsolidation. The gain was measured as the difference between (a) the net fair value of the retained noncontrolling investment and the consideration transferred and (b) the carrying value of the contributed entities' net assets of approximately \$4,200. The fair value of the retained noncontrolling investment was approximately \$24,800 which was determined based on the present value of estimated future cash flows and comparable market transactions. Cash flow projections were based on estimates of revenue growth rates and operating margins, taking into consideration industry and market conditions. The discount rate used was based on the weighted-average cost of capital adjusted for the relevant risk associated with the business-specific characteristics and the uncertainty related to the business's ability to execute on the projected cash flows. The Company also recognized \$1,819 of accumulated unrealized currency translation loss related to the net assets of the subsidiaries contributed by Monster.

As a result of the deconsolidation, the Company recorded a net gain of \$11,828 to Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net in the first quarter of 2014. See Note 17 *Income Taxes* for discussion on the tax impact of the deconsolidation.

12. INVESTMENTS***Equity Method Investments***

The Company accounts for investments through which it holds a noncontrolling interest and has the ability to exert significant influence using the equity method of accounting, recording its owned percentage of the investment's net results of operations in loss in equity interests, net, in the Company's consolidated statement of operations. Such losses reduce the carrying value of the Company's investment and gains increase the carrying value of the Company's investment. Dividends paid by the equity investee reduce the carrying amount of the Company's investment.

As discussed in Note 11 *Deconsolidation of Subsidiaries*, through January 3, 2014, the Company had a 25% equity investment in a company located in Finland related to a business combination completed in 2001. The Company received a dividend of \$658 in the first quarter of 2013 and \$728 in the second quarter of 2012 for this investment. The carrying value of the investment was \$220 as of December 31, 2013. Effective January 3, 2014, the Company has a 15% equity investment in Alma Career Oy, a joint venture in Finland, Eastern Europe and the Baltics with Alma Media. The Company received a dividend of \$199 in the second quarter of 2014 for this investment. The carrying value of the investment was \$20,404 as of December 31, 2014, and was recorded on the consolidated balance sheet as a component of investment in unconsolidated affiliates in the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

In 2008, the Company acquired a 50% equity interest in a company located in Australia. In the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, the Company expended an additional \$1,331, \$1,897, and \$2,077, respectively, for additional working capital requirements relating to the Australian investment. The carrying value of the investment was \$296 and \$0 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and was recorded on the Company's consolidated balance sheets as a component of investment in unconsolidated affiliates.

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Income (loss) in equity interests, net are as follows by equity investment:

	The year ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Alma Career Oy	\$ 596	\$	\$
Finland		343	573
Australia	(674)	(1,251)	(1,654)
Loss in equity interests, net	\$ (78)	\$ (908)	\$ (1,081)

13. FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The Company uses forward foreign exchange contracts as economic cash flow hedges to offset risks related to foreign currency transactions. These transactions primarily relate to non-functional currency denominated inter-company funding loans and non-functional currency inter-company accounts receivable.

The fair value position (recorded in interest and other, net, in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss) of our derivatives are as follows:

		December 31, 2014		
	Component of	Notional Amount	Maturity Dates	Fair Value
<u>Designated as Hedges under ASC 815</u>				
None		\$		\$
<u>Not Designated as Hedges under ASC 815</u>				
Foreign currency exchange forwards	Prepaid and other	15,902	January 2015	74
Foreign currency exchange forwards	Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	25,378	January 2015	(265)
Total Derivative Instruments		\$ 41,280		\$ (191)

		December 31, 2013		
	Component of	Notional Amount	Maturity Dates	Fair Value
<u>Designated as Hedges under ASC 815</u>				
None		\$		\$
<u>Not Designated as Hedges under ASC 815</u>				
Foreign currency exchange forwards	Prepaid and other	43,265	January 2014	255
Foreign currency exchange forwards	Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	4,757	January 2014	(9)
Total Derivative Instruments		\$ 48,022		\$ 246

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The amounts of unrealized and realized net gains and changes in the fair value of our derivative positions are as follows:

	Location of Realized Net Gains and Changes in the Fair Value of Forward Contracts	Amount of Realized Net Gains and Changes in the Fair Value of Forward Contracts The year ended December 31,		
		2014	2013	2012
Foreign currency exchange forwards	Interest and Other, net	\$ 48	\$ 644	\$ 2,060
	Discontinued Operations		160	
		\$ 48	\$ 804	\$ 2,060

14. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt, net of discounts where applicable, is summarized as follows:

	December 31,	
	2014	2013
3.50% convertible senior notes due 2019	\$ 143,750	\$
Credit facilities	87,750	135,275
Unamortized discount on convertible senior notes	(20,116)	
	211,384	135,275
Less: current portion of long-term debt	9,563	9,375
Long-term debt, net, less current portion	\$ 201,821	\$ 125,900

3.50% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2019

On October 22, 2014, the Company consummated an offering of \$143,750 aggregate principal amount of its 3.50% convertible senior notes due 2019 (the "Notes"), which includes \$18,750 in aggregate principal amount of Notes sold pursuant to the over-allotment option that was previously granted to the initial purchasers of the Notes and exercised by the initial purchasers on October 21, 2014. The Company received net proceeds of \$139,031 from the sale of the Notes, after deducting fees and expenses of \$4,719. The Notes are unsecured, senior obligations of Monster, that bear interest at a rate of 3.50% per annum, payable in arrears on April 15 and October 15 of each year to holders of record at the close of business on the preceding April 1 and October 1, respectively. The Notes will mature on October 15, 2019, unless converted or repurchased in accordance with their terms prior to such date.

In connection with the offering of the Notes, Monster entered into capped call transactions with an affiliate of one of the initial purchasers. The Company used \$16,531 of the net proceeds to pay for the cost of the capped call

transactions, \$82,500 to repay in full the term loan outstanding as of the date of issuance, and \$40,000 to repay a portion of the loans outstanding under the revolving credit facility.

The conversion rate for the Notes is initially 187.7405 shares per one thousand dollar principal amount of the Notes, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$5.33 per share of Monster's common stock (Common Stock), and is subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. Unless and until Monster obtains stockholder approval to issue upon conversion of the Notes more than 19.99% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, Monster will settle conversions of the Notes by paying cash up to the principal amount of any converted Notes and delivering Common Stock and/or paying cash in respect of any remaining conversion obligation, and the number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Notes will be subject to

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such cap. If Monster obtains stockholder approval to issue upon conversion of the Notes more than 19.99% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock on the date the Notes were priced, Monster will settle conversions of the Notes by paying or delivering, as the case may be, cash, shares of Common Stock or a combination thereof, at its election. Monster will not have the right to redeem the Notes prior to maturity. The maximum number of shares of common stock the Notes are convertible into is approximately 27,000,000, and is subject to adjustment under certain circumstances.

The Notes will be convertible at the option of holders only under the following circumstances:

- (1) Prior to the business day immediately preceding January 15, 2019, during any calendar quarter commencing after the calendar quarter ended on December 31, 2014 (and only during such calendar quarter), if the last reported sale price of Common Stock for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the immediately preceding calendar quarter is greater than or equal to 130% of the conversion price on each applicable trading day;
- (2) Prior to the business day immediately preceding January 15, 2019, during the five business day period after any five consecutive trading day period (the Measurement Period) in which the trading price as defined in the Indenture per one thousand dollar principal amount of the Notes for each trading day of the measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of Common Stock and the conversion rate on each such trading day;
- (3) Prior to the business day immediately preceding January 15, 2019, upon the occurrence of specified corporate events; or
- (4) At any time on or after January 15, 2019 until the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the October 15, 2019 maturity date.

Further, holders may require the Company to purchase all or a portion of their Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 100% of the principal amount at maturity of the Notes to be purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest upon certain fundamental changes.

In accordance with ASC 470-20, *Debt with Conversion and Other Options*, the Notes were separated into debt and equity components and assigned a fair value. The value assigned to the debt component was the estimated fair value, as of the issuance date, of similar debt without the conversion feature. The difference between the cash proceeds and this estimated fair value represents the value which was assigned to the equity component and was recorded as a debt discount. The debt discount is being amortized using the effective interest method from the date of issuance through the October 15, 2019 maturity date.

The initial debt component of the Notes was valued at \$122,829, based on the contractual cash flows discounted at an appropriate market rate for non-convertible debt at the date of issuance. The carrying value of the permanent equity component reported in additional paid-in-capital was initially valued at \$20,228, which is net of \$693 of fees and expenses allocated to the equity component.

The capped call transactions are expected generally to reduce potential dilution to the Common Stock and/or offset cash payments Monster would have to make in excess of the principal amount of any converted Notes in the event that the market price per share of Common Stock, as measured under the terms of the capped call transaction, is greater than the strike price of the capped call transaction, which will initially correspond to the conversion price of the Notes and be subject to anti-dilution adjustments substantially similar to those applicable to the conversion rate of the Notes. The cap price under the capped call transaction is initially \$7.035 per share, and is subject to certain adjustments under the terms of the capped call transaction. The capped call transaction has been included as a net reduction to additional paid-in capital within stockholders' equity in accordance with ASC 815-40, *Derivatives and Hedging - Contracts in Entity's Own Equity*.

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On March 22, 2012, the Company amended its then-existing credit agreement in its entirety (the *Second Amended Credit Agreement*). The Second Amended Credit Agreement provided the Company with a \$225,000 revolving credit facility and a \$100,000 term loan facility, for a total of \$325,000 in credit available to the Company. The obligations under the Second Amended Credit Agreement were set to mature on March 22, 2015. The Second Amended Credit Agreement did not qualify as a debt extinguishment in accordance with ASC 470 *Debt*, and all financing fees incurred were deferred and being amortized through March 2015.

On October 15, 2014, the Company entered into an amendment of the Second Amended Credit Agreement that (i) permitted the offering of the Notes and the conversion of the Notes into cash and/or equity of the Company, (ii) permitted the Company to enter into a capped call transaction and (iii) required that the Company use the proceeds from the offering of the Notes (net of reasonable and documented fees and expenses incurred in connection with the offering and the net cost of the capped call transaction), to repay the term loan facility and revolving debt under the Second Amended Credit Agreement (with no corresponding reduction of the then-existing revolving credit facility).

On October 31, 2014, the Company amended and restated the Second Amended Credit Agreement (the *Third Amended Credit Agreement*). The Third Amended Credit Agreement provides the Company with a \$100,000 revolving credit facility and \$90,000 term loan facility, providing for a total of \$190,000 in credit available to the Company. The borrowings under the Third Amended Credit Agreement were used to satisfy the obligations under the Second Amended Credit Agreement of \$98,900 under the revolving credit facility. Each of the revolving credit facility and the term loan facility matures on October 31, 2017. The Third Amended Credit Agreement partially qualifies as a debt extinguishment in accordance with ASC 470 *Debt*. Accordingly, the Company expensed \$388 of financing fees classified as a debt extinguishment through interest & other, net during the fourth quarter of 2014. The remaining \$2,766 of financing fees will be deferred and amortized through October 2017.

The Company is required to make quarterly amortization payments on the outstanding principal amount of the term loans, with \$2,250 payable on each of March 31, 2015, June 30, 2015, and September 30, 2015, \$2,813 payable on each of December 31, 2015, March 31, 2016, June 30, 2016, and September 30, 2016, \$3,375 payable on each of December 31, 2016, March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017, and September 30, 2017, and the remaining balance of the term loan due at maturity.

Borrowings under the Third Amended Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate equal to either (i) the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus a margin ranging from 250 basis points to 325 basis points depending on the Consolidated Leverage Ratio as defined in the Third Amended Credit Agreement or upon the Company's election (ii) the sum of (A) the highest of (1) the Agent's prime rate, (2) the sum of 0.50% plus the overnight federal funds rate on such day or (3) LIBOR plus 1.0%, plus (B) a margin ranging from 150 basis points to 225 basis points depending on the Company's Consolidated Leverage Ratio. In addition, the Company will be required to pay the following fees: (i) a fee on all outstanding amounts of letters of credit at a rate per annum ranging from 250 basis points to 325 basis points (depending on the Consolidated Leverage Ratio); and (ii) a commitment fee on the unused portion of the revolving credit facility at a rate per annum ranging from 35 basis points to 50 basis points (depending on the Consolidated Leverage Ratio).

The Third Amended Credit Agreement contains financial covenants requiring the Company to maintain: (i) a consolidated leverage ratio of no more than 2.75 to 1.00, as of the end of each fiscal quarter ending after the closing date through the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2015, and 2.50 to 1.00, as of the end of the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2015, and each fiscal quarter ending thereafter; and (ii) a consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, as defined in the Third Amended Credit Agreement, of at least 1.50 to 1.00. The Third Amended Credit Agreement also

contains various other negative covenants, including restrictions on incurring indebtedness, creating liens, mergers, dispositions of property, dividends and stock repurchases, acquisitions and other investments and entering into new lines of business. The Third Amended Credit Agreement also contains various

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affirmative covenants, including covenants relating to the delivery of financial statements and other financial information, maintenance of property, maintenance of insurance, maintenance of books and records, further assurances regarding collateral and compliance with environmental laws. The Third Amended Credit Agreement is secured by substantially all of the Company's domestic assets, other than real estate and certain other excluded assets. As of December 31, 2014, the Company was in full compliance with its covenants.

On February 5, 2015, the Company entered into an amendment of the Third Amended Credit Agreement to provide the Company with flexibility in connection with its Reallocate to Accelerate cost savings initiatives. The amendment provides that up to \$20,000 of costs and restructuring charges incurred during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 will be added back to Consolidated EBITDA, which is a component of the Consolidated Leverage Ratio and the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

At December 31, 2014, the utilized portion of this credit facility was \$87,750 in borrowings on the term loan facility, \$0 borrowings on the revolving credit facility, and \$303 in outstanding letters of credit. The portion of the term loan that is due within one year is \$9,563 and is classified as short-term in the consolidated balance sheet. The remaining amount outstanding on the term loan is classified as long-term debt in the Company's consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2014, based on the calculation of the maximum consolidated leverage ratio, \$26,860 of the Company's revolving credit facility was available. At December 31, 2014, the one month BBA LIBOR rate, the agent's prime rate, and the overnight federal funds rate were 0.17%, 3.25% and 0.06%, respectively. As of December 31, 2014, the Company used the one month BBA LIBOR rate for the interest rate on these borrowings with an interest rate of 3.16%.

15. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW AND BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

Supplemental cash flow information to the consolidated statements of cash flows was as follows, including discontinued operations:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Interest paid	\$ 7,390	\$ 7,422	\$ 11,100
Income tax paid, net	7,843	3,544	16,654
Non-cash investing and financing activities:			
Net assets of entities contributed to Alma Career Oy	4,200		
Excess income tax benefit from equity compensation plans	199	5,907	

The following are a component of accrued expenses and other current liabilities:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Accrued Salaries, benefits, commissions, bonuses and payroll taxes	\$ 40,466	\$ 40,859	\$ 41,460

16. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY***Share Repurchase Plan***

On October 25, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized a share repurchase program of up to \$250,000 which expired on April 25, 2013. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company repurchased 8,481,453 shares at an average price of \$7.72 per share. From the date of the inception of this repurchase program through expiration, the Company repurchased 13,986,349 shares at an average price of \$7.67 per share. No share repurchases were made during the year ended 2013 related to this program.

On April 30, 2013, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized a share repurchase program of up to \$200,000. Under the share repurchase program, shares of common stock will be purchased on the open market or

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through privately negotiated transactions from time-to-time through April 30, 2015. The timing and amount of purchases will be based on market conditions, corporate and legal requirements and other factors. The share repurchase program does not obligate the Company to acquire any specific number of shares in any period, and may be modified, suspended, extended or discontinued at any time without prior notice. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company repurchased 7,125,988 shares for a total of \$51,927, excluding commissions, at an average price of \$7.29 per share. From the date of the inception of this repurchase program through December 31, 2014, the Company repurchased 27,717,428 shares for a total of \$158,683, excluding commissions, at an average price of \$5.73 per share. The Company currently has \$41,317 remaining under this repurchase program.

Equity Plans

In June 1999, the Company's stockholders approved the adoption of the 1999 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "1999 Plan") pursuant to which stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock and other equity based awards were permitted to be granted. Stock options granted under the 1999 Plan were permitted to be incentive stock options or nonqualified stock options within the meaning of the Code. Following the adoption of the 2008 Plan defined below, no awards are available for future grants under the 1999 Plan.

In June 2008, the Company's stockholders approved the adoption of the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2008 Plan") pursuant to which stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock and other equity based awards may be granted. Stock options granted under the 2008 Plan may be incentive stock options or nonqualified stock options within the meaning of the Code.

The total number of shares of the Company's Common Stock that may be granted under the 2008 Plan, as amended, is the sum of (i) 15,685,000 shares, and (ii) the number of shares subject to outstanding awards under the 1999 Plan that on or after April 16, 2008 either (a) cease for any reason to be subject to such awards (other than by reason of exercise or settlement of the awards to the extent they are exercised for or settled in vested and non-forfeitable shares of Common Stock) or (b) are surrendered by participants under the 1999 Plan or are retained by the Company to pay all or a portion of the exercise price and/or withholding taxes relating to such awards. At December 31, 2014, 8,223,673 shares were available for future grants under the 2008 Plan, as amended and restated.

See Note 2- *Stock-Based Compensation* for activity related to the Company's equity plans.

17. INCOME TAXES

The components of (loss) income before income taxes and loss in equity interests are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Domestic	\$ (326,935)	\$ 31,291	\$ 11,833
Foreign	7,915	(3,870)	14,436
(Loss) income before income taxes and loss in equity interests	\$ (319,020)	\$ 27,421	\$ 26,269

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Income taxes relating to the Company's operations are as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Current income taxes:			
U.S. Federal	\$ 2,018	\$ 2,814	\$ (40,306)
State and local	(692)	(1,357)	(1,668)
Foreign	6,801	(7,027)	18,810
Total current income taxes	8,127	(5,570)	(23,164)
Deferred income taxes:			
U.S. Federal	(35,661)	24,513	(2,495)
State and local	(9,622)	5,766	(2,975)
Foreign	1,865	(1,705)	(4,344)
Total deferred income taxes	(43,418)	28,574	(9,814)
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	\$ (35,291)	\$ 23,004	\$ (32,978)

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2014	2013
Deferred tax assets:		
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 941	\$ 1,310
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	9,731	6,038
Tax loss carry-forwards	71,916	67,892
Tax credits	55,312	48,843
Non-cash stock based compensation expense	6,552	4,379
Valuation allowance	(69,807)	(48,906)
Deferred tax assets	74,645	79,556
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Foreign investments	(12,166)	(9,606)
Property and equipment	(25,018)	(24,956)
Goodwill and intangibles	(11,199)	(60,941)
Deferred tax liabilities	(48,383)	(95,503)
Net deferred tax assets (liabilities)	\$ 26,262	\$ (15,947)

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, net current deferred tax assets were \$1,995 and \$627, respectively, net current deferred tax liabilities were \$0 and \$49, respectively, net non-current deferred tax assets were \$24,267 and \$20,405, respectively, and net non-current deferred tax liabilities were \$0 and \$36,930, respectively.

At December, 31, 2014, the Company has United States Federal net operating tax losses of approximately \$35,730 which it expects to carry forward as no carry-back refunds are available. The losses expire in stages beginning in 2031. The Company has U.S. foreign tax credit carryovers and research and experimentation tax credit carryovers of \$51,580 and \$3,646, respectively, that expire in stages beginning in 2016 through 2024 and 2029 through 2034, respectively. The Company has net operating loss carry-forwards in various foreign countries around the world of approximately \$226,000, approximately \$172,000 of which have no expiration date and \$54,000 of which expire in stages in years 2015 through 2029. The Company realized a cash benefit relating to the use of its tax loss carry-forwards of \$0 and \$25,122 in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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Utilization of our net operating losses and tax credit carry-forwards may be subject to substantial annual limitations due to the ownership change limitations provided by the United States Internal Revenue Code. Such annual limitations could result in the expiration of the net operating loss and tax credit carry-forwards before their utilization. The events that may cause ownership changes include, but are not limited to, a cumulative stock ownership change of greater than 50% over a three year period.

Realization of the Company's net deferred tax assets is dependent upon the Company generating sufficient taxable income in future years in the appropriate tax jurisdictions to obtain a benefit from the reversal of deductible temporary differences and from attribute carry-forwards which include losses and tax credits. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, the Company has considered all positive and negative evidence including scheduled reversals of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, tax planning strategies and recent financial performance. Since this evaluation requires considerable judgment and consideration of events that may occur in future years, our conclusion could be materially different if certain of our expectations do not occur. To the extent actual results are different, it may require a material charge to income in the period in which such events occur.

The Company has concluded that it is more likely than not that certain deferred tax assets will not be realized, principally net operating losses in certain foreign jurisdictions, and a portion of the carryovers of foreign tax credits. Determining the amount of required valuation allowances necessitates significant judgment. We review utilization of tax assets on a jurisdiction by jurisdiction basis and consider such factors as recent operating history and future business forecasts. In making this assessment we give greater weight to evidence that is objectively verifiable comprising primarily of past operating history and reversing taxable differences. Operations in certain countries have a long history of continual tax losses, so a valuation allowance has been recorded on all of their deferred tax assets.

In order to realize its deferred tax asset for foreign tax credit carryovers the Company is required to have sufficient U.S. taxable income, and sufficient foreign source income as defined by the U.S. tax code, regulations and interpretations thereunder. In evaluating future realization of deferred tax assets for foreign tax credit carryovers the Company forecasts future income levels and characterization thereof. The Company prepares tax credit realization models using varying scenarios and assumptions, and considers qualifying tax planning strategies. At December 31, 2014, the total carryover over for foreign tax credits is \$51,580. The Company believes it is more likely than not to not realize approximately \$21,000 of foreign tax credit carryovers before their expiration, thus in 2014 the Company recorded an increase to the valuation allowance by approximately \$18,000 (\$16,000 of which was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2014). The portion of the total recorded valuation allowances recorded at December 31, 2014 and 2013 related to this item was approximately \$21,000 and \$3,000 respectively.

The income tax provision from continuing operations was increased by \$25,123, \$5,221 and \$5,991 in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, due to valuation allowances, \$21,347, \$1,691 and \$3,000 of which related to deferred tax assets that existed at the beginning of the respective years. The valuation allowance decreased by \$4,222 in 2014 due to expiration of losses with full valuation allowances and deconsolidation of certain subsidiaries with tax valuation allowances (see Note 11 *Deconsolidation of Subsidiaries*). The valuation allowance decreased \$4,472 in 2013 primarily due to the effect of enacted reductions in the tax rates on deferred tax assets with a full valuation allowance, or expiration of tax losses with a full valuation allowance, and was increased by \$3,379 in 2012 due reversals of unrecognized tax benefits with full valuation allowances. These items did not result in a net charge or benefit to the tax provision.

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Income taxes related to the Company's (loss) income before income taxes and loss in equity interests differ from the amount computed using the Federal statutory income tax rate as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012
Income taxes at Federal statutory rate	\$ (111,655)	\$ 9,598	\$ 9,195
State income taxes, net of Federal income tax effect	(13,767)	1,152	217
Foreign tax rate differences	308	3,510	1,655
Change in valuation allowance	20,901	749	9,370
Reversals of accrued income tax	(1,143)	(12,391)	(28,814)
Interest expense on tax liabilities, net of reversals	710	(189)	(3,517)
Earnings not indefinitely reinvested		676	1,303
Non-deductible compensation and other expenses	952	1,506	1,095
Effect of foreign partnerships and joint venture	4,090		
Tax effect of restructuring items			(21,754)
Effect of intercompany loans	392	250	(1,728)
Non-deductible goodwill impairment	65,938		
Research and experimentation tax credit	(2,017)		
Sale of noncontrolling interest		18,143	
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	\$ (35,291)	\$ 23,004	\$ (32,978)

For the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, the Company has recorded a tax (benefit) provision in discontinued operations of \$0, (\$6,407) and \$1,624, respectively. The 2012 amount includes a provision of \$9,710 for valuation allowances on recorded deferred tax assets relating to Careers-China (see Note 7 *Discontinued Operations*). In the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, the discontinued operation tax provision include tax benefits of \$0, \$540 and \$8,086, respectively, on certain tax losses in discontinued operations that pass through to continuing operations due to the form of ownership.

In the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company recorded a pre-tax charge for impairment of goodwill in the amount of \$325,800. The Company recorded a deferred tax benefit of \$62,753 with respect to the portion of impaired goodwill which is deductible for tax purposes (see Note 5 *Goodwill and Intangible Assets*).

In 2014, the tax provision was increased by \$5,543 due to a gain of \$11,828 related to the deconsolidation of the Company's subsidiaries in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic (see Note 11 *Deconsolidation of Subsidiaries*).

In November 2013, the Company entered into an agreement to sell a 49.99% interest in JobKorea Ltd., its wholly owned subsidiary in South Korea, to H&Q Korea for an aggregate purchase price of \$90,000 (see Note 3 *Noncontrolling Interest*). The transaction, which is accounted for as a sale of a noncontrolling interest, resulted in a sale for tax purposes. A tax provision of \$30,853 was recorded on the transaction of which \$12,709 was charged to stockholder's equity and \$18,143 was charged to the continuing operations tax provision. The Company utilized its existing U.S. tax operating loss carryovers to offset the tax liability that would otherwise be due on the transaction. As a result of the sale, the remaining 50.01% investment retained by the Company is characterized as a partnership for U.S. tax reporting purposes. Accordingly, the Company's share of earnings is taxable in the United States, as if distributed. In 2014, 2013 and 2012, the Company repatriated approximately \$3,121, \$13,385 and \$38,000,

respectively, of cash from its subsidiary in South Korea.

A provision has not been made for United States or additional foreign taxes on substantially all undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries as the Company plans to utilize these undistributed earnings to finance expansion or operating requirements of subsidiaries outside of the United States or due to local country restrictions. Such earnings will continue to be indefinitely reinvested but could become subject to additional tax if they were

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remitted as dividends or were loaned to the Company or United States affiliates, or if the Company should sell its stock in the foreign subsidiaries. Due to various complexities in computing the residual U.S. tax liability, particularly when the timing or form of future repatriations has not been determined, it is not practicable to determine the amount of additional tax, if any, that might be payable on undistributed foreign earnings. The Company estimates its undistributed foreign earnings for which deferred taxes have not been provided are approximately \$26,000.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company has recorded a liability for \$54,636 and \$53,078, respectively, which includes unrecognized tax benefits of \$30,389 and \$30,005, respectively, and estimated accrued interest and penalties of \$24,247 and \$23,074, respectively. Interest and penalties related to underpayment of income taxes are classified as a component of the (benefit from) provision for income taxes in the Company's consolidated statement of operations. Interest accrued on unrecognized tax benefits included in the 2014, 2013 and 2012 income tax provision in the statement of operations was \$2,695, \$2,932, and \$3,794, respectively. In 2014, 2013 and 2012 interest expense was recorded net of reversals of prior years' interest and penalties of \$1,523, \$3,248, and \$9,609, respectively. The net of tax effect of interest, penalties and reversals was a charge of \$710 in the year ended December 31, 2014, and a credit of \$189 and \$3,517 in the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

A reconciliation of the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

	2014	2013	2012
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 30,005	\$ 40,075	\$ 76,818
Gross increases: tax positions taken in prior periods		515	8,380
Gross decreases: tax positions taken in prior periods	(1,040)	(13,042)	(8,943)
Gross increases: tax positions taken in current year	2,911	2,457	3,114
Gross decreases: tax positions taken in current year			
Gross decreases: settlement of tax examinations			(39,294)
Gross decreases: lapse of statute of limitation	(1,487)		
Balance, end of period	\$ 30,389	\$ 30,005	\$ 40,075

If the unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were recognized in full, \$30,389, \$30,005, and \$40,075, respectively, would impact the effective tax rate.

During 2014, the Company recognized previously unrecognized tax positions of \$2,525 which on a net of tax basis favorably impacted the effective rate by \$1,143, primarily as a result of lapses of statutes of limitations. The Company also reversed accrued interest on unrecognized tax positions of \$1,523, which favorably impacted the effective rate by \$921. The tax matters reversed relate primarily to allocation of income among tax jurisdictions.

During 2013, the Company recognized previously unrecognized tax positions of \$12,979 which on a net of tax basis favorably impacted the effective rate by \$12,391 as a result of settlements of tax examinations and lapses of statutes of limitations. The Company also reversed accrued interest on unrecognized tax positions of \$3,248, which favorably impacted the effective rate by \$1,963. The tax matters reversed relate primarily to characterization of certain intercompany loans for tax purposes and allocation of income among jurisdictions.

During 2012, the Company completed a tax examination with the United States Internal Revenue Service which covered the tax years 2006 through 2009. As a result of settlement of this tax examination the Company recognized

previously unrecognized tax benefits of \$38,024 and reversed an asset for recoverable foreign taxes of \$7,956 both of which, on a net of tax basis, impacted the effective rate by \$29,059. The Company also recognized previously unrecognized tax benefits of \$5,680 which were offset in full by a valuation allowance and had no net effect on the tax provision. The Company also reversed accrued interest related to unrecognized tax benefits of \$8,034 which, on a net of tax basis, impacted the effective rate by \$4,860. The tax matters recognized

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related to the allocation of income among tax jurisdiction and the benefits related to certain tax net operating losses. In addition, the Company settled certain state and local tax examinations and revised certain estimates to prior accrued state liabilities. As a result, the Company recognized \$1,806 of previously unrecognized tax benefits and reversed accrued interest related to these unrecognized benefits of \$1,575 which together on a net of tax basis impacted the effective tax rate by \$2,128. Additionally, the Company increased its tax provision for unrecognized tax benefits of \$7,100 relating to an ongoing international tax examination. The total effect on the tax provision for the year ended December 31, 2012, due to adjustments of prior accruals and settlement of tax examinations, was a tax benefit of \$28,814, a benefit for reversal of interest of \$5,814, and a provision for recording a valuation allowance of \$5,680.

The Company conducts business globally and as a result, the Company or one or more subsidiaries is subject to United States federal income taxes and files income tax returns in various states and approximately 40 foreign jurisdictions. In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to tax examinations by taxing authorities including major jurisdictions such as Germany, United Kingdom, and the United States as well as other countries in Europe and the Asia/Pacific region. The Company is generally no longer subject to examinations with respect to returns that have been filed for years prior to 2010 in Germany, 2012 in the United Kingdom, and 2011 in the United States. Tax years are generally considered closed from examinations when the statute of limitations expires. The United States Internal Revenue Service has recently completed an income tax examination through tax year 2011 which resulted in no material changes.

The Company estimates that it is reasonably possible that unrecorded tax benefits may be reduced by an amount ranging from \$0 to \$15,000 in the next twelve months due to expirations of statutes of limitations or settlement of examinations. The tax matters relate to allocation of income between tax jurisdictions and the amount of tax loss carryovers.

18. COMMITMENTS***Leases***

The Company leases its facilities and a portion of its capital equipment under operating leases that expire at various dates. Some of the operating leases provide for increasing rents over the terms of the leases and total rent expense under these leases is recognized ratably over the initial renewal period of each lease. The following table presents future minimum lease commitments under non-cancelable operating leases and minimum rentals to be received under non-cancelable subleases at December 31, 2014:

	Operating Leases	Estimated Sublease Income
2015	\$ 36,280	\$ 2,229
2016	31,004	3,557
2017	28,593	3,654
2018	24,776	3,654
2019	20,885	3,654
Thereafter	50,851	4,526
	\$ 192,389	\$ 21,274

During the third quarter of 2013, the Company entered into an operating lease for an office facility in Weston, Massachusetts which replaced our office in Maynard, Massachusetts, the lease for which expired in 2014. The lease term began on January 1, 2014 and expires on May 30, 2025.

Total rent and related expenses under operating leases, excluding discontinued operations, were \$51,226, \$42,546, and \$43,030, for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Operating lease obligations after 2014 relate primarily to office facilities.

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Other Contractual Commitments

We also have \$36,746 of non-cancelable contractual commitments as of December 31, 2014, excluding obligations under our financing agreements, primarily related to agreements for marketing arrangements and software licenses and subscriptions. For those agreements with variable terms, we do not estimate what the total obligation may be beyond any minimum pricing as of the reporting date. The majority of these commitments are due within two years. See Note 14 *Long-Term Debt* for discussion on our obligations under our financing agreements.

Consulting, Employment and Non-Compete Agreements

The Company has entered into various consulting, employment and non-compete and/or non-solicitation agreements with certain key management personnel and former owners of acquired businesses. Employment agreements with key members of management are generally at will and provide for an unspecified term and for specified notice or the payment of severance in certain circumstances.

Effective November 4, 2014, Salvatore Iannuzzi resigned as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company. Mr. Iannuzzi will be an employee of the Company until June 30, 2015 to facilitate an orderly transition. In connection with his resignation, on November 3, 2014, Mr. Iannuzzi and the Company entered into a Letter Agreement detailing the terms of his resignation from the Company. During the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company recognized \$8,957 of charges associated with Mr. Iannuzzi's resignation. This charge includes \$4,354 of non-cash compensation associated with the acceleration of 160,501 RSA's and 2,250,000 RSU's. See Note 2 *Stock Based Compensation*.

Employee Benefit Plans

The Company has a 401(k) profit-sharing plan covering all eligible employees. Since October 2010, after a temporary suspension from April 2009 through September 2010, the Company has provided for employer matching contributions equal to 50% of employee contributions, up to a maximum of 6% of their eligible compensation. Matching contributions are paid to participating employees in the form of the Company's Common Stock or cash. Salaries and related expenses, excluding discontinued operations, contain \$4,050, \$4,060, and \$4,596 of employer matching contributions for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

The Company also has defined contribution employee benefit plans for its employees outside of the United States. The cost of these plans included in salaries and related expenses, excluding discontinued operations, were \$3,140, \$2,952, and \$3,275 for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

19. SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC DATA

The Company conducts business in three reportable segments: Careers-North America, Careers-International, and Internet Advertising & Fees. Corporate operating expenses are not allocated to the Company's reportable segments. The operating results for the Careers-China business and the exited business operations which have previously been included in the Careers-International segment in the Company's consolidated financial statements have now been reclassified as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Please see Note 7 *Discontinued Operations*.

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The following tables present the Company's operations, excluding discontinued operations, by reportable segment and by geographic region:

		The year ended December 31,		
		2014	2013	2012
<u>Revenue</u>				
Careers	North America	\$ 436,946	\$ 446,274	\$ 462,962
Careers	International	269,064	288,623	351,130
Internet Advertising & Fees		64,003	72,682	76,300
Revenue		\$ 770,013	\$ 807,579	\$ 890,392
<u>Operating (Loss) Income</u>				
Careers	North America	\$ (198,294)	\$ 65,009	\$ 42,686
Careers	International	(25,129)	(18,596)	13,076
Internet Advertising & Fees		(48,624)	24,492	17,721
		(272,047)	70,905	73,483
Corporate expenses		(50,249)	(37,714)	(41,331)
Operating (Loss) Income		\$ (322,296)	\$ 33,191	\$ 32,152
<u>Depreciation and Amortization</u>				
Careers	North America	\$ 24,381	\$ 31,204	\$ 35,446
Careers	International	19,174	22,874	22,181
Internet Advertising & Fees		3,589	4,354	5,943
		47,144	58,432	63,570
Corporate expenses		1,499	724	709
Depreciation and Amortization		\$ 48,643	\$ 59,156	\$ 64,279
<u>Restructuring and Other Special Charges</u>				
Careers	North America	\$	\$ 9,537	\$ 20,970
Careers	International		7,866	15,990
Internet Advertising & Fees			341	2,123
Corporate expenses			2,251	1,275
Restructuring and Other Special Charges		\$	\$ 19,995	\$ 40,358
<u>Goodwill Impairment</u>				
Careers	North America	\$ 263,000	\$	\$
Careers	International			
Internet Advertising & Fees		62,800		
Corporate expenses				

Goodwill Impairment	\$ 325,800	\$	\$
<u>Revenue by Geographic Region^(a)</u>			
United States	\$ 484,252	\$ 500,746	\$ 517,268
International	285,761	306,833	373,124
Revenue	\$ 770,013	\$ 807,579	\$ 890,392
<u>Long-lived Assets by Geographic Region^(b)</u>			
United States	\$ 89,343	\$ 88,284	\$ 103,112
International	30,386	35,885	44,501
Total Long-Lived Assets	\$ 119,729	\$ 124,169	\$ 147,613

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- (a) Revenue by geographic region is generally based on the location of the Company's subsidiary.
 - (b) Total long-lived assets includes property and equipment, net.
- Due to the nature of the Company's operations, a majority of its assets are utilized across all segments. In addition, segment assets are not reported to, or used by, the Chief Operating Decision Maker to allocate resources or assess performance of the Company's segments. Accordingly, the Company has not disclosed asset information by segment.

20. LEGAL MATTERS

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

In September 2013, Career Destination Development, LLC filed suit against the Company for allegedly infringing certain patents, U.S. Patent No. 7,424,438 (the '438 Patent') and U.S. Patent No. 8,374,901 (the '901 Patent'), relating to methods for the online searching of jobs. The lawsuit, entitled Career Destination Development, LLC vs. Monster Worldwide, Inc. (Civil Action No. 13-cv-2423), was brought in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas. The Plaintiff sought injunctive relief, monetary damages, pre and post judgment interest, and other costs. On October 10, 2013, the Company filed an answer denying the allegations set forth in the complaint. On February 12, 2014, Monster filed two separate petitions in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for covered business method (CBM) review of the '901 Patent, and the USPTO subsequently assigned case numbers CBM2014-00069 and CBM2014-00070 to these petitions for CBM review of the '901 Patent. On February 12, 2014 and February 21, 2014, Monster also filed petitions in the USPTO for CBM review of the '438 Patent, and the USPTO subsequently assigned case numbers CBM2014-00068 and CBM2014-00077 to the petitions for review of the '438 Patent. On March 14, 2014, the District Court for the District of Kansas granted Monster's motion to stay Civil Action No. 13-cv-2423 pending the aforementioned CBM reviews of the '438 and '901 Patents. On November 28, 2014, the parties entered into a settlement agreement whereby all claims would be dismissed with prejudice and the petitions filed with the USPTO would be withdrawn. By Order of the Court dated November 25, 2014, the action was dismissed with prejudice.

In April 2014, Selene Communication Technologies LLC filed suit against the Company for allegedly infringing a certain patent relating to methods for generating search queries. The lawsuit, entitled Selene Communication Technologies LLC vs. Monster Worldwide, Inc. (Civil Action No. 14-cv-434) was brought in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. The Plaintiff sought injunctive relief, monetary damages, pre and post judgment interest and other costs. On June 13, 2014, the Company filed an answer denying the allegations set forth in the complaint. On October 29, 2014, the parties entered into a settlement agreement whereby all claims would be voluntarily dismissed with prejudice. By Order of the Court dated November 17, 2014, the action was dismissed with prejudice.

21. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (UNAUDITED)

Reallocate to Accelerate

On February 10, 2015, the Company committed to take a series of cost savings initiatives to reduce costs globally while continuing to support the Company's new strategy. The initiatives currently include a global workforce reduction of approximately 300 associates, or 7% of its full-time staff, consolidation of certain office facilities, and continuing discretionary-spending and office and general expense controls. The Company expects these reductions, currently anticipated to be completed by the end of 2015, to result in annualized savings of approximately \$38,000 to \$45,000.

The full impact of the savings will be realized beginning in the fourth quarter of 2015. As a result of these initiatives, the Company expects to record a cumulative pre-tax charge within the range of \$18,000 to \$23,000, all of which is expected to be cash expenditures. The majority of the associated charges are expected to be recorded in the first half of 2015.

Table of Contents**MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.****FINANCIAL INFORMATION BY QUARTER (UNAUDITED)**

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	2014				
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Full Year
Revenue	\$ 198,149	\$ 194,441	\$ 191,220	\$ 186,203	\$ 770,013
Salaries and related	101,999	103,220	100,587	107,337	413,143
Office and general	55,207	49,131	52,186	50,450	206,974
Marketing and promotion	41,413	37,377	35,109	32,493	146,392
Goodwill impairment				325,800	325,800
Total operating expenses	198,619	189,728	187,882	516,080	1,092,309
Operating (loss) income	(470)	4,713	3,338	(329,877)	(322,296)
Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net	11,828				11,828
Interest and other, net	(1,323)	(1,660)	(1,830)	(3,739)	(8,552)
Income (loss) before income taxes and (loss) income in equity interests	10,035	3,053	1,508	(333,616)	(319,020)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	6,663	1,615	1,934	(45,503)	(35,291)
(Loss) income in equity interests, net	(133)	58	75	(78)	(78)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	3,239	1,496	(351)	(288,191)	(283,807)
Net income (loss)	3,239	1,496	(351)	(288,191)	(283,807)
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	1,174	1,462	1,318	1,528	5,482
Net income (loss) attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.	\$ 2,065	\$ 34	\$ (1,669)	\$ (289,719)	\$ (289,289)
Basic earnings (loss) per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.	\$ 0.02	\$	\$ (0.02)	\$ (3.31)	\$ (3.29)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.	\$ 0.02	\$	\$ (0.02)	\$ (3.31)	\$ (3.29)
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic	91,102	87,080	86,576	87,478	88,045
Diluted	94,416	89,955	86,576	87,478	88,045

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Net income (loss)	\$ 3,239	\$ 1,496	\$ (351)	\$ (288,191)	\$ (283,807)
Other comprehensive income (loss):					
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net	3,496	(2,861)	(27,563)	(29,883)	(56,811)
Comprehensive income (loss)	6,735	(1,365)	(27,914)	(318,074)	(340,618)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	347	4,379	(14)	(1,918)	2,794
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.	\$ 6,388	\$ (5,744)	\$ (27,900)	\$ (316,156)	\$ (343,412)

See further description of goodwill impairment, gain on deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net, income taxes and net income attributable to noncontrolling interest in Notes 5, 11, 17 and 3, respectively.

Table of Contents**MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.****FINANCIAL INFORMATION BY QUARTER (UNAUDITED)****(In thousands, except per share amounts)**

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	2013 Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Full Year
Revenue	\$ 211,986	\$ 200,058	\$ 196,817	\$ 198,718	\$ 807,579
Salaries and related	97,575	89,467	92,931	99,433	379,406
Office and general	51,132	52,262	51,542	50,461	205,397
Marketing and promotion	49,267	43,394	38,089	38,840	169,590
Restructuring and other special charges	13,167	6,828			19,995
Total operating expenses	211,141	191,951	182,562	188,734	774,388
Operating income	845	8,107	14,255	9,984	33,191
Interest and other, net	(1,268)	(1,357)	(1,482)	(1,663)	(5,770)
(Loss) Income before income taxes and loss in equity interests	(423)	6,750	12,773	8,321	27,421
(Benefit from) provision for income taxes	(11,999)	2,366	4,480	28,157	23,004
Loss in equity interests, net	(458)	(245)	(119)	(86)	(908)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	11,118	4,139	8,174	(19,922)	3,509
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax	(6,134)	(759)	3,095		(3,798)
Net income (loss)	4,984	3,380	11,269	(19,922)	(289)
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest				193	193
Net income (loss) attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.	\$ 4,984	\$ 3,380	\$ 11,269	\$ (20,115)	\$ (482)
Basic earnings (loss) per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.:					
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.08	\$ (0.21)	\$ 0.03
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax	(0.06)	(0.01)	0.03		(0.04)
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.11	\$ (0.21)	\$
Diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.:					
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.08	\$ (0.21)	\$ 0.03
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax	(0.06)	(0.01)	0.03		(0.04)

Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.11	\$ (0.21)	\$
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic	111,402	110,932	105,394	97,872	106,947
Diluted	112,637	111,937	105,967	97,872	107,913
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,984	\$ 3,380	\$ 11,269	\$ (19,922)	\$ (289)
Other comprehensive (loss) income:					
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net	(36,999)	(9,139)	21,022	1,257	(23,859)
Comprehensive (loss) income	(32,015)	(5,759)	32,291	(18,665)	(24,148)
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest				128	128
Comprehensive (loss) income attributable to Monster Worldwide, Inc.	\$ (32,015)	\$ (5,759)	\$ 32,291	\$ (18,793)	\$ (24,276)

See further description of restructuring, income taxes and discontinued operations in Notes 6, 17, and 7, respectively.

- (a) Earnings per share calculations for each quarter include the weighted average effect of stock issuances and common stock equivalents for the quarter; therefore, the sum of quarterly earnings per share amounts may not equal full-year earnings per share amounts, which reflect the weighted average effect on an annual basis. Diluted earnings per share calculations for each quarter include the effect of stock options, non-vested restricted stock units and non-vested restricted stock, and the 3.50% convertible senior notes due 2019, when dilutive to the quarter. In addition, basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share may not add due to rounding.

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ITEM 9. *CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE*

Not Applicable

ITEM 9A. *CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES*

Monster Worldwide maintains disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined under Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e), that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's 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 the disclosure controls and procedures, the Company's management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives and the Company's management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. The Company has carried out an evaluation, as of the end of the period covered by this report, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon their evaluation and subject to the foregoing, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were reasonably effective in ensuring that material information relating to the Company is made known to the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer by others within the Company as of the end of the period covered by this report.

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) or 15d-15(f)). The Company's internal control system is designed to provide reasonable assurance to the Company's management and Board of Directors regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements.

All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

The Company's management assessed the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014. In making this assessment, it used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)*. Based on this assessment, the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, believe that as of December 31, 2014, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective based on those criteria.

There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors which could materially affect internal controls subsequent to the date the Company's management carried out its evaluation.

The Company's independent registered public accounting firm has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Directors and Stockholders

Monster Worldwide, Inc.

New York, New York

We have audited Monster Worldwide, Inc.'s (the "Company") internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying *Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Monster Worldwide, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Monster Worldwide, Inc. as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014 and our report dated February 10, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ BDO USA, LLP

New York, New York

February 10, 2015

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ITEM 9B. *OTHER INFORMATION*

None.

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PART III

ITEM 10. *DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE*

Certain of the information required by this item is incorporated by reference to the information appearing under the headings *Corporate Governance and Board of Directors Matters*, *Proposal 1: Election of Directors* and *Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance* from our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the Company's fiscal year end of December 31, 2014 pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Exchange Act. The information under the heading *Executive Officers* in *Item 1. Business* of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is also incorporated herein by reference.

The Company has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to its directors, officers (including its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer and controller) and employees. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on the Investor Relations portion of the Company's website under the *Corporate Governance* link. The Company intends to satisfy the disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K relating to amendments or waivers from any provision of the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller by either filing a Form 8-K or posting this information on the Company's website within four business days following the date of amendment or waiver. The Company's website address is <http://www.monster.com/about>.

ITEM 11. *EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION*

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the Company's fiscal year end of December 31, 2014 pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 12. *SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS*

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the Company's fiscal year end of December 31, 2014 pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 13. *CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE*

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the Company's fiscal year end of December 31, 2014 pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 14. *PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES*

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the SEC within 120 days after the Company's fiscal year end of December 31, 2014 pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Exchange Act.

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PART IV

ITEM 15. *EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES*
(A) DOCUMENT LIST

1. Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Company filed herewith are set forth in Part II, Item 8 of this Report.

2. Financial Statement Schedules

None.

3. Exhibits Required by Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-K

See the Exhibit Index immediately following the signature page of this Report.

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.

(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ TIMOTHY T. YATES
Timothy T. Yates
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: February 10, 2015

PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, THIS REPORT HAS BEEN SIGNED BELOW BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTRANT IN THE CAPACITIES AND ON THE DATES INDICATED.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ TIMOTHY T. YATES	President, Chief Executive Officer and	February 10, 2015
Timothy T. Yates	Director	
	(principal executive officer)	
/s/ JAMES M. LANGROCK	Executive Vice President and Chief	February 10, 2015
James M. Langrock	Financial Officer	
	(principal financial officer)	
/s/ MICHAEL B. MCGUINNESS	Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting	February 10, 2015
Michael B. McGuinness	Officer and Global Controller	
	(principal accounting officer)	
/s/ JOHN GAULDING	Director	February 10, 2015
John Gaulding		
/s/ EDMUND P. GIAMBASTIANI, JR.	Director	February 10, 2015

Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr.

/s/ JEFFREY F. RAYPORT

Director

February 10, 2015

Jeffrey F. Rayport

/s/ ROBERTO TUNIOLI

Director

February 10, 2015

Roberto Tunioli

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Exhibit	
Number	Description
2.1	Unit Purchase Agreement, dated as of November 6, 2013, by and among Odyssey Partners Private Equity Fund, Monster Worldwide, Inc. and KJB Holding Corp. <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 7, 2013</i>
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation, as amended <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 filed on March 1, 2007</i>
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 27, 2010</i>
4.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 filed on March 1, 2007</i>
4.2	Indenture, dated as of October 22, 2014, between Monster Worldwide, Inc. and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 22, 2014</i>
10.1*	Form of Indemnification Agreement <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-12471) filed on September 23, 1996</i>
10.2*	Monster Worldwide, Inc. Amended and Restated 2008 Equity Incentive Plan <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on April 24, 2014</i>
10.3*	1999 Long Term Incentive Plan, as amended as of January 1, 2008 <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on May 8, 2008</i>
10.4*	Monster Worldwide, Inc. Second Amended and Restated Executive Incentive Plan <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit B to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on April 24, 2014</i>
10.5*	Form of Monster Worldwide, Inc. Restricted Stock Unit Award Grant Notice for Executive Officers and Senior Employees (Time-Based Vesting, 2014 Version) <i>Filed herewith</i>
10.6*	Form of Monster Worldwide, Inc. Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Award Grant Notice for Executive Officers and Senior Employees (Stock Price Targets) <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 filed on February 10, 2014</i>
10.7*	Form of Monster Worldwide, Inc. Restricted Stock Unit Award Grant Notice for Executive Officers and Senior Employees (Time-Based Vesting) <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on April 27, 2012</i>
10.8*	Form of Monster Worldwide, Inc. Restricted Stock Award Grant Notice for Executive Officers and Senior Employees (Time-Based Vesting) <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on April 27, 2012</i>

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- 10.9* Form of Monster Worldwide, Inc. Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for Annual Grants of Restricted Stock Units *Filed herewith*
- 10.10* Form of Monster Worldwide, Inc. Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Agreement for Initial Grants of Restricted Stock (Prior to 2014) *Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on April 29, 2011*

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Number	Description
10.11*	Form of Monster Worldwide, Inc. Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Agreement for Annual Grants of Restricted Stock (Prior to 2014) <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on April 29, 2011</i>
10.12*	Employment Agreement, effective as of November 4, 2014, by and between Monster Worldwide, Inc. and Timothy T. Yates <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on January 13, 2015</i>
10.13*	Employment Agreement, effective as of May 15, 2008, by and between Monster Worldwide, Inc. and James M. Langrock, as amended effective as of January 1, 2009 and February 28, 2012 <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 filed on February 13, 2013</i>
10.14*	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective as of February 28, 2012, by and between Monster Worldwide, Inc. and Mark Stoeber <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 filed on February 13, 2013</i>
10.15*	Employment Agreement, effective as of September 7, 2007, by and between Monster Worldwide, Inc. and Lise Poulos, as amended effective as of January 1, 2009 and February 28, 2012 <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 filed on February 13, 2013</i>
10.16*	Employment Agreement, effective as of May 28, 2012, by and between Monster Worldwide, Inc. and Michael B. McGuinness <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 filed on February 10, 2014</i>
10.17*	Employment Agreement, effective as of April 11, 2007, by and between Monster Worldwide, Inc. and Salvatore Iannuzzi <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 16, 2007</i>
10.18*	Letter Agreement, dated November 3, 2014, between Monster Worldwide, Inc. and Salvatore Iannuzzi <i>Filed herewith</i>
10.19	Purchase Agreement, dated October 16, 2014, by and among Monster Worldwide, Inc. and the initial purchasers named therein <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 17, 2014</i>
10.20	Base Capped Call Transaction, dated October 16, 2014, by and between Monster Worldwide, Inc. and Bank of America, N.A. <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 17, 2014</i>
10.21	Additional Capped Call Transaction, dated October 21, 2014, by and between Monster Worldwide, Inc. and Bank of America, N.A. <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 22, 2014</i>
10.22	Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated October 31, 2014, by and among Monster Worldwide, Inc., certain of Monster Worldwide, Inc.'s subsidiaries that may be designated as borrowers, Bank of America, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent, swing line lender and l/c issuer and the other lenders identified <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's</i>

Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 4, 2014

- 10.23 First Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated February 6, 2015, made by Monster Worldwide, Inc. and the lenders party thereto *Filed herewith*

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Number	Description
10.24	Third Amended and Restated Subsidiary Guaranty, dated October 31, 2014, by the domestic subsidiaries of Monster Worldwide, Inc., party thereto in favor of Bank of America, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 4, 2014</i>
10.25	Second Amended and Restated U.S. Pledge Agreement, dated October 31, 2014, by Monster Worldwide, Inc., and the domestic subsidiaries of Monster Worldwide, Inc., party thereto in favor of Bank of America, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 4, 2014</i>
10.26	Security Agreement, dated October 31, 2014, by Monster Worldwide, Inc., and the domestic subsidiaries of Monster Worldwide, Inc., party thereto in favor of Bank of America, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent <i>Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 4, 2014</i>
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Company <i>Filed herewith</i>
23.1	Consent of BDO USA, LLP <i>Filed herewith</i>
31.1	Certification by Timothy T. Yates pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 <i>Filed herewith</i>
31.2	Certification by James M. Langrock pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 <i>Filed herewith</i>
32.1	Certification by Timothy T. Yates pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 <i>Furnished herewith</i>
32.2	Certification by James M. Langrock pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 <i>Furnished herewith</i>
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document <i>Filed herewith</i>
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document <i>Filed herewith</i>
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document <i>Filed herewith</i>
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document <i>Filed herewith</i>
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document <i>Filed herewith</i>
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document <i>Filed herewith</i>

* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement