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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**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 April 3, 2009

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 0-18655

**EXPONENT, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

**77-0218904**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**149 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE, MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA**  
(Address of principal executive office)

**94025**  
(Zip Code)

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