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

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**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008

OR

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

Commission file number: 000-50976

**Huron Consulting Group Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**01-0666114**

(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**550 West Van Buren Street**

**Chicago, Illinois**

**60607**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**(312) 583-8700**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  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

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

As of October 23, 2008, approximately 20,837,460 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, were outstanding.

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**PART I ¾ FINANCIAL INFORMATION**  
**ITEM 1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

|  | September 30,<br>2008 | December 31,<br>2007 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>  |                       |                      |
| Current assets:  |                       |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 14,545             | \$ 2,993             |
| Receivables from clients, net  | 102,267               | 86,867               |
| Unbilled services, net   | 61,053                | 28,245               |
| Income tax receivable  | 6,469                 | 13,492               |
| Deferred income taxes  | 15,381                | 13,680               |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets  | 12,943                | 10,435               |
| Total current assets   | 212,658               | 155,712              |
| Property and equipment, net  | 46,530                | 38,147               |
| Deferred income taxes  | 2,811                 | 3,628                |
| Other non-current assets   | 16,259                | 8,737                |
| Intangible assets, net   | 38,195                | 13,936               |
| Goodwill   | 451,271               | 223,053              |
| Total assets   | \$ 767,724            | \$ 443,213           |
| <b>Liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>  |                       |                      |
| Current liabilities:   |                       |                      |
| Accounts payable   | \$ 8,586              | \$ 5,823             |
| Accrued expenses   | 22,131                | 15,208               |
| Accrued payroll and related benefits   | 49,931                | 58,279               |
| Accrued consideration for business acquisitions  | 21,152                | 34,962               |
| Income tax payable   | 3,500                 | 1,342                |
| Deferred revenues  | 21,175                | 5,278                |
| Note payable and current portion of capital lease obligations  | 454                   | 1,309                |
| Total current liabilities  | 126,929               | 122,201              |
| Non-current liabilities:   |                       |                      |
| Deferred compensation and other liabilities  | 5,273                 | 3,795                |
| Capital lease obligations, net of current portion  | 252                   | 234                  |
| Bank borrowings  | 335,000               | 123,500              |
| Deferred lease incentives  | 8,908                 | 9,699                |
| Total non-current liabilities  | 349,433               | 137,228              |
| Commitments and contingencies  | -                     | -                    |
| <b>Stockholders' equity</b>  |                       |                      |
| Common stock; \$0.01 par value; 500,000,000 shares authorized; 21,163,784 and 19,279,176 shares issued at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively | 199                   | 182                  |
| Treasury stock, at cost, 376,479 and 589,755 shares at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively  | (20,045)              | (20,703)             |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 194,689               | 116,148              |
| Retained earnings  | 116,953               | 88,101               |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)  | (434)                 | 56                   |
| Total stockholders' equity   | 291,362               | 183,784              |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity   | \$ 767,724            | \$ 443,213           |

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

**HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

|   | Three months ended<br>September 30, |            | Nine months ended<br>September 30, |            |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|   | 2008                                | 2007       | 2008                               | 2007       |
| <b>Revenues and reimbursable expenses:</b>  |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Revenues  | \$ 168,659                          | \$ 134,051 | \$ 451,461                         | \$ 368,326 |
| Reimbursable expenses   | 16,696                              | 11,286     | 40,874                             | 32,231     |
| Total revenues and reimbursable expenses  | 185,355                             | 145,337    | 492,335                            | 400,557    |
| <b>Direct costs and reimbursable expenses</b> (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown in operating expenses): |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Direct costs  | 100,263                             | 80,237     | 269,698                            | 213,648    |
| Intangible assets amortization  | 3,036                               | 2,208      | 3,084                              | 6,752      |
| Reimbursable expenses   | 16,734                              | 11,108     | 40,922                             | 32,039     |
| Total direct costs and reimbursable expenses  | 120,033                             | 93,553     | 313,704                            | 252,439    |
| <b>Operating expenses:</b>  |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Selling, general and administrative   | 34,435                              | 25,675     | 96,377                             | 75,108     |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 6,260                               | 4,283      | 16,768                             | 12,502     |
| Restructuring charges   | 2,343                               | -          | 2,343                              | -          |
| Total operating expenses  | 43,038                              | 29,958     | 115,488                            | 87,610     |
| Operating income  | 22,284                              | 21,826     | 63,143                             | 60,508     |
| <b>Other income (expense):</b>  |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Interest income (expense), net  | (4,938)                             | (2,621)    | (9,065)                            | (5,871)    |
| Other income (expense)  | (518)                               | 11         | (847)                              | 136        |
| Total other expense   | (5,456)                             | (2,610)    | (9,912)                            | (5,735)    |
| Income before provision for income taxes  | 16,828                              | 19,216     | 53,231                             | 54,773     |
| Provision for income taxes  | 7,998                               | 8,729      | 24,379                             | 24,374     |
| Net income  | \$ 8,830                            | \$ 10,487  | \$ 28,852                          | \$ 30,399  |
| <b>Earnings per share:</b>  |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Basic   | \$ 0.46                             | \$ 0.61    | \$ 1.61                            | \$ 1.80    |
| Diluted   | \$ 0.44                             | \$ 0.58    | \$ 1.54                            | \$ 1.69    |
| <b>Weighted average shares used in calculating earnings per share:</b>  |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Basic   | 18,901                              | 17,033     | 17,947                             | 16,868     |
| Diluted   | 19,845                              | 18,137     | 18,750                             | 17,967     |

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**HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
(In thousands, except share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

|  | <u>Common Stock</u> |               | <u>Treasury<br/>Stock</u> | <u>Additional<br/>Paid-In<br/>Capital</u> | <u>Retained<br/>Earnings</u> | <u>Accumulated<br/>Other<br/>Compre-<br/>hensive<br/>Income (Loss)</u> | <u>Stockholders'<br/>Equity</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|  | <u>Shares</u>       | <u>Amount</u> |                           |   |                              |  |                                 |
| <b>Balance at December 31, 2007</b>                | 18,244,073          | \$ 182        | \$ (20,703)               | \$ 116,148                                | \$ 88,101                    | \$ 56  | \$ 183,784                      |
| Comprehensive income:                              |                     |               |                           |   |                              |  |                                 |
| Net income   | -                   | -             | -                         | -   | 28,852                       | -  | 28,852                          |
| Foreign currency translation<br>adjustment         | -                   | -             | -                         | -   | -                            | (490)  | (490)                           |
| Total comprehensive income                         |                     |               |                           |   |                              |  | 28,362                          |
| Issuance of common stock in<br>connection with:    |                     |               |                           |   |                              |  |                                 |
| Restricted stock awards,<br>net of cancellations   | 342,196             | 3             | 6,431                     | (6,434)                                   | -                            | -  | -                               |
| Exercise of stock options                          | 199,047             | 2             | -                         | 229                                       | -                            | -  | 231                             |
| Business combinations                              | 1,210,814           | 12            | -                         | 54,988                                    | -                            | -  | 55,000                          |
| Share-based compensation                           | -                   | -             | -                         | 20,421                                    | -                            | -  | 20,421                          |
| Shares redeemed for employee<br>tax withholdings   | -                   | -             | (5,773)                   | -   | -                            | -  | (5,773)                         |
| Income tax benefit on share-<br>based compensation | -                   | -             | -                         | 9,337                                     | -                            | -  | 9,337                           |
| <b>Balance at September 30, 2008</b>               | <u>19,996,130</u>   | <u>\$ 199</u> | <u>\$ (20,045)</u>        | <u>\$ 194,689</u>                         | <u>\$ 116,953</u>            | <u>\$ (434)</u>  | <u>\$ 291,362</u>               |

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**HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

|  | Nine months ended<br>September 30, |                  |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|
|  | 2008                               | 2007             |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>   |                                    |                  |
| Net income   | \$ 28,852                          | \$ 30,399        |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:          |                                    |                  |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 19,852                             | 19,254           |
| Deferred income taxes  | 375                                | (10,165)         |
| Share-based compensation   | 20,421                             | 14,238           |
| Allowances for doubtful accounts and unbilled services                                     | 3,859                              | 5,511            |
| Other  | -                                  | 8                |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of businesses acquired:                   |                                    |                  |
| Increase in receivables from clients   | (6,354)                            | (28,290)         |
| Increase in unbilled services  | (29,867)                           | (20,674)         |
| Decrease (increase) in income tax receivable / payable, net                                | 9,181                              | (319)            |
| Increase in other assets   | (7,494)                            | (4,996)          |
| Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities                                       | 8,805                              | 2,929            |
| Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll and related benefits                                | (11,874)                           | 8,471            |
| Increase (decrease) in deferred revenues   | 8,653                              | (3,814)          |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | <u>44,409</u>                      | <u>12,552</u>    |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>   |                                    |                  |
| Purchases of property and equipment, net   | (17,478)                           | (11,850)         |
| Net investment in life insurance policies  | (1,326)                            | (1,985)          |
| Purchases of businesses, net of cash acquired  | (227,537)                          | (160,515)        |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | <u>(246,341)</u>                   | <u>(174,350)</u> |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>   |                                    |                  |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options  | 231                                | 431              |
| Shares redeemed for employee tax withholdings  | (5,773)                            | (5,621)          |
| Tax benefit from share-based compensation  | 9,337                              | 8,772            |
| Proceeds from borrowings under line of credit  | 575,500                            | 292,000          |
| Repayments on line of credit   | (364,000)                          | (145,500)        |
| Principal payment of note payable and capital lease obligations                            | (1,321)                            | (1,139)          |
| Net cash provided by financing activities  | <u>213,974</u>                     | <u>148,943</u>   |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash  | (490)                              | 25               |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents                                       | 11,552                             | (12,830)         |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period                                       | 2,993                              | 16,572           |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period   | <u>\$ 14,545</u>                   | <u>\$ 3,742</u>  |
| <b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>                                   |                                    |                  |
| Non-cash investing activity:   |                                    |                  |
| Issuance of common stock in connection with business combinations                          | \$ 55,000                          | \$ -             |
| Issuance of common stock in connection with business combination classified as a liability | \$ 15,000                          | \$ -             |

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**HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Tabular amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)**

**1. Description of Business**

Huron Consulting Group Inc. was formed in March 2002 and commenced operations in May 2002. Huron Consulting Group Inc., together with its 100% owned operating subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company"), is an independent provider of financial and operational consulting services, whose clients include Fortune 500 companies, medium-sized businesses, leading academic institutions, healthcare organizations, and the law firms that represent these various organizations.

**2. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In the opinion of management, these financial statements reflect all adjustments of a normal, recurring nature necessary for the fair presentation of the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2007 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2008 and June 30, 2008. Certain amounts reported in the previous year have been reclassified to conform to the 2008 presentation. The Company's results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year or any other interim period.

**3. New Accounting Pronouncements**

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements." SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 does not require any new fair value measurements in financial statements, but standardizes its definition and guidance in GAAP. Thus, for some entities, the application of this statement may change prior practice. The Company adopted SFAS No. 157 effective beginning on January 1, 2008 for financial assets and financial liabilities, which did not have any impact on the Company's financial statements. In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS 157-2, "Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157," which delayed by one year the effective date of SFAS No. 157 for all nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). The Company will adopt SFAS No. 157 for its nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, such as goodwill and intangible assets, effective January 1, 2009, which is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's future financial position, results of operations, earnings per share, or cash flows.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities – Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115." SFAS No. 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by providing entities with the opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. The Company adopted SFAS No. 159 effective beginning on January 1, 2008. The adoption of this statement did not have any impact on the Company's financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), "Business Combinations," ("SFAS No. 141R"). SFAS No. 141R was issued to improve the relevance, representational faithfulness, and comparability of information in financial statements about a business combination and its effects. SFAS No. 141R will be effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2009 and will apply prospectively to business combinations that the Company completes on or after that date. This statement retains the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations, but requires a number of changes. The changes that may have the most significant impact to the Company include: contingent consideration, such as earn-outs, will be recognized at its fair value on the acquisition date and, for certain arrangements, changes in fair value will be recognized in earnings until settled; acquisition-related transaction and restructuring costs will be expensed as incurred; previously-issued financial information will be revised for subsequent adjustments made to finalize the purchase price accounting; reversals of valuation allowances related to acquired deferred tax assets and changes to acquired income tax uncertainties will be

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)**  
**(Tabular amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)**

recognized in earnings, except in certain situations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements – an amendment of ARB No. 51." SFAS No. 160 was issued to improve the relevance, comparability, and transparency of financial information provided in financial statements by establishing accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 will be effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2009 and will apply prospectively, except for the presentation and disclosure requirements, which will apply retrospectively. The Company does not expect the adoption of this statement to have a material impact on its future financial position, results of operations, earnings per share, and cash flows.

#### **4. Business Combinations**

##### **Acquisition of Stockamp & Associates, Inc.**

On July 8, 2008, the Company acquired Stockamp & Associates, Inc. ("Stockamp"), a management consulting firm specializing in helping high-performing hospitals and health systems optimize their financial and operational performance. With the acquisition of Stockamp, the Company will expand its presence in the hospital consulting market and will be better positioned to serve multiple segments of the healthcare industry, including major health systems, academic medical centers and community hospitals. This acquisition was consummated on July 8, 2008 and the results of operations of Stockamp have been included within the Health and Education Consulting segment since that date.

The aggregate purchase price of this acquisition was approximately \$226.1 million, consisting of \$168.5 million in cash paid at closing, \$1.4 million of transaction costs, a \$6.2 million preliminary working capital adjustment, and \$50.0 million paid through the issuance of 1,100,740 shares of the Company's common stock. Of the 1,100,740 shares of common stock issued, 330,222 shares with an aggregate value of \$15.0 million were deposited into escrow for a period of one year, beginning on July 8, 2008, to secure certain indemnification obligations of Stockamp and its shareholders. The cash portion of the purchase price was financed with borrowings under the Company's credit agreement.

The purchase agreement also provides for the following future potential payments:

1. With respect to the shares of common stock not placed in escrow, on the date that is six months and one day after the closing date (the "Contingent Payment Date"), the Company will pay Stockamp (in cash, shares of common stock, or any combination of cash and common stock, at the election of the Company) the amount, if any, equal to \$35 million less the value of the common stock issued on the closing date, based on 95% of the average daily closing price per share of common stock for the ten consecutive trading days prior to the Contingent Payment Date. No payment will be made if the common stock so valued equals or exceeds \$35.0 million on the Contingent Payment Date. Any additional payment resulting from this price protection will not change the purchase consideration. Based on the average daily closing price of the Company's common stock for the ten consecutive trading days prior to and including September 30, 2008, the Company would not be obligated to make any price protection payments to Stockamp.
2. With respect to the shares of common stock placed in escrow, when the shares are released to Stockamp (the "Contingent Escrow Payment Date"), the Company will pay Stockamp (in cash, shares of common stock, or any combination of cash and common stock at the election of the Company) the amount, if any, equal to \$15.0 million (or such pro rata portion thereof, to the extent fewer than all shares are being released) less the value of the common stock released from escrow based on 95% of the average daily closing price per share of common stock for the ten consecutive trading days prior to the Contingent Escrow Payment Date. No payment will be made if the common stock so valued equals or exceeds \$15 million on the Contingent Escrow Payment Date (or the applicable pro rata portion thereof). Any additional payment resulting from this price protection will not change the purchase consideration. Based on the average daily closing price of the Company's common stock for the ten consecutive trading days prior to and including September 30, 2008, the Company would not be obligated to make any price protection payments to Stockamp. Because the shares placed in escrow have been issued conditionally since they may be returned to the Company in satisfaction of indemnification arrangements, the \$15.0 million is classified as a liability and included in accrued consideration for business acquisitions on the Company's consolidated balance sheet.

**HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)**  
**(Tabular amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)**

3. For the period beginning on the closing date and ending on December 31, 2011, additional purchase consideration may be payable if specific performance targets are met. Such amounts will be recorded as additional purchase consideration and an adjustment to goodwill.

Based on a preliminary valuation that is subject to refinement, the identifiable intangible assets that were acquired totaled approximately \$32.9 million and have an estimated weighted average useful life of 6 years, which consists of customer contracts totaling \$5.8 million (7 months useful life), customer relationships totaling \$11.0 million (12.5 years useful life), software totaling \$8.5 million (4 years useful life), non-competition agreements totaling \$4.0 million (6 years useful life), and a tradename valued at \$3.6 million (2.5 years useful life). Additionally, the Company recorded approximately \$184.9 million of goodwill, which the Company intends to deduct for income tax purposes.

**Acquisition of Callaway Partners, LLC**

In July 2007, the Company acquired Callaway Partners, LLC (“Callaway”), a professional services firm that specializes in finance and accounting projects, financial reporting, internal audit and controls, and corporate tax solutions. With Callaway’s extensive senior consultant and project management skills, along with its variable, on-demand workforce, the Company is better positioned to assist clients with their accounting and corporate compliance challenges. This acquisition was consummated on July 29, 2007 and the results of operations of Callaway have been included within the Company’s Financial Consulting segment since that date.

The aggregate purchase price of this acquisition was approximately \$88.4 million, consisting of \$58.5 million in cash paid at closing, \$1.5 million in cash paid upon the collection of receivables acquired, \$0.6 million of transaction costs, a \$4.8 million working capital adjustment, and \$23.0 million paid in the form of a note payable relating to the settlement of the earn-out provision in the Callaway Asset Purchase Agreement, as described below. The \$58.5 million paid at closing was financed with borrowings under the Company’s bank credit agreement.

On April 4, 2008, the Company entered into an amendment to the Callaway Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of July 28, 2007, whereby the Company settled the earn-out provision under Section 3.3 of the agreement in consideration for \$23.0 million, payable in the form of a promissory note (the “Note”), and the waiver of certain indemnity obligations. The Note, along with accrued interest of \$0.5 million, was paid in full on August 15, 2008.

The identifiable intangible assets that were acquired totaled \$5.7 million and have an estimated weighted average useful life of 27 months, which consists of customer contracts totaling \$1.9 million (5 months useful life), customer relationships totaling \$2.4 million (19 months useful life), and non-competition agreements totaling \$1.4 million (72 months useful life). Additionally, the Company recorded approximately \$72.0 million of goodwill, which the Company is deducting for income tax purposes.

**Acquisition of Wellspring Partners LTD**

In January 2007, the Company acquired Wellspring Partners LTD (“Wellspring”), a management consulting firm specializing in integrated performance improvement services for hospitals and health systems. With the acquisition of Wellspring, the Company expanded its national presence in the healthcare provider sector and now provides a full complement of services to a wide spectrum of hospitals and multi-hospital systems. This acquisition was consummated on January 2, 2007 and the results of operations of Wellspring have been included within the Company’s Health and Education Consulting segment since that date.

The aggregate purchase price of this acquisition was approximately \$110.2 million, consisting of \$64.7 million in cash paid at closing, \$0.4 million of transaction costs, a \$0.7 million working capital adjustment, \$0.3 million in cash paid upon the collection of receivables acquired, \$24.1 million of additional purchase price earned by selling shareholders subsequent to the acquisition, as certain performance targets were met, and \$20.0 million to settle certain earn-out provisions as described below. The Company financed this acquisition with a combination of cash on hand and borrowings of \$55.0 million under the Company’s bank credit agreement. Additional purchase consideration may be payable if specific performance targets are met over a five-year period. Such amounts will be recorded as additional purchase price and an adjustment to goodwill.

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Concurrent with the Stockamp acquisition described above, on July 8, 2008 the Company entered into an amendment to the Wellspring Stock Purchase Agreement (“Wellspring Amendment”). Effective January 1, 2009, in connection with the Stockamp acquisition, the Company will combine Wellspring’s revenue cycle business with Stockamp’s revenue cycle business. As such, Wellspring will no longer be eligible for earn-out payments pertaining to that portion of the Wellspring business. In consideration for this, the Company paid the sellers \$20.0 million through the issuance of 440,296 shares of its common stock. In addition, on the date that is six months and one day after the date of the Wellspring Amendment (the “Wellspring Contingent Payment Date”), the Company will pay the sellers (in cash, shares of common stock, or any combination of cash and common stock, at the election of the Company) the amount, if any, equal to \$20.0 million less the value of the common stock issued on the date of the Wellspring Amendment, based on 95% of the average daily closing price per share of common stock for the ten consecutive trading days prior to the Wellspring Contingent Payment Date. No payment will be made if the common stock so valued equals or exceeds \$20.0 million on the Wellspring Contingent Payment Date. Any additional payment resulting from this price protection will not change the purchase consideration. Based on the average daily closing price of the Company’s common stock for the ten consecutive trading days prior to and including September 30, 2008, the Company would not be obligated to make any price protection payments to the sellers of Wellspring. The earn-out provision, as amended, pertaining to the non-revenue cycle portion of Wellspring’s business will remain in effect through December 31, 2011.

The identifiable intangible assets that were acquired totaled \$13.1 million and have an estimated weighted average useful life of 26 months, which consists of customer contracts totaling \$4.7 million (9 months useful life), customer relationships totaling \$3.9 million (20 months useful life), non-competition agreements totaling \$2.4 million (72 months useful life), and a tradename valued at \$2.1 million (24 months useful life). Additionally, the Company recorded approximately \$100.6 million of goodwill, which the Company is not deducting for income tax purposes.

**Acquisition of Glass & Associates, Inc.**

Also in January 2007, the Company acquired Glass & Associates, Inc. (“Glass”), a turnaround and restructuring consulting firm that provides advice and leadership to troubled businesses in the United States and Europe. With the acquisition of Glass, the Company expanded its position in the consulting and restructuring marketplace, as well as expanded its interim management capabilities to distressed companies in industries beyond healthcare. The stock purchase agreement for this acquisition was executed on January 2, 2007 and the transaction was consummated on January 9, 2007 upon the satisfaction of certain closing conditions. The results of operations of Glass have been included within the Company’s Corporate Consulting segment since January 2, 2007.

The aggregate purchase price of this acquisition was approximately \$35.0 million, consisting of \$30.0 million in cash paid at closing, \$0.8 million of transaction costs, a \$1.0 million working capital adjustment, \$1.6 million in cash paid to sellers for a tax election reimbursement, and \$1.6 million of additional purchase price earned by selling shareholders subsequent to the acquisition. The Company financed this acquisition with a combination of cash on hand and borrowings of \$20.0 million under the Company’s bank credit agreement. Additional purchase consideration may be payable if specific performance targets are met over a four-year period. Such amounts will be recorded as additional purchase price and an adjustment to goodwill. Also, additional payments may be made based on the amount of revenues the Company receives from referrals made by certain employees of Glass over a four-year period. Such amounts will be recorded as an expense.

The identifiable intangible assets that were acquired totaled \$4.3 million and have an estimated weighted average useful life of 37 months, which consists of customer contracts totaling \$1.0 million (6 months useful life), customer relationships totaling \$1.1 million (19 months useful life), and non-competition agreements totaling \$2.2 million (60 months useful life). Additionally, the Company recorded approximately \$29.5 million of goodwill, which the Company is deducting for income tax purposes.

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**Purchase Price Allocations**

The following table summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed for the Company's significant business acquisitions.

|                             | <b>(Preliminary)</b><br><b>Stockamp</b><br><b>July 8,</b><br><b>2008</b> | <b>Callaway</b><br><b>July 29,</b><br><b>2007</b> | <b>Wellspring</b><br><b>January 2,</b><br><b>2007</b> | <b>Glass</b><br><b>January 2,</b><br><b>2007</b> |
|-----------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Assets Acquired:</b>     |  |   |   |  |
| Current assets              | \$ 17,769  | \$ 12,418   | \$ 9,868  | \$ 2,705   |
| Property and equipment      | 2,158  | 698   | 1,073   | 215  |
| Non-current assets          | 546  | 23  | -   | 23   |
| Intangible assets           | 32,900   | 5,700   | 13,100  | 4,300  |
| Goodwill                    | 184,865  | 72,007  | 100,566   | 29,517   |
|                             | <u>238,238</u>   | <u>90,846</u>                                     | <u>124,607</u>  | <u>36,760</u>                                    |
| <b>Liabilities Assumed:</b> |  |   |   |  |
| Current liabilities         | 11,892   | 2,354   | 9,128   | 1,727  |
| Non-current liabilities     | 232  | 94  | 5,278   | -  |
|                             | <u>12,124</u>  | <u>2,448</u>                                      | <u>14,406</u>   | <u>1,727</u>                                     |
| Net Assets Acquired         | <u>\$ 226,114</u>  | <u>\$ 88,398</u>                                  | <u>\$ 110,201</u>                                     | <u>\$ 35,033</u>                                 |

**Pro Forma Financial Data**

The following unaudited pro forma financial data for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 give effect to the acquisition of Stockamp as if it had been completed at the beginning of the periods presented. The actual results from the acquisition of Stockamp have been included within the Company's consolidated financial results since July 8, 2008.

|  | <b>Nine Months</b><br><b>Ended</b><br><b>September 30,</b><br><b>2008</b> | <b>Three Months</b><br><b>Ended</b><br><b>September 30,</b><br><b>2007</b> | <b>Nine Months</b><br><b>Ended</b><br><b>September 30,</b><br><b>2007</b> |
|--|---|--|---|
| Revenues, net of reimbursable expenses   | \$ 509,661  | \$ 149,584   | \$ 421,347  |
| Operating income                         | \$ 79,560   | \$ 21,421  | \$ 60,135   |
| Income before provision for income taxes | \$ 65,499   | \$ 16,735  | \$ 48,164   |
| Net income                               | \$ 36,089   | \$ 9,024   | \$ 26,500   |
| <b>Earnings per share:</b>               |   |  |   |
| Basic                                    | \$ 2.01   | \$ 0.51  | \$ 1.57   |
| Diluted                                  | \$ 1.92   | \$ 0.47  | \$ 1.47   |

The following unaudited pro forma financial data for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 give effect to the acquisition of Callaway as if it had been completed at the beginning of the periods presented. The actual results from the acquisition of Callaway have been included within the Company's consolidated financial results since July 29, 2007.

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|  | <b>Three Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30,<br/>2007</b> | <b>Nine Months<br/>Ended<br/>September 30,<br/>2007</b> |
|--|--|---|
| Revenues, net of reimbursable expenses   | \$ 139,064   | \$ 403,669  |
| Operating income                         | \$ 22,832  | \$ 63,331   |
| Income before provision for income taxes | \$ 19,644  | \$ 55,284   |
| Net income                               | \$ 10,740  | \$ 30,701   |
| Earnings per share:                      |  |   |
| Basic                                    | \$ 0.63  | \$ 1.82   |
| Diluted                                  | \$ 0.59  | \$ 1.71   |

The actual results from the acquisitions of Wellspring and Glass have been included within the Company's consolidated financial results since January 2, 2007; therefore, pro forma financial information is not applicable.

The above unaudited pro forma financial data are not necessarily indicative of the results that would have been achieved if the acquisitions had occurred on the dates indicated, nor are they necessarily indicative of future results.

### 5. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The table below sets forth the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

|  | <b>Health and<br/>Education<br/>Consulting</b> | <b>Financial<br/>Consulting</b> | <b>Legal<br/>Consulting</b> | <b>Corporate<br/>Consulting</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
|--|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2007  | \$ 93,561                                      | \$ 50,314                       | \$ 15,312                   | \$ 63,866                       | \$ 223,053        |
| Goodwill recorded in connection with business combination                                | 184,865  | -                               | -                           | -                               | 184,865           |
| Additional purchase price subsequently recorded for business combinations <sup>(1)</sup> | 20,086   | 23,027                          | 44                          | 196                             | 43,353            |
| Balance as of September 30, 2008   | <u>\$ 298,512</u>                              | <u>\$ 73,341</u>                | <u>\$ 15,356</u>            | <u>\$ 64,062</u>                | <u>\$ 451,271</u> |

(1) Primarily consists of additional purchase price paid to the selling shareholders of Callaway and Wellspring in consideration for the settlement of certain earn-out provisions.

Identifiable intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives. Intangible assets amortization expense was \$5.2 million and \$8.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively. Intangible assets amortization expense was \$3.8 million and \$11.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively. Estimated intangible assets amortization expense is \$15.0 million for 2008, \$10.1 million for 2009, \$7.6 million for 2010, \$5.2 million for 2011, \$3.4 million for 2012, and \$1.6 million for 2013. Actual amortization expense could differ from these estimated amounts as a result of the finalization of the Stockamp valuation, future acquisitions and other factors.

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Intangible assets are as follows:

|                            | <u>September 30, 2008</u> |                     | <u>December 31, 2007</u> |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
|                            | <u>Gross</u>              | <u>Accumulated</u>  | <u>Gross</u>             | <u>Accumulated</u>  |
|                            | <u>Carrying Amount</u>    | <u>Amortization</u> | <u>Carrying Amount</u>   | <u>Amortization</u> |
| Customer contracts         | \$ 5,800                  | \$ 2,000            | \$ -                     | \$ -                |
| Customer relationships     | 20,826                    | 7,297               | 9,826                    | 3,814               |
| Non-competition agreements | 12,273                    | 3,036               | 8,273                    | 1,690               |
| Tradenames                 | 5,700                     | 2,198               | 2,100                    | 1,050               |
| Technology and software    | 9,085                     | 958                 | 585                      | 294                 |
| Total                      | <u>\$ 53,684</u>          | <u>\$ 15,489</u>    | <u>\$ 20,784</u>         | <u>\$ 6,848</u>     |

**6. Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share excludes dilution and is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period, excluding unvested restricted common stock. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential reduction in earnings per share that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock under the treasury stock method. Earnings per share under the basic and diluted computations are as follows:

|  | <u>Three Months Ended</u> |                | <u>Nine Months Ended</u> |                |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
|  | <u>September 30,</u>      |                | <u>September 30,</u>     |                |
|  | <u>2008</u>               | <u>2007</u>    | <u>2008</u>              | <u>2007</u>    |
| Net income   | \$ 8,830                  | \$ 10,487      | \$ 28,852                | \$ 30,399      |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding – basic   | 18,901                    | 17,033         | 17,947                   | 16,868         |
| Weighted average common stock equivalents            | 944                       | 1,104          | 803                      | 1,099          |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding – diluted | <u>19,845</u>             | <u>18,137</u>  | <u>18,750</u>            | <u>17,967</u>  |
| Basic earnings per share                             | <u>\$ 0.46</u>            | <u>\$ 0.61</u> | <u>\$ 1.61</u>           | <u>\$ 1.80</u> |
| Diluted earnings per share                           | <u>\$ 0.44</u>            | <u>\$ 0.58</u> | <u>\$ 1.54</u>           | <u>\$ 1.69</u> |

There were approximately 74,100 anti-dilutive securities for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and none for the three months ended September 30, 2007. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, there were approximately 462,500 and 1,600 anti-dilutive securities, respectively.

**7. Borrowings**

At September 30, 2008, the Company had a credit agreement with various financial institutions under which it may borrow up to \$460.0 million, with an accordion feature allowing for an additional amount of up to \$60.0 million to be borrowed upon approval from the lenders. The credit agreement consists of a \$240.0 million revolving credit facility (“Revolver”) and a \$220.0 million term loan facility (“Term Loan”), which was drawn in a single advance of \$220.0 million on July 8, 2008. Borrowings under the credit agreement are limited by any outstanding letters of credit, which totaled \$5.9 million at September 30, 2008. The Revolver and Term Loan are secured by a pledge of 100% of the voting stock or other equity interests in the Company’s domestic subsidiaries and 65% of the voting stock or other equity interests in the Company’s foreign subsidiaries. Fees and interest on borrowings vary based on the Company’s total debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”) ratio as set forth in the credit agreement. Interest is based on a spread, ranging from 1.50% to 2.50%, over the London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) or a spread, ranging from 0.50% to 1.50%, over the base rate (which is the greater of the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.50% or the Prime Rate), as selected by the Company. The Term Loan is subject to amortization of principal in fifteen consecutive quarterly installments beginning on September 30, 2008, with the first fourteen installments being \$5.5 million each. The fifteenth and final installment will be the amount of the remaining outstanding principal balance of the Term Loan and will be payable on February 23, 2012, but can be

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repaid earlier. All outstanding borrowings under the Revolver will be due upon expiration of the credit agreement on February 23, 2012. The credit agreement includes quarterly financial covenants that require the Company to maintain certain fixed coverage and total debt to EBITDA ratios. In addition, certain acquisitions and similar transactions will need to be approved by the lenders. Borrowings outstanding under this credit facility at September 30, 2008 totaled \$335.0 million and carried a weighted-average interest rate of 5.0%, all of which the Company has classified as long-term as the principal under the Revolver is not due until 2012 and the Company intends to fund scheduled quarterly payments under the Term Loan with availability under the Revolver. Borrowings outstanding at December 31, 2007 were \$123.5 million and carried a weighted-average interest rate of 6.1%. At both September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company was in compliance with its financial debt covenants.

#### **8. Restructuring Charges**

During the third quarter of 2008, the Company incurred a \$2.3 million pre-tax restructuring charge, consisting primarily of severance payments, related to workforce reductions to balance its employee base with current revenue expectations, market demand, and areas of focus. These reductions in workforce included the elimination of the operational consulting group within the Corporate Consulting segment and a reduction in the number of consultants in various other practice groups. At September 30, 2008, the restructuring reserve balance was \$1.2 million, most of which will be paid by December 31, 2008.

#### **9. Commitments and Contingencies**

##### **Litigation**

On July 3, 2007, The Official Committee (the "Committee") of Unsecured Creditors of Saint Vincents Catholic Medical Centers of New York d/b/a Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers ("St. Vincents"), et al. filed suit against Huron Consulting Group Inc., certain of its subsidiaries, including Speltz & Weis LLC, and two of the Company's former managing directors, David E. Speltz ("Speltz") and Timothy C. Weis ("Weis"), in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York. On November 26, 2007, Gray & Associates, LLC ("Gray"), in its capacity as trustee on behalf of the SVCMC Litigation Trust, was substituted as plaintiff in the place of the Committee and on February 19, 2008, Gray filed an amended complaint in the action. Beginning in 2004, St. Vincents retained Speltz & Weis LLC to provide management services to St. Vincents, and its two principals, Speltz and Weis, were made the interim chief executive officer and chief financial officer, respectively, of St. Vincents. In May of 2005, Speltz & Weis LLC was acquired by the Company. On July 5, 2005, St. Vincents filed for bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York ("Bankruptcy Court"). On December 14, 2005, the Bankruptcy Court approved the retention of Speltz & Weis LLC and the Company in various capacities, including interim management, revenue cycle management and strategic sourcing services. The amended complaint filed by Gray alleges, among other things, breach of fiduciary duties, breach of the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, malpractice, breach of contract, tortious interference with contract, aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duties, certain fraudulent transfers and fraudulent conveyances, breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, fraud, aiding and abetting fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and civil conspiracy, and seeks at least \$200 million in damages, disgorgement of fees, return of funds or other property transferred to Speltz & Weis LLC, attorneys' fees, and unspecified punitive and other damages. The Company believes that the claims are without merit and intends to vigorously defend itself in this matter. The suit is in the pre-trial stage and no trial date has been set.

From time to time, the Company is involved in legal proceedings and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business, including employment matters. As of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the Company is not a party to or threatened with any other litigation or legal proceeding that, in the opinion of management, could have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

##### **Guarantees**

Guarantees in the form of letters of credit totaling \$5.9 million and \$6.1 million were outstanding at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively, to support certain office lease obligations.

In connection with certain business acquisitions, the Company is required to pay additional purchase consideration to the sellers if specific performance targets and conditions are met over a number of years as specified in the related

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purchase agreements. These amounts are calculated and payable at the end of each year based on full year financial results. There is no limitation to the maximum amount of additional purchase consideration and the aggregate amount that potentially may be paid could be significant. Based on current and projected financial performance, the Company anticipates aggregate additional purchase consideration that will be earned by certain sellers to be approximately \$40.0 million for the year ending December 31, 2008. Additional purchase consideration earned by certain sellers totaled \$32.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2007.

To the extent permitted by law, the Company's by-laws and articles of incorporation require that the Company indemnify its officers and directors against judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement, including attorney's fees, incurred in connection with civil or criminal action or proceedings, as it relates to their services to the Company if such person acted in good faith. Although there is no limit on the amount of indemnification, the Company may have recourse against its insurance carrier for certain payments made.

#### **10. Segment Information**

Segments are defined by SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information," as components of a company in which separate financial information is available and is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker, or decision making group, in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance.

The Company's chief operating decision maker manages the business under four operating segments: Health and Education Consulting, Financial Consulting, Legal Consulting, and Corporate Consulting.

- **Health and Education Consulting.** This segment provides consulting services to hospitals, health systems, physicians, managed care organizations, academic medical centers, colleges, universities, and pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers. This segment's professionals develop and implement solutions to help clients address financial management, strategy, operational and organizational effectiveness, research administration, and regulatory compliance. This segment also provides consulting services related to hospital or healthcare organization performance improvement, turnarounds, merger or affiliation strategies, labor productivity, non-labor cost management, information technology, revenue cycle improvement, patient flow and surgical flow improvement, physician practice management, interim management, clinical quality and medical management, and governance and board development.
- **Financial Consulting.** This segment assists corporations with complex accounting and financial reporting matters, financial analysis in business disputes and litigation, as well as valuation analysis related to business acquisitions. This segment also consults with management in the areas of corporate governance, Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, internal audit, and corporate tax. Additionally, the Financial Consulting segment provides experienced, project leadership and consultants with a variety of financial and accounting credentials and prior corporate experience as needed to assist clients with finance and accounting projects. This segment is comprised of certified public accountants, economists, certified fraud examiners, chartered financial analysts and valuation experts who serve attorneys and corporations as expert witnesses and consultants in connection with business disputes, as well as in regulatory or internal investigations.
- **Legal Consulting.** This segment provides guidance and business services to corporate law departments, law firms and government agencies by helping to reduce legal spending, enhance client service delivery and increase operational effectiveness. These services include digital evidence and discovery services, document review, law firm management services, records management, and strategic and operational improvements.
- **Corporate Consulting.** This segment leads clients through various stages of transformation that result in measurable and sustainable performance improvement. This segment works with clients to solve complex business problems and implements strategies and solutions to effectively address and manage stagnant or declining stock price, acquisitions and divestitures, process inefficiency, third party contracting difficulties, lack of or misaligned performance measurements, margin and cost pressures, performance issues, bank defaults, covenant violations and liquidity issues.

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Segment operating income consists of the revenues generated by a segment, less the direct costs of revenue and selling, general and administrative costs that are incurred directly by the segment. Unallocated corporate costs include costs related to administrative functions that are performed in a centralized manner that are not attributable to a particular segment. These administrative function costs include costs for corporate office support, certain office facility costs, costs relating to accounting and finance, human resources, legal, marketing, information technology and company-wide business development functions, as well as costs related to overall corporate management.

The table below sets forth information about the Company's operating segments for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, along with the items necessary to reconcile the segment information to the totals reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

|   | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |                   | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |                   |
|---|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
|   | <b>2008</b>                                 | <b>2007</b>       | <b>2008</b>                                | <b>2007</b>       |
| <b>Health and Education Consulting:</b>                   |   |                   |  |                   |
| Revenues  | \$ 77,653                                   | \$ 49,767         | \$ 185,437                                 | \$ 131,429        |
| Operating income  | \$ 22,368                                   | \$ 18,783         | \$ 67,179                                  | \$ 45,004         |
| Segment operating income as a percent of segment revenues | 28.8%                                       | 37.7%             | 36.2%                                      | 34.2%             |
| <b>Financial Consulting:</b>                              |   |                   |  |                   |
| Revenues  | \$ 33,929                                   | \$ 39,983         | \$ 107,529                                 | \$ 109,264        |
| Operating income  | \$ 10,005                                   | \$ 11,656         | \$ 27,574                                  | \$ 43,112         |
| Segment operating income as a percent of segment revenues | 29.5%                                       | 29.2%             | 25.6%                                      | 39.5%             |
| <b>Legal Consulting:</b>                                  |   |                   |  |                   |
| Revenues  | \$ 38,137                                   | \$ 23,346         | \$ 93,858                                  | \$ 69,412         |
| Operating income  | \$ 15,724                                   | \$ 7,243          | \$ 32,387                                  | \$ 22,417         |
| Segment operating income as a percent of segment revenues | 41.2%                                       | 31.0%             | 34.5%                                      | 32.3%             |
| <b>Corporate Consulting:</b>                              |   |                   |  |                   |
| Revenues  | \$ 18,940                                   | \$ 20,955         | \$ 64,637                                  | \$ 58,221         |
| Operating income  | \$ 3,319                                    | \$ 7,036          | \$ 19,313                                  | \$ 17,152         |
| Segment operating income as a percent of segment revenues | 17.5%                                       | 33.6%             | 29.9%                                      | 29.5%             |
| <b>Total Company:</b>                                     |   |                   |  |                   |
| Revenues  | \$ 168,659                                  | \$ 134,051        | \$ 451,461                                 | \$ 368,326        |
| Reimbursable expenses                                     | 16,696                                      | 11,286            | 40,874                                     | 32,231            |
| Total revenues and reimbursable expenses                  | <u>\$ 185,355</u>                           | <u>\$ 145,337</u> | <u>\$ 492,335</u>                          | <u>\$ 400,557</u> |
| <b>Statement of operations reconciliation:</b>            |   |                   |  |                   |
| Segment operating income                                  | \$ 51,416                                   | \$ 44,718         | \$ 146,453                                 | \$ 127,685        |
| Charges not allocated at the segment level:               |   |                   |  |                   |
| Other selling, general and administrative expenses        | 22,872                                      | 18,609            | 66,542                                     | 54,675            |
| Depreciation and amortization                             | 6,260                                       | 4,283             | 16,768                                     | 12,502            |
| Other expense   | 5,456                                       | 2,610             | 9,912                                      | 5,735             |
| Income before provision for income taxes                  | <u>\$ 16,828</u>                            | <u>\$ 19,216</u>  | <u>\$ 53,231</u>                           | <u>\$ 54,773</u>  |

At September 30, 2008, one client's total receivables and unbilled services balance represented approximately 10.0% of the Company's total receivables and unbilled services balance. As of October 30, 2008, 30.9% of this client's total receivables and unbilled services balance was subsequently collected. At December 31, 2007, no single client's total receivables and unbilled services balance represented greater than 10% of the Company's total receivables and unbilled services balance.

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

In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms "Huron," "Company," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Huron Consulting Group Inc. and its subsidiaries.

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements are identified by words such as "may," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," or "continues" or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements reflect our current expectation about our future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements, including without limitation, that our business continues to grow at the current expectations with respect to, among other factors, utilization and billing rates, number of revenue-generating professionals; that we are able to expand our service offerings; that we successfully integrate the businesses we acquire; and that existing market conditions, including those in the credit markets, do not change from current expectations. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Please see "Risk Factors" in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K and in Item 1A of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a complete description of the material risks we face.

### OVERVIEW

#### Our Business

Huron is an independent provider of financial and operational consulting services, with clients that include Fortune 500 companies, medium-sized businesses, leading academic institutions, healthcare organizations, and the law firms that represent these various organizations. We help clients effectively address complex challenges that arise in litigation, disputes, investigations, regulatory compliance, procurement, financial distress, and other sources of significant conflict or change. We also help our clients deliver superior customer and capital market performance through integrated strategic, operational, and organizational change.

We provide our services and manage our business under four operating segments: Health and Education Consulting, Financial Consulting, Legal Consulting, and Corporate Consulting.

- **Health and Education Consulting.** Our Health and Education Consulting segment provides consulting services to hospitals, health systems, physicians, managed care organizations, academic medical centers, colleges, universities, and pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers. This segment's professionals develop and implement solutions to help clients address financial management, strategy, operational and organizational effectiveness, research administration, and regulatory compliance. This segment also provides consulting services related to hospital or healthcare organization performance improvement, turnarounds, merger of affiliation strategies, labor productivity, non-labor cost management, information technology, revenue cycle improvement, patient flow and surgical flow improvement, physician practice management, interim management, clinical quality and medical management, and governance and board development.
- **Financial Consulting.** Our Financial Consulting segment assists corporations with complex accounting and financial reporting matters, financial analysis in business disputes and litigation, as well as valuation analysis related to business acquisitions. This segment also consults with management in the areas of corporate governance, Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, internal audit, and corporate tax. Additionally, the Financial Consulting segment provides experienced, project leadership and consultants with a variety of financial and accounting credentials and prior corporate experience as needed to assist clients with finance and accounting projects. This segment is comprised of certified public accountants, economists, certified fraud examiners, chartered financial analysts and valuation experts that serve attorneys and corporations as expert witnesses and consultants in connection with business disputes, as well as in regulatory or internal investigations.
- **Legal Consulting.** Our Legal Consulting segment provides guidance and business services to address the challenges that confront today's legal organizations. These services add value to corporate law departments, law firms and government agencies by helping to reduce legal spending, enhance client service delivery, and increase operational effectiveness. These services include digital evidence and discovery services, document review, law firm management services, records management, and strategic and operational improvements.

- **Corporate Consulting.** Our Corporate Consulting segment leads clients through various stages of transformation that result in measurable and sustainable performance improvement. This segment works with clients to solve complex business problems and implements strategies and solutions to effectively address and manage stagnant or declining stock price, acquisitions and divestitures, process inefficiency, third party contracting difficulties, lack of or misaligned performance measurements, margin and cost pressures, performance issues, bank defaults, covenant violations, and liquidity issues.

### **Recent Acquisition**

During the third quarter of 2008, we acquired Stockamp & Associates, Inc. (“Stockamp”), a management consulting firm specializing in helping high-performing hospitals and health systems optimize their financial and operational performance. With the acquisition of Stockamp, we will expand our presence in the hospital consulting market and will be better positioned to serve multiple segments of the healthcare industry, including major health systems, academic medical centers and community hospitals. This acquisition was consummated on July 8, 2008 and the results of operations of Stockamp have been included within our Health and Education Consulting operating segment since that date.

The aggregate purchase price of this acquisition was approximately \$226.1 million, consisting of \$168.5 million in cash paid at closing, \$1.4 million of transaction costs, a \$6.2 million preliminary working capital adjustment, and \$50.0 million paid through the issuance of 1,100,740 shares of our common stock. Of the 1,100,740 shares of common stock issued, 330,222 shares with an aggregate value of \$15.0 million were deposited into escrow for a period of one year, beginning on July 8, 2008, to secure certain indemnification obligations of Stockamp and its shareholders. The purchase price is subject to change based on the finalization of the net working capital adjustment. For the period beginning on the closing date and ending on December 31, 2011, additional purchase consideration may be payable if specific performance targets are met. Such amounts will be recorded as additional purchase price and an adjustment to goodwill. Additionally, we have provided Stockamp with a protection against a decline in the value of the shares issued. See “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk” for further details relating to the protection.

Concurrent with the Stockamp acquisition, we entered into an amendment to the Wellspring Stock Purchase Agreement. Effective January 1, 2009, in connection with the Stockamp acquisition, we will combine Wellspring’s revenue cycle business with Stockamp’s revenue cycle business. As such, Wellspring will no longer be eligible for earn-out payments pertaining to that portion of the Wellspring business. In consideration for this, we paid Wellspring \$20.0 million through the issuance of 440,296 shares of our common stock. Additionally, we have provided Wellspring with a protection against a decline in the value of the shares issued. See “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk” for further details relating to the protection. The earn-out provision, as amended, pertaining to the non-revenue cycle portion of Wellspring’s business will remain in effect through December 31, 2011.

### **How We Generate Revenues**

A large portion of our revenues is generated by our full-time billable consultants who provide consulting services to our clients and are billable to our clients based on the number of hours worked. A smaller portion of our revenues is generated by our other professionals, consisting of finance and accounting consultants and specialized operational consultants who work variable schedules as needed by our clients. Other professionals also include full-time employees who provide software support and maintenance services to our clients. Our other professionals also include our document review and electronic data discovery groups who utilize contract reviewers and information technology professionals. Our document review and electronic data discovery groups generate revenues primarily based on number of hours worked and units produced, such as pages reviewed or data processed. We translate the hours that these other professionals work on client engagements into a full-time equivalent measure that we use to manage our business. We refer to our full-time billable consultants and other professionals collectively as revenue-generating professionals.

Revenues generated by our full-time billable consultants are primarily driven by the number of consultants we employ and their utilization rates, as well as the billing rates we charge our clients. Revenues generated by our full-

time equivalents are largely dependent on the number of consultants we employ, their hours worked and billing rates charged, as well as the number of pages reviewed and amount of data processed in the case of our document review and electronic data discovery groups.

Most of our revenues are generated under billing arrangements that are based on either the number of hours worked or units produced by our revenue-generating professionals at agreed upon rates. We refer to these types of arrangements as time-and-expense engagements. Time-and-expense engagements represented 61.7% and 69.3% of our revenues in the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and 67.5% and 72.4% in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

In fixed-fee engagements, we agree to a pre-established fee in exchange for a pre-determined set of consulting services. We set the fees based on our estimates of the costs and timing for completing the fixed-fee engagements. It is the client's expectation in these engagements that the pre-established fee will not be exceeded except in mutually agreed upon circumstances. For the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, fixed-fee engagements represented 33.5% and 27.0% of our revenues, respectively; while they represented 29.9% and 25.5% of our revenues in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Performance-based fee engagements generally tie fees to the attainment of contractually defined objectives. We enter into performance-based engagements in essentially two forms. First, we generally earn fees that are directly related to the savings formally acknowledged by the client as a result of adopting our recommendations for improving cost effectiveness in the procurement area. Second, we have performance-based engagements in which we earn a success fee when and if certain pre-defined outcomes occur. Often this type of success fee supplements time-and-expense or fixed-fee engagements. Performance-based fee revenues represented 3.8% and 3.7% of our revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and 2.2% and 2.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. We expect performance-based fee revenues to increase in the future due to our acquisition of Stockamp, which has a larger percentage of performance-based fee engagements. Performance-based fee engagements may cause significant variations in quarterly revenues and operating results due to the timing of achieving the performance-based criteria.

Stockamp has developed proprietary software that it utilizes in its performance of services to its clients. It licenses this software to clients and provides related training and support. After implementation of the software, clients pay an annual fee for support and maintenance. Annual support and maintenance fee revenue is recognized ratably over the support period which is generally one year. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, support and maintenance revenues represented 1.0% and 0.4% of our revenues.

We also bill our clients for reimbursable expenses such as travel and out-of-pocket costs incurred in connection with engagements. We manage our business on the basis of revenues before reimbursable expenses. We believe this is the most accurate reflection of our services because it eliminates the effect of these reimbursable expenses that we bill to our clients at cost.

#### **Business Strategy, Opportunities and Challenges**

Our primary strategy is to meet the needs of our clients by providing a balanced portfolio of service offerings and capabilities, so that we can adapt quickly and effectively to emerging opportunities in the marketplace. To achieve this, we have entered into select acquisitions of complementary businesses and continue to hire highly qualified professionals. As of September 30, 2008, we had 1,480 full-time billable consultants. Additionally, we have a roster of consultants with a variety of financial and accounting credentials and prior corporate experience who work variable schedules as needed by our clients, as well as contract reviewers who are readily available to meet our clients' needs.

Time-and-expense engagements do not provide us with a high degree of predictability as to performance in future periods. Unexpected changes in the demand for our services can result in significant variations in utilization and revenues and present a challenge to optimal hiring and staffing. Moreover, our clients typically retain us on an engagement-by-engagement basis, rather than under long-term recurring contracts. The volume of work performed for any particular client can vary widely from period to period.

To expand our business, we will remain focused on growing our existing relationships and developing new

relationships, continue to promote and provide an integrated approach to service delivery, broaden the scope of our existing services, and continue to acquire complementary businesses. Additionally, we intend to enhance our visibility in the marketplace by continuing to build our brand.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or GAAP. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make assessments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Critical accounting policies are those policies that we believe present the most complex or subjective measurements and have the most potential to impact our financial position and operating results. While all decisions regarding accounting policies are important, we believe that there are five accounting policies that could be considered critical. These critical accounting policies relate to revenue recognition, allowances for doubtful accounts and unbilled services, carrying values of goodwill and other intangible assets, valuation of net deferred tax assets, and share-based compensation.

### **Revenue Recognition**

We recognize revenues in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin, or SAB, No. 101, "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements," as amended by SAB No. 104, "Revenue Recognition." Revenue is recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the related services are provided, the price is fixed or determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. Most of our services are rendered under arrangements that require the client to pay based on either the number of hours incurred or units produced by our revenue-generating professionals at agreed-upon rates and recognized as services are provided. Revenues related to fixed-fee engagements are recognized based on estimates of services provided versus the total services to be provided under the engagement. Losses, if any, on fixed-fee engagements are recognized in the period in which the loss first becomes probable and reasonably estimable. To date, such losses have not been significant. Revenues related to performance-based engagements are recognized when all performance-based criteria are met. We also have contracts with clients to deliver multiple services that are covered under both individual and separate engagement letters. These arrangements allow for our services to be valued and accounted for on a separate basis. We recognize reimbursable expenses related to time and expense and fixed-fee engagements as revenue in the period in which the expense is incurred. We recognize reimbursable expenses subject to performance-based criteria as revenue when all performance criteria are met. We recognize direct costs incurred on all types of engagements, including performance-based engagements, in the period in which incurred.

We record differences between the timing of billings and the recognition of revenue as either unbilled services or deferred revenue. We record revenues recognized for services performed but not yet billed to clients as unbilled services. We record amounts billed to clients but not yet recognized as revenues as deferred revenue. We also classify client prepayments and retainers that are unearned as deferred revenue and recognize over future periods as earned in accordance with the applicable engagement agreement.

### **Allowances for Doubtful Accounts and Unbilled Services**

We maintain allowances for doubtful accounts and for services performed but not yet billed for estimated losses based on several factors, including the historical percentages of fee adjustments and write-offs by practice group, an assessment of a client's ability to make required payments and the estimated cash realization from amounts due from clients. The allowances are assessed by management on a regular basis. If the financial condition of a client deteriorates in the future, impacting the client's ability to make payments, an increase to our allowance might be required or our allowance may not be sufficient to cover actual write-offs.

We record the provision for doubtful accounts and unbilled services as a reduction in revenue to the extent the provision relates to fee adjustments and other discretionary pricing adjustments. To the extent the provision relates to a client's inability to make required payments on accounts receivables, we record the provision in operating expenses.

### **Carrying Values of Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquired entity over the net of the amounts assigned to assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Our goodwill balance as of September 30, 2008 was \$451.3 million. Pursuant to the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards, or SFAS, No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," we test goodwill for impairment annually or whenever indications of impairment arise, such as loss of key personnel, unanticipated competition, or other unforeseen developments. Impairment exists when the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its implied fair value, resulting in an impairment charge for this excess. An impairment test involves considerable management judgment and estimates regarding future operating results and cash flows. Pursuant to our policy, we performed the annual goodwill assessment as of April 30, 2008 and determined that no impairment of goodwill existed as of that date. Further, no indications of impairment have arisen since that date.

Intangible assets represent purchased assets that lack physical substance but can be distinguished from goodwill. Our intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization, totaled \$38.2 million at September 30, 2008, and consist of customer contracts, customer relationships, non-competition agreements, tradenames, as well as technology and software. We use valuation techniques in estimating the initial fair value of acquired intangible assets. These valuations are primarily based on the present value of the estimated net cash flows expected to be derived from the client relationships, discounted for assumptions about future customer attrition. We evaluate our intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Therefore, higher or earlier-than-expected customer attrition may result in higher future amortization charges or an impairment charge for customer-related intangible assets.

### **Valuation of Net Deferred Tax Assets**

We account for income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recorded for future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. These deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. To the extent that deferred tax assets will not likely be recovered from future taxable income, a valuation allowance is established against such deferred tax assets.

In preparing financial statements, we exercise significant judgment in determining our provision for income taxes, deferred tax assets and liabilities, and the valuation allowance. In determining our provision for income taxes on an interim basis, we estimate our annual effective tax rate based on information available at each interim period. In determining whether a valuation allowance is warranted, we consider the historical and estimated future taxable income and other relevant factors of the operation recording the respective deferred tax asset. If actual results differ from our estimates, or if these estimates are adjusted in future periods, an adjustment to the valuation allowance may be required. To the extent that we increase the valuation allowance, our provision for income taxes will increase and our net income will decrease in the period that the adjustment is made. As of September 30, 2008, we have recorded net deferred tax assets totaling \$18.2 million and have established a valuation allowance of \$1.9 million due to uncertainties relating to our ability to utilize deferred tax assets recorded for foreign operating losses.

### **Share-based Compensation**

Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment," which requires that companies recognize compensation expense for grants of stock, stock options and other equity instruments based on fair value. Given the lack of a public market for our common stock prior to our IPO, we established an estimated fair value of the common stock as well as the exercise price for the options to purchase this stock. We estimated the fair value of our common stock by evaluating our results of business activities and projections of our future results of operations.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The table below sets forth selected segment and consolidated operating results and other operating data for the periods indicated. Segment operating income consists of the revenues generated by a segment, less the direct costs of revenue and selling, general and administrative costs that are incurred directly by the segment. Unallocated corporate costs include costs related to administrative functions that are performed in a centralized manner that are not attributable to a particular segment.

| Segment and Consolidated Operating Results<br>(in thousands):                            | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |                   | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |                   |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2008                                | 2007              | 2008                               | 2007              |
|  |                                     |                   |                                    |                   |
| <b>Revenues and reimbursable expenses:</b>   |                                     |                   |                                    |                   |
| Health and Education Consulting  | \$ 77,653                           | \$ 49,767         | \$ 185,437                         | \$ 131,429        |
| Financial Consulting   | 33,929                              | 39,983            | 107,529                            | 109,264           |
| Legal Consulting   | 38,137                              | 23,346            | 93,858                             | 69,412            |
| Corporate Consulting   | 18,940                              | 20,955            | 64,637                             | 58,221            |
| Total revenues   | 168,659                             | 134,051           | 451,461                            | 368,326           |
| Total reimbursable expenses  | 16,696                              | 11,286            | 40,874                             | 32,231            |
| <b>Total revenues and reimbursable expenses</b>  | <b>\$ 185,355</b>                   | <b>\$ 145,337</b> | <b>\$ 492,335</b>                  | <b>\$ 400,557</b> |
| <b>Operating income:</b>   |                                     |                   |                                    |                   |
| Health and Education Consulting  | \$ 22,368                           | \$ 18,783         | \$ 67,179                          | \$ 45,004         |
| Financial Consulting   | 10,005                              | 11,656            | 27,574                             | 43,112            |
| Legal Consulting   | 15,724                              | 7,243             | 32,387                             | 22,417            |
| Corporate Consulting   | 3,319                               | 7,036             | 19,313                             | 17,152            |
| Total segment operating income   | 51,416                              | 44,718            | 146,453                            | 127,685           |
| Operating expenses not allocated to segments   | 29,132                              | 22,892            | 83,310                             | 67,177            |
| <b>Total Operating income</b>  | <b>\$ 22,284</b>                    | <b>\$ 21,826</b>  | <b>\$ 63,143</b>                   | <b>\$ 60,508</b>  |
| <b>Other Operating Data:</b>   |                                     |                   |                                    |                   |
| <b>Number of full-time billable consultants (at period end) <sup>(1)</sup>:</b>          |                                     |                   |                                    |                   |
| Health and Education Consulting  | 830                                 | 417               |                                    |                   |
| Financial Consulting   | 316                                 | 358               |                                    |                   |
| Legal Consulting   | 149                                 | 165               |                                    |                   |
| Corporate Consulting   | 185                                 | 218               |                                    |                   |
| Total  | 1,480                               | 1,158             |                                    |                   |
| <b>Average number of full-time billable consultants (for the period) <sup>(1)</sup>:</b> |                                     |                   |                                    |                   |
| Health and Education Consulting  | 800                                 | 390               | 575                                | 367               |
| Financial Consulting   | 322                                 | 321               | 347                                | 298               |
| Legal Consulting   | 155                                 | 143               | 166                                | 129               |
| Corporate Consulting   | 211                                 | 194               | 220                                | 182               |
| Total  | 1,488                               | 1,048             | 1,308                              | 976               |
| <b>Full-time billable consultant utilization rate <sup>(2)</sup>:</b>                    |                                     |                   |                                    |                   |
| Health and Education Consulting  | 81.2%                               | 80.2%             | 80.2%                              | 79.7%             |
| Financial Consulting   | 57.0%                               | 68.7%             | 53.4%                              | 75.8%             |
| Legal Consulting   | 66.3%                               | 74.6%             | 62.0%                              | 76.3%             |
| Corporate Consulting   | 59.8%                               | 69.6%             | 62.5%                              | 71.6%             |
| Total  | 71.3%                               | 73.9%             | 67.9%                              | 76.5%             |
| <b>Full-time billable consultant average billing rate per hour <sup>(3)</sup>:</b>       |                                     |                   |                                    |                   |
| Health and Education Consulting  | \$ 231                              | \$ 292            | \$ 252                             | \$ 266            |
| Financial Consulting   | \$ 281                              | \$ 276            | \$ 278                             | \$ 295            |
| Legal Consulting   | \$ 243                              | \$ 243            | \$ 238                             | \$ 243            |
| Corporate Consulting   | \$ 309                              | \$ 315            | \$ 314                             | \$ 307            |
| Total  | \$ 250                              | \$ 286            | \$ 265                             | \$ 279            |
| <b>Revenue per full-time billable consultant (in thousands):</b>                         |                                     |                   |                                    |                   |
| Health and Education Consulting  | \$ 87                               | \$ 110            | \$ 291                             | \$ 301            |
| Financial Consulting   | \$ 74                               | \$ 86             | \$ 205                             | \$ 318            |
| Legal Consulting   | \$ 73                               | \$ 79             | \$ 204                             | \$ 242            |
| Corporate Consulting   | \$ 86                               | \$ 106            | \$ 283                             | \$ 312            |
| Total  | \$ 82                               | \$ 98             | \$ 256                             | \$ 301            |

| <b>Other Operating Data:</b>  | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |              | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |               |
|---|---|--------------|--|---------------|
|   | <b>2008</b>                                 | <b>2007</b>  | <b>2008</b>                                | <b>2007</b>   |
| <b>Average number of full-time equivalents (for the period) <sup>(4)</sup>:</b> |   |              |  |               |
| Health and Education Consulting   | 103   | 65           | 63   | 62            |
| Financial Consulting  | 160   | 210          | 194  | 75            |
| Legal Consulting  | 676   | 342          | 587  | 358           |
| Corporate Consulting  | 8   | 5            | 7  | 5             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>947</b>                                  | <b>622</b>   | <b>851</b>                                 | <b>500</b>    |
| <b>Revenue per full-time equivalents (in thousands):</b>                        |   |              |  |               |
| Health and Education Consulting   | \$ 81                                       | \$ 104       | \$ 285                                     | \$ 335        |
| Financial Consulting  | \$ 64                                       | \$ 59        | \$ 188                                     | \$ 193        |
| Legal Consulting  | \$ 40                                       | \$ 35        | \$ 102                                     | \$ 107        |
| Corporate Consulting  | \$ 103                                      | \$ 76        | \$ 324                                     | \$ 299        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ 49</b>                                | <b>\$ 51</b> | <b>\$ 137</b>                              | <b>\$ 150</b> |

- (1) Consists of our full-time professionals who provide consulting services and generate revenues based on the number of hours worked.
- (2) Utilization rate for our full-time billable consultants is calculated by dividing the number of hours all our full-time billable consultants worked on client assignments during a period by the total available working hours for all of these consultants during the same period, assuming a forty-hour work week, less paid holidays and vacation days.
- (3) Average billing rate per hour for our full-time billable consultants is calculated by dividing revenues for a period by the number of hours worked on client assignments during the same period.
- (4) Consists of consultants who work variable schedules as needed by our clients, as well as contract reviewers and other professionals who generate revenues primarily based on number of hours worked and units produced, such as pages reviewed and data processed. Also includes full-time employees who provide software support and maintenance services to our clients.

### **Three Months Ended September 30, 2008 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2007**

#### **Revenues**

Revenues increased \$34.6 million, or 25.8%, to \$168.7 million for the third quarter of 2008 from \$134.1 million for the third quarter of 2007. We acquired Stockamp on July 8, 2008 and therefore, revenues for the third quarter of 2008 included revenues generated by Stockamp while revenues for the third quarter of 2007 did not include any revenues from Stockamp. We acquired Callaway on July 29, 2007 and therefore, revenues for the third quarter of 2008 included three months of revenues generated by Callaway while revenues for the third quarter of 2007 included two months of revenues generated by Callaway.

Of the overall \$34.6 million increase in revenues, \$19.9 million was attributable to our full-time billable consultants and \$14.7 million was attributable to our full-time equivalents. Full-time equivalents consist of our variable, on-demand consultants, contract reviewers and our document review and processing groups, as well as full-time employees who provide software support and maintenance services to our clients. The \$19.9 million increase in full-time billable consultant revenues was attributable to an increase in the number of consultants, partially offset by a decline in both our average billing rate and utilization rate of our consultants. The \$14.7 million increase in full-time equivalent revenues resulted from greater demand and usage of contract reviewers in our document review group.

#### **Total Direct Costs**

Our direct costs increased \$20.1 million, or 25.0%, to \$100.3 million in the third quarter of 2008 from \$80.2 million in the third quarter of 2007. Approximately \$13.6 million of the increase was attributable to the increase in full-time billable consultants and the promotion of our employees during the year, including ten to the managing director level effective January 1, 2008, and their related compensation and benefit costs. Additionally, \$4.9 million of the increase in direct costs was attributable to an increased usage of independent contractors. Share-based compensation expense associated with our revenue-generating professionals increased \$1.0 million, or 32.3%, to \$4.1 million in the third quarter of 2008 from \$3.1 million in the third quarter of 2007.

Total direct costs for the three months ended September 30, 2008 included \$3.0 million of intangible assets amortization expense, representing customer-related assets and software acquired in connection with the Stockamp acquisition. Total direct costs for the three months ended September 30, 2007 included \$2.2 million of intangible assets amortization expense, primarily attributable to customer contracts acquired in connection with the acquisitions of Wellspring and Callaway and that were fully amortized during 2007.

### **Operating Expenses**

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$8.7 million, or 34.1%, to \$34.4 million in the third quarter of 2008 from \$25.7 million in the third quarter of 2007. Of the \$8.7 million increase, \$2.7 million was due to higher marketing spending, \$1.3 million was attributable to higher salaries and related benefit costs, and \$1.2 million was attributable to increased facilities costs. Additionally, during the third quarter of 2008, we reduced our workforce to balance our employee base with current revenue expectations, market demand and areas of focus. This reduction included the elimination of the operational consulting group within the Corporate Consulting segment and a reduction in the number of consultants in various other practice groups. Restructuring charges associated with these actions were \$2.3 million for the third quarter of 2008. Share-based compensation expense associated with our non-revenue-generating professionals increased \$0.7 million, or 33.3%, to \$2.8 million in the third quarter of 2008 from \$2.1 million in the third quarter of 2007.

Depreciation expense increased \$1.4 million, or 51.9%, to \$4.1 million in the three months ended September 30, 2008 from \$2.7 million in the three months ended September 30, 2007 as computers, network equipment, furniture and fixtures, and leasehold improvements were added to support our increase in employees. Non-direct intangible assets amortization expense increased to \$2.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008 from \$1.6 million for the comparable period last year due to our acquisition of Stockamp. Non-direct intangible assets amortization relates to customer relationships, non-competition agreements and tradenames acquired in connection with our acquisitions.

### **Operating Income**

Operating income increased \$0.5 million, or 2.1%, to \$22.3 million in the third quarter of 2008 from \$21.8 million in the third quarter of 2007. Operating margin, defined as operating income expressed as a percentage of revenues, decreased to 13.2% in the three months ended September 30, 2008 from 16.3% in the three months ended September 30, 2007. The decline in operating margin was attributable to higher selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenues, coupled with the restructuring charges described above.

### **Net Income**

Net income decreased to \$8.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008 from \$10.5 million for the comparable period last year. Interest expense, net of interest income, increased \$2.3 million to \$4.9 million in the third quarter of 2008 from \$2.6 million in the comparable period last year due to an increase in borrowings. Diluted earnings per share for the third quarter of 2008 was \$0.44 compared to \$0.58 for the third quarter of 2007. The decrease in earnings per share was attributable to a decrease in net income, coupled with the dilutive impact of the shares issued in connection with the acquisition of Stockamp and the amendment to the Wellspring Stock Purchase Agreement.

### **Segment Results**

#### **Health and Education Consulting**

##### **Revenues**

Health and Education Consulting segment revenues increased \$27.9 million, or 56.0%, to \$77.7 million for the third quarter of 2008 from \$49.8 million for the third quarter of 2007. Revenues for the third quarter of 2008 included revenues from our acquisition of Stockamp while revenues for the third quarter of 2007 did not include any revenues from Stockamp. Revenues from time-and-expense engagements, fixed-fee engagements, performance-based engagements and software support and maintenance arrangements represented 34.0%, 55.8%, 8.0% and 2.2% of this segment's revenues during the three months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, compared to 50.2%, 42.7%, 7.1% and 0%, respectively, for the comparable period in 2007.

Of the overall \$27.9 million increase in revenues, \$26.3 million was attributable to our full-time billable consultants

and \$1.6 million was attributable to our full-time equivalents. The \$26.3 million increase in full-time billable consultant revenues reflected an increase in the number of consultants and an increase in the utilization rate of our consultants, partially offset by a decrease in the average billing rate per hour for this segment. As described below under "Operating Income," the acquisition of Stockamp had an unfavorable impact on the average billing rate per hour for the three months ended September 30, 2008 due to the timing of revenue recognition. Excluding the impact of Stockamp, the average billing rate per hour for this segment would have been \$301 for the third quarter of 2008 compared to \$292 for the comparable period in 2007.

#### **Operating Income**

Health and Education Consulting segment operating income increased \$3.6 million, or 19.1%, to \$22.4 million in the three months ended September 30, 2008 from \$18.8 million in the three months ended September 30, 2007. Segment operating margin, defined as segment operating income expressed as a percentage of segment revenues, decreased to 28.8% for the third quarter of 2008 from 37.7% in the same period last year. The acquisition of Stockamp had an unfavorable impact on this segment's operating margin for the three months ended September 30, 2008 due to a portion of performance-based revenue that cannot be recognized post-acquisition under generally accepted accounting principles and a significant amount of performance-based revenue that was deferred at September 30, 2008 that will be recognized in the future when all the performance-based criteria in the engagement contracts are met, as well as amortization of intangible assets acquired.

#### **Financial Consulting**

##### **Revenues**

Financial Consulting segment revenues decreased \$6.1 million, or 15.1%, to \$33.9 million for the third quarter of 2008 from \$40.0 million for the third quarter of 2007. We acquired Callaway on July 29, 2007 and therefore, revenues for the third quarter of 2008 included three months of revenues generated by Callaway while revenues for the third quarter of 2007 included two months of revenues generated by Callaway. For the third quarter of 2008 and 2007, most of this segment's revenues were from time-and-expense engagements.

Of the overall \$6.1 million decrease in revenues, \$3.9 million was attributable to our full-time billable consultants and \$2.2 million was attributable to our full-time equivalents. The \$3.9 million decrease in full-time billable consultant revenues was primarily due to a decline in this segment's utilization rate. The \$2.2 million decrease in full-time equivalent revenues resulted from a decline in demand for our variable, on-demand consultants.

##### **Operating Income**

Financial Consulting segment operating income decreased \$1.7 million, or 14.2%, to \$10.0 million in the three months ended September 30, 2008 from \$11.7 million in the three months ended September 30, 2007. Segment operating margin remained steady at 29.5% for the third quarter of 2008 compared to 29.2% in the same period last year.

#### **Legal Consulting**

##### **Revenues**

Legal Consulting segment revenues increased \$14.8 million, or 63.4%, to \$38.1 million for the third quarter of 2008 from \$23.3 million for the third quarter of 2007. Revenues from time-and-expense engagements, fixed-fee engagements and performance-based engagements represented 94.0%, 5.7% and 0.3% of this segment's revenues during the three months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, compared to 87.1%, 10.8% and 2.1%, respectively, for the comparable period in 2007.

The \$14.8 million increase in revenues was primarily attributable to our full-time equivalents, reflecting a greater demand for our document review services.

##### **Operating Income**

Legal Consulting segment operating income increased \$8.5 million, or 117.1%, to \$15.7 million in the three months ended September 30, 2008 from \$7.2 million in the three months ended September 30, 2007. Segment operating margin increased to 41.2% for the third quarter of 2008 from 31.0% in the same period last year. The increase in this segment's operating margin was attributable to lower total compensation cost as a percentage of revenues.

## Corporate Consulting

### Revenues

Corporate Consulting segment revenues decreased \$2.1 million, or 9.6%, to \$18.9 million for the third quarter of 2008 from \$21.0 million for the third quarter of 2007. Revenues from time-and-expense engagements, fixed-fee engagements and performance-based engagements represented 50.0%, 49.9% and 0.1% of this segment's revenues during the three months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, compared to 39.8%, 56.0% and 4.2%, respectively, for the comparable period in 2007.

The \$2.1 million decrease in revenues was primarily attributable to a decline in the utilization rate of our full-time billable consultants.

### Operating Income

Corporate Consulting segment operating income decreased \$3.7 million, or 52.8%, to \$3.3 million in the three months ended September 30, 2008 from \$7.0 million in the three months ended September 30, 2007. Segment operating margin decreased to 17.5% for the third quarter of 2008 from 33.6% in the same period last year. The decrease in this segment's operating margin reflects higher total compensation cost as a percentage of revenues and restructuring charges relating to the elimination of our operational consulting group.

### Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007

#### Revenues

Revenues increased \$83.2 million, or 22.6%, to \$451.5 million for the first nine months of 2008 from \$368.3 million for the first nine months of 2007. We acquired Stockamp on July 8, 2008 and therefore, revenues for the first nine months of 2008 included three months of revenues generated by Stockamp while revenues for the comparable period in 2007 did not include any revenues from Stockamp. We acquired Callaway on July 29, 2007 and therefore, revenues for the first nine months of 2008 included revenues generated by Callaway while revenues for the comparable period in 2007 included only two months of revenues generated by Callaway.

Of the overall \$83.2 million increase in revenues, \$41.5 million was attributable to our full-time billable consultants and \$41.7 million was attributable to our full-time equivalents. The \$41.5 million increase in full-time billable consultant revenues was attributable to an increase in the number of consultants, partially offset by a decline in both the utilization rate and the average billing rate of our consultants. The \$41.7 million increase in full-time equivalent revenues resulted from our acquisition of Callaway, which heavily utilizes variable, on-demand consultants, as well as increased demand for our document review services.

#### Total Direct Costs

Our direct costs increased \$56.1 million, or 26.2%, to \$269.7 million in the first nine months of 2008 from \$213.6 million in the first nine months of 2007. Approximately \$44.9 million of the increase was attributable to the increase in full-time billable consultants and the promotion of our employees during the year, including ten to the managing director level effective January 1, 2008, and their related compensation and benefit costs. Additionally, \$6.4 million of the increase in direct costs was attributable to an increased usage of independent contractors. Share-based compensation expense associated with our revenue-generating professionals increased \$3.7 million, or 43.0%, to \$12.3 million in the first nine months of 2008 from \$8.6 million in the comparable period last year.

Total direct costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 included \$3.1 million of intangible assets amortization expense, representing customer-related assets and software acquired in connection with the Stockamp acquisition. Total direct costs for the three months ended September 30, 2007 included \$6.8 million of intangible assets amortization expense, primarily attributable to customer contracts acquired in connection with the acquisitions of Wellspring, Glass and Callaway, all of which were fully amortized during 2007.

#### Operating Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$21.3 million, or 28.3%, to \$96.4 million in the first nine months of 2008 from \$75.1 million in the first nine months of 2007. Of the \$21.3 million increase, \$6.1 million was due to higher marketing spending, \$3.8 million was attributable to higher salaries and related benefit costs, \$3.7 million was attributable to increased facilities costs, and \$2.7 million was due to an increase in company and

team meetings. Additionally, during the third quarter of 2008, we reduced our workforce to balance our employee base with current revenue expectations, market demand and areas of focus. This reduction included the elimination of the operational consulting group within the Corporate Consulting segment and a reduction in the number of consultants in various other practice groups. Restructuring charges associated with these actions were \$2.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. Share-based compensation expense associated with our non-revenue-generating professionals increased \$2.4 million, or 42.1%, to \$8.1 million in the first nine months of 2008 from \$5.7 million in the comparable period last year.

Depreciation expense increased \$3.4 million, or 43.6%, to \$11.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$7.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as computers, network equipment, furniture and fixtures, and leasehold improvements were added to support our increase in employees. Non-direct intangible assets amortization expense increased to \$5.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$4.7 million for the comparable period last year. Non-direct intangible assets amortization relates to customer relationships, non-competition agreements and tradenames acquired in connection with our acquisitions.

#### **Operating Income**

Operating income increased \$2.6 million, or 4.4%, to \$63.1 million in the first nine months of 2008 from \$60.5 million in the first nine months of 2007. Operating margin decreased to 14.0% in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from 16.4% in the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decline in operating margin was attributable to higher total compensation cost as a percentage of revenues, coupled with the restructuring charges described above.

#### **Net Income**

Net income decreased to \$28.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$30.4 million for the comparable period last year. Diluted earnings per share for the first nine months of 2008 was \$1.54 compared to \$1.69 for the first nine months of 2007. The decrease in earnings per share was attributable to a decrease in net income, coupled with the dilutive impact of the shares issued in connection with the acquisition of Stockamp and the amendment to the Wellspring Stock Purchase Agreement.

#### **Segment Results**

##### **Health and Education Consulting**

#### **Revenues**

Health and Education Consulting segment revenues increased \$54.0 million, or 41.1%, to \$185.4 million for the first nine months of 2008 from \$131.4 million for the first nine months of 2007. Revenues for the first nine months of 2008 included three months of revenues from our acquisition of Stockamp while revenues for the comparable period in 2007 did not include any revenues from Stockamp. Revenues from time-and-expense engagements, fixed-fee engagements, performance-based engagements and software support and maintenance arrangements represented 45.6%, 49.3%, 4.1% and 1.0% of this segment's revenues during the nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, compared to 52.0%, 44.5%, 3.5% and 0%, respectively, for the comparable period in 2007.

Of the overall \$54.0 million increase in revenues, \$56.9 million was attributable to our full-time billable consultants, partially offset by a decrease of \$2.9 million attributable to our full-time equivalents. The \$56.9 million increase in full-time billable consultant revenues reflected an increase in the number of consultants, partially offset by a decrease in the average billing rate per hour for this segment. As described in the three months comparison, the acquisition of Stockamp impacted this segment's average billing rate per hour. Excluding the impact of Stockamp, the average billing rate per hour for this segment would have been \$279 for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to \$266 for the comparable period in 2007.

#### **Operating Income**

Health and Education Consulting segment operating income increased \$22.2 million, or 49.3%, to \$67.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$45.0 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Segment operating margin increased to 36.2% for the first nine months of 2008 from 34.2% in the same period last year. As described in the three months comparison, this segment's operating margin was impacted by the acquisition of Stockamp.

## **Financial Consulting**

### **Revenues**

Financial Consulting segment revenues decreased \$1.8 million, or 1.6%, to \$107.5 million for the first nine months of 2008 from \$109.3 million for the first nine months of 2007. We acquired Callaway on July 29, 2007 and therefore, revenues for the first nine months of 2008 included revenues generated by Callaway while revenues for the first nine months of 2007 included two months of revenues generated by Callaway. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, most of this segment's revenues were from time-and-expense engagements.

Of the overall \$1.8 million decrease in revenues, \$22.0 million was attributable to our full-time equivalents, which was largely offset by a decrease of \$23.8 million attributable to our full-time billable consultants. The \$23.8 million decrease in full-time billable consultant revenues was primarily due to a decline in this segment's utilization rate. The \$22.0 million increase in full-time equivalent revenues resulted from our acquisition of Callaway, which heavily utilizes variable, on-demand consultants.

### **Operating Income**

Financial Consulting segment operating income decreased \$15.5 million, or 36.0%, to \$27.6 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$43.1 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Segment operating margin declined to 25.6% for the first nine months of 2008 from 39.5% in the same period last year. The decline was attributable to lower utilization of this segment's full-time billable consultants as described above.

## **Legal Consulting**

### **Revenues**

Legal Consulting segment revenues increased \$24.5 million, or 35.2%, to \$93.9 million for the first nine months of 2008 from \$69.4 million for the first nine months of 2007. Revenues from time-and-expense engagements, fixed-fee engagements and performance-based engagements represented 91.7%, 7.3% and 1.0% of this segment's revenues during the nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, compared to 91.5%, 7.2% and 1.3%, respectively, for the comparable period in 2007.

Of the overall \$24.5 million increase in revenues, \$2.8 million was attributable to our full-time billable consultants and \$21.7 million was attributable to our full-time equivalents. The \$2.8 million increase in full-time billable consultant revenues reflected an increase in the number of consultants, partially offset by a decline in both the utilization rate of our consultants and the average billing rate per hour for this segment. The \$21.7 million increase in full-time equivalent revenues reflected a greater demand for our document review services.

### **Operating Income**

Legal Consulting segment operating income increased \$10.0 million, or 44.5%, to \$32.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$22.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Segment operating margin increased to 34.5% for the first nine months of 2008 from 32.3% in the same period last year due to lower total compensation cost as a percentage of revenues.

## **Corporate Consulting**

### **Revenues**

Corporate Consulting segment revenues increased \$6.4 million, or 11.0%, to \$64.6 million for the first nine months of 2008 from \$58.2 million for the first nine months of 2007. Revenues from time-and-expense engagements, fixed-fee engagements and performance-based engagements represented 47.9%, 49.8% and 2.3% of this segment's revenues during the nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, compared to 47.3%, 49.0% and 3.7%, respectively, for the comparable period in 2007.

The \$6.4 million increase in revenues was primarily attributable to our full-time billable consultants. This increase in full-time billable consultant revenues reflected an increase in the number of consultants and an increase in the average billing rate per hour for this segment, partially offset by a decline in the utilization rate of our consultants.

## Operating Income

Corporate Consulting segment operating income increased \$2.1 million, or 12.6%, to \$19.3 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from \$17.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Segment operating margin remained steady at 29.9% for the first nine months of 2008 compared to 29.5% for the same period last year. The unfavorable impact of restructuring charges on this segment's operating margin was largely offset by lower general and administrative expenses.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$11.5 million, from \$3.0 million at December 31, 2007 to \$14.5 million at September 30, 2008. Our primary sources of liquidity are cash flows from operations and debt capacity available under our credit facility.

Cash flows provided by operating activities totaled \$44.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to \$12.6 million for the same period last year. Our operating assets and liabilities consist primarily of receivables from billed and unbilled services, accounts payable and accrued expenses, and accrued payroll and related benefits. The volume of billings and timing of collections and payments affect these account balances. The increase in cash provided by operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was attributable to a decrease in income tax receivable and growth in our client receivables moderating. Receivables from clients and unbilled services increased \$36.2 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 as compared to \$49.0 million during the same period last year. Additionally, deferred revenues increased during the first nine months of 2008 due to a higher level of advanced billings and collections. These increases in cash were partially offset by cash paid for bonuses, payroll and related benefits that were accrued for at December 31, 2007.

Cash used in investing activities was \$246.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and \$174.4 million for the same period last year. The use of cash in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 primarily related to the acquisition of Stockamp, settlement of Callaway's earn-out provisions, payments of additional purchase consideration earned by the selling shareholders of Galt, Wellspring and Glass, and purchases of property and equipment. The use of cash in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 primarily related to the acquisitions of Wellspring, Glass and Callaway.

At September 30, 2008, we had a credit agreement with various financial institutions under which we may borrow up to \$460.0 million, with an accordion feature allowing for an additional amount of up to \$60.0 million to be borrowed upon approval from the lenders. The credit agreement consists of a \$240.0 million revolving credit facility ("Revolver") and a \$220.0 million term loan facility ("Term Loan"), which was drawn in a single advance of \$220.0 million on July 8, 2008. Borrowings under the credit agreement are limited by any outstanding letters of credit, which totaled \$5.9 million at September 30, 2008. Fees and interest on borrowings vary based on our total debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") ratio as set forth in the credit agreement. Interest is based on a spread, ranging from 1.50% to 2.50%, over the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") or a spread, ranging from 0.50% to 1.50%, over the base rate (which is the greater of the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.50% or the Prime Rate), as selected by us. The Term Loan is subject to amortization of principal in fifteen consecutive quarterly installments beginning on September 30, 2008, with the first fourteen installments being \$5.5 million each. The fifteenth and final installment will be the amount of the remaining outstanding principal balance of the Term Loan and will be payable on February 23, 2012, but can be repaid earlier. All outstanding borrowings under the Revolver will be due upon expiration of the credit agreement on February 23, 2012. The credit agreement includes quarterly financial covenants that require us to maintain certain fixed coverage and total debt to EBITDA ratios.

During the first nine months of 2008, we made borrowings to fund the acquisition of Stockamp and to pay bonuses and additional purchase consideration earned by selling shareholders of businesses that we acquired that were accrued for at December 31, 2007. We also made borrowings to fund our daily operations. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the average daily outstanding balance under our credit facility was \$222.6 million. Borrowings outstanding under this credit facility at September 30, 2008 totaled \$335.0 million and carried a weighted-average interest rate of 5.0%. Borrowings outstanding at December 31, 2007 totaled \$123.5 million and carried a weighted-average interest rate of 6.1%. At both September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company was in compliance with its financial debt covenants.

On April 4, 2008, we entered into an amendment to the Callaway Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of July 28, 2007, whereby we settled the earn-out provision under Section 3.3 of the agreement in consideration for \$23.0 million, payable in the form of a promissory note (the "Note"), and the waiver of certain indemnity obligations. The Note, along with accrued interest of \$0.5 million, was paid in full on August 15, 2008.

### Future Needs

Our primary financing need has been to fund our growth. Our growth strategy is to expand our service offerings, which will require investment in new hires, acquisitions of complementary businesses, expansion into other geographic areas, and capital expenditures for information technology, office space, furniture and fixtures, as well as leasehold improvements. In connection with our past business acquisitions, we are required under earn-out provisions to pay additional purchase consideration to the sellers if specific performance targets are met. We also have cash needs to service our credit facility and repay our term loan. Further, we have other cash commitments as presented below in contractual obligations. Because we expect that our future annual growth rate in revenues and related percentage increases in working capital balances will moderate, we believe our internally generated liquidity, together with the borrowing capacity available under our revolving credit facility and access to external capital resources, will be adequate to fund our long-term growth and capital needs arising from earn-out provisions, cash commitments and debt service obligations. Our ability to secure short-term and long-term financing in the future will depend on several factors, including our future profitability, the quality of our accounts receivable and unbilled services, our relative levels of debt and equity, and the overall condition of the credit markets, which have been unstable recently.

### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The following table represents our obligations and commitments to make future payments under contracts, such as lease agreements, and under contingent commitments as of December 31, 2007 (in thousands).

|                                   | <b>Less than<br/>1 Year<br/>(2008)</b> | <b>1 to 3<br/>Years<br/>(2009 to 2010)</b> | <b>4 to 5<br/>Years<br/>(2011 to 2013)</b> | <b>More than<br/>5 Years<br/>(2013 and<br/>thereafter)</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|-------------------|
| Additional purchase consideration | \$ 32,422                              | \$ -                                       | \$ -                                       | \$ -   | \$ 32,422         |
| Note payable                      | 1,000                                  | -  | -  | -  | 1,000             |
| Interest on note payable          | 40                                     | -  | -  | -  | 40                |
| Capital lease obligations         | 309                                    | 234  | -  | -  | 543               |
| Long-term bank borrowings         | -                                      | -  | 123,500                                    | -  | 123,500           |
| Purchase obligations              | 4,336                                  | 1,002                                      | 3  | -  | 5,341             |
| Operating lease obligations       | 16,015                                 | 29,383                                     | 29,283                                     | 13,590   | 88,271            |
| Total contractual obligations     | <u>\$ 54,122</u>                       | <u>\$ 30,619</u>                           | <u>\$ 152,786</u>                          | <u>\$ 13,590</u>   | <u>\$ 251,117</u> |

In connection with certain business acquisitions, we are required to pay additional purchase consideration to the sellers if specific performance targets and conditions are met over a number of years as specified in the related purchase agreements. These amounts are calculated and payable at the end of each year based on full year financial results. There is no limitation to the maximum amount of additional purchase consideration and the aggregate amount that potentially may be paid could be significant. Based on current and projected financial performance, we anticipate aggregate additional purchase consideration that will be earned by certain sellers to be approximately \$40.0 million for the year ending December 31, 2008.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, we had net borrowings totaling \$211.5 million, primarily to fund our acquisition of Stockamp, additional purchase consideration for business acquisitions, and 2007 bonuses that were paid in the first quarter of 2008. As of September 30, 2008, outstanding borrowings totaled \$335.0 million.

Purchase obligations include sponsorships, subscriptions to research tools and other commitments to purchase services where we cannot cancel or would be required to pay a termination fee in the event of cancellation.

We lease our facilities and certain equipment under operating lease arrangements expiring on various dates through 2016, with various renewal options. We lease office facilities under noncancelable operating leases that include

fixed or minimum payments plus, in some cases, scheduled base rent increases over the term of the lease. Certain leases provide for monthly payments of real estate taxes, insurance and other operating expense applicable to the property. Some of the leases contain provisions whereby the future rental payments may be adjusted for increases in operating expense above the specified amount.

#### **OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

We have not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### **NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements." SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 does not require any new fair value measurements in financial statements, but standardizes its definition and guidance in GAAP. Thus, for some entities, the application of this statement may change prior practice. We adopted SFAS No. 157 effective beginning on January 1, 2008 for financial assets and financial liabilities, which did not have any impact on our financial statements. In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS 157-2, "Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157," which delayed by one year the effective date of SFAS No. 157 for all nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). We will adopt SFAS No. 157 for our nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, such as goodwill and intangible assets, effective January 1, 2009, which is not expected to have a material impact on our future financial position, results of operations, earnings per share, or cash flows.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities – Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115." SFAS No. 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by providing entities with the opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. We adopted SFAS No. 159 effective beginning on January 1, 2008. The adoption of this statement did not have any impact on our financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), "Business Combinations," ("SFAS No. 141R"). SFAS No. 141R was issued to improve the relevance, representational faithfulness, and comparability of information in financial statements about a business combination and its effects. SFAS No. 141R will be effective for us beginning on January 1, 2009 and will apply prospectively to business combinations that we complete on or after that date. This statement retains the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations, but requires a number of changes. The changes that may have the most significant impact on us include: contingent consideration, such as earn-outs, will be recognized at its fair value on the acquisition date and, for certain arrangements, changes in fair value will be recognized in earnings until settled; acquisition-related transaction and restructuring costs will be expensed as incurred; previously-issued financial information will be revised for subsequent adjustments made to finalize the purchase price accounting; reversals of valuation allowances related to acquired deferred tax assets and changes to acquired income tax uncertainties will be recognized in earnings, except in certain situations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements – an amendment of ARB No. 51." SFAS No. 160 was issued to improve the relevance, comparability, and transparency of financial information provided in financial statements by establishing accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 will be effective for us beginning on January 1, 2009 and will apply prospectively, except for the presentation and disclosure requirements, which will apply retrospectively. We do not expect the adoption of this statement to have a material impact on our future financial position, results of operations, earnings per share, and cash flows.

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

We are exposed to market risks related to interest rates and changes in the market value of our investments. We generally do not enter into interest rate swaps, caps or collars or other hedging instruments.

Our exposure to changes in interest rates is limited to borrowings under our bank credit agreement, which has variable interest rates tied to the LIBOR, Federal Funds rate or prime rate. At September 30, 2008, we had borrowings outstanding totaling \$335.0 million that carried a weighted-average interest rate of 5.0%. A one percent change in this interest rate would have a \$3.4 million effect on our pre-tax income.

As described above under "Overview – Our Business," in connection with our acquisition of Stockamp and the amendment to the Wellspring Stock Purchase Agreement, we issued a total of 1,541,036 shares of our common stock to the sellers of Stockamp and Wellspring. Additionally, we provided them with a protection against a decline in the value of the shares issued until the restrictions on the shares have lapsed. Of the 1,541,036 shares issued, the restrictions on 1,210,814 shares will lapse on January 9, 2009 and the restrictions on 330,222 shares in escrow will lapse on July 9, 2009. As such, we are subject to market risk relating to our common stock. Upon the lapse of the restrictions, if the average daily closing price of our common stock for the ten consecutive trading days prior to the date that the restrictions lapse is \$47.81 or below, then for every \$1.00 that our stock price is below \$47.81, we would be required to pay the sellers approximately \$1.5 million, in the form of cash, stock, or any combination of cash and stock. Based on the average daily closing price of our common stock for the ten consecutive trading days prior to and including September 30, 2008, or \$57.81, we would not be obligated to make any protection payments to the sellers. If the average price decreased by 10% to \$52.03, we would still not be obligated to make any protection payments to the sellers.

From time to time, we invest excess cash in marketable securities. These investments principally consist of overnight sweep accounts. Due to the short maturity of our investments, we have concluded that we do not have material market risk exposure.

### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Our management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of September 30, 2008. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of September 30, 2008, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act and such information is accumulated and communicated to management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the "Exchange Act") that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2008 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II ¾ OTHER INFORMATION**

### **ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

On July 3, 2007, The Official Committee (the "Committee") of Unsecured Creditors of Saint Vincents Catholic Medical Centers of New York d/b/a Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers ("St. Vincents"), et al. filed suit against Huron Consulting Group Inc., certain of our subsidiaries, including Speltz & Weis LLC, and two of our former managing directors, David E. Speltz ("Speltz") and Timothy C. Weis ("Weis"), in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York. On November 26, 2007, Gray & Associates, LLC ("Gray"), in its capacity as trustee on behalf of the SVCMC Litigation Trust, was substituted as plaintiff in the place of the Committee and on February 19, 2008, Gray filed an amended complaint in the action. Beginning in 2004, St. Vincents retained Speltz & Weis LLC to provide management services to St. Vincents, and its two principals, Speltz and Weis, were made the interim chief executive officer and chief financial officer, respectively, of St. Vincents. In May of 2005, we

acquired Speltz & Weis LLC. On July 5, 2005, St. Vincents filed for bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York ("Bankruptcy Court"). On December 14, 2005, the Bankruptcy Court approved the retention of Speltz & Weis LLC and us in various capacities, including interim management, revenue cycle management and strategic sourcing services. The amended complaint filed by Gray alleges, among other things, breach of fiduciary duties, breach of the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, malpractice, breach of contract, tortious interference with contract, aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duties, certain fraudulent transfers and fraudulent conveyances, breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, fraud, aiding and abetting fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and civil conspiracy, and seeks at least \$200 million in damages, disgorgement of fees, return of funds or other property transferred to Speltz & Weis LLC, attorneys' fees, and unspecified punitive and other damages. We believe that the claims are without merit and intend to vigorously defend ourselves in this matter. The suit is in the pre-trial stage and no trial date has been set.

From time to time, the Company is involved in legal proceedings and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business, including employment matters. As of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the Company is not a party to or threatened with any other litigation or legal proceeding that, in the opinion of management, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operating results or financial condition.

## **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

See "Risk Factors" in the Company's 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a complete description of the material risks it faces. There have been no material changes to the Company's business risk factors since December 31, 2007 except as follows:

### **Revenues from our performance-based engagements are difficult to predict, and the timing and extent of recovery of our costs is uncertain.**

From time to time, we enter into engagement agreements under which our fees include a significant performance-based component. Performance-based fees are contingent on the achievement of specific measures, such as our clients meeting cost-saving or other contractually defined goals. The achievement of these contractually-defined goals is often impacted by factors outside of our control, such as the actions of our client or third parties. Because performance-based fees are contingent, revenues on such engagements, which are recognized when all revenue recognition criteria are met, are not certain and the timing of recognition is difficult to predict and may not occur evenly throughout the year. While performance-based fees comprised only 3.8% and 2.2% of our revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, we expect that the percentage of performance-based fee engagements will increase due to Stockamp & Associates, Inc., a consulting firm that we acquired in the third quarter of 2008 and which has a large number of performance-based fee engagements. A greater number of performance-based fee arrangements may result in increased volatility in our working capital requirements and greater variations in our quarter-to-quarter results, which could affect the price of our common stock. In addition, an increase in the proportion of performance-based fee arrangements may temporarily offset the positive effect on our operating results from increases in our utilization rate or average billing rate per hour.

### **Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations and obligations, expose us to interest rate risk to the extent of our variable rate debt, and could adversely affect our financial results.**

At September 30, 2008, we had outstanding borrowings totaling \$335.0 million compared to \$123.5 million at December 31, 2007, representing a 171.3% increase. Our substantial increase in indebtedness could have meaningful consequences for us, including:

- exposing us to the risk of increased interest rates because our borrowings are at variable interest rates;
- requiring us to dedicate a larger portion of our cash from operations to service our indebtedness and thus reducing the level of cash for other purposes such as funding working capital, strategic acquisitions, capital expenditures, and other general corporate purposes;
- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing; and

- increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic, industry, and competitive developments.

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

The Company's stock plans permit the netting of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock awards and the exercise of stock options to satisfy individual tax withholding requirements. During the quarter ended September 30, 2008, the Company redeemed 544 shares of its common stock with a weighted-average fair market value of \$52.16 as a result of such tax withholdings as presented in the table below.

| <b>Period</b>  | <b>Total Number of Shares Redeemed to Satisfy Employee Tax Withholding Requirements</b> | <b>Weighted-Average Fair Market Value Per Share Redeemed</b> | <b>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b> | <b>Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs</b> |
|----------------|---|--|---|---|
| July 2008      | -   | \$ -   | N/A   | N/A   |
| August 2008    | 544   | \$ 52.16   | N/A   | N/A   |
| September 2008 | -   | \$ -   | N/A   | N/A   |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>544</b>  | <b>\$ 52.16</b>  | <b>N/A</b>  | <b>N/A</b>  |

N/A – Not applicable.

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

None.

**ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

None.

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

(a) The following exhibits are filed as part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Exhibit</b>   |
|-----------------------|--|
| 10.1                  | Seventh Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2008, by and among Huron Consulting Group Inc., the guarantors and lenders listed on the signature pages thereto, and Bank of America, N.A. |
| 31.1                  | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.  |
| 31.2                  | Certification of the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.  |
| 32.1                  | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.  |
| 32.2                  | Certification of the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.  |

**SIGNATURE**

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

Huron Consulting Group Inc.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Registrant)

Date: October 30, 2008

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/s/ Gary L. Burge  
Gary L. Burge  
Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer



## SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "Amendment") dated as of September 30, 2008, to the Credit Agreement referenced below, is by and among HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC., as Company, the Guarantors identified on the signature pages hereto, the Lenders and BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent").

## W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, a \$240 million revolving credit facility and a \$220 million term loan have been made available to the Company pursuant to that certain Credit Agreement dated as of June 7, 2006 (as amended and modified, including by the First Amendment dated as of December 29, 2006, the Second Amendment dated as of February 23, 2007, the Third Amendment dated as of May 25, 2007, the Fourth Amendment dated as of July 27, 2007, the Fifth Amendment dated as of April 1, 2008, and the Sixth Amendment dated as of July 8, 2008, the "Credit Agreement") among the Company, the Guarantors identified therein, the Lenders identified therein and the Administrative Agent;

WHEREAS, the Company has requested that the definition of "Consolidated Fixed Charges" in Section 1.1 of the Credit Agreement be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Lenders, by act of the Required Lenders, have agreed to the requested modification on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Defined Terms. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.
  2. Amendment to Credit Agreement. In Section 1.1 (Definitions) of the Credit Agreement, the defined term "Consolidated Fixed Charges" is amended by deleting the text "(and including, for purposes hereof, all payments under earnout obligations whether or not constituting Debt hereunder)" contained therein.
  3. Conditions Precedent. This Amendment shall not become effective until receipt by the Administrative Agent of each item listed below, in each case in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders:
    - (a) Executed Amendment. Counterparts to this Amendment from the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent, the Company and the other Loan Parties.
    - (b) Fees and Expenses. Payment of all reasonable costs and expenses of the Administrative Agent, BAS and the Lenders in connection with this Amendment that are due and payable on the date hereof (including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and expenses of Moore & Van Allen, PLLC, counsel to the Administrative Agent and BAS).
  4. Representations and Warranties. The Loan Parties hereby affirm the following:
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(a) all action necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Amendment has been taken;

(b) after giving effect to this Amendment, the representations and warranties set forth in the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents are true and correct in all material respects as of the date hereof (except those which expressly relate to an earlier period); and

(c) before and after giving effect to this Amendment, no Default or Event of Default shall exist.

5. Guarantors' Acknowledgment. Each Guarantor hereby (a) acknowledges and consents to all of the terms and conditions of this Amendment and (b) reaffirms that, jointly and severally together with the other Guarantors, it guarantees the prompt payment and performance of their obligations as provided in the Guaranty Agreement.

6. Full Force and Effect. Except as modified hereby, all of the terms and provisions of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including schedules and exhibits thereto) shall remain in full force and effect.

7. Fees and Expenses. The Company agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses of the Administrative Agent in connection with the preparation, execution and delivery of this Amendment, including the reasonable fees and expenses of Moore & Van Allen, PLLC.

8. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed an original, and it shall not be necessary in making proof of this Amendment to produce or account for more than one such counterpart.

9. Governing Law. This Amendment shall be a contract made under and governed by the internal laws of the State of Illinois applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within such state, without regard to conflict of laws principles.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused a counterpart of this Amendment to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

BORROWER: HURON CONSULTING GROUP INC.,  
a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Gary L. Burge  
Name: Gary L. Burge  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

GUARANTORS: HURON CONSULTING GROUP HOLDINGS LLC,  
a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Gary L. Burge  
Name: Gary L. Burge  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

HURON CONSULTING SERVICES LLC,  
a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Gary L. Burge  
Name: Gary L. Burge  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

WELLSPRING MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC,  
formerly known as SPELTZ & WEIS LLC,  
a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Gary L. Burge  
Name: Gary L. Burge  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

HURON DEMAND LLC,  
a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Gary L. Burge  
Name: Gary L. Burge  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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ADMINISTRATIVE  
AGENT:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
as Administrative Agent

By: /s/ Michael Brashler  
Name: Michael Brashler  
Title: Vice President

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LENDERS: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as L/C Issuer, Swingline Lender and Lender

By: /s/ David Bacon  
Name: David Bacon  
Title: VP

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Douglas P. Boersma  
Name: Douglas P. Boersma  
Title: SVP

FIFTH THIRD BANK

By: /s/ Susan M. Kaminski  
Name: Susan M. Kaminski  
Title: Senior Vice President

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By:  
Name:  
Title:

NATIONAL CITY BANK

By: /s/ Stephanie Kline  
Name: Stephanie Kline  
Title: SVP

THE PRIVATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

By: /s/ James M. Feldman  
Name: James M. Feldman  
Title: Managing Director

RBS CITIZENS, N.A.

By: /s/ M. James Barry, III  
Name: M. James Barry, III  
Title: Vice President

SUNTRUST BANK

By: /s/ J. Matthew Rowand  
Name: J. Matthew Rowand  
Title: Vice President

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TD BANK, N.A.

By:  
Name:  
Title:

THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY

By: /s/ Morgan A. Lyons  
Name: Morgan A. Lyons  
Title: Vice President

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**CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Gary E. Holdren, certify that:

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

Date: October 30, 2008

By: /s/ Gary E. Holdren  
Gary E. Holdren  
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer  
and President

**CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER,  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Gary L. Burge, certify that:

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

Date: October 30, 2008

By: /s/ Gary L. Burge  
Gary L. Burge  
Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Huron Consulting Group Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Gary E. Holdren, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company for the periods presented therein.

Date: October 30, 2008

By: /s/ Gary E. Holdren  
Gary E. Holdren  
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer  
and President

**CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER,  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Huron Consulting Group Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Gary L. Burge, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company, hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company for the periods presented therein.

Date: October 30, 2008

By: /s/ Gary L. Burge  
Gary L. Burge  
Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer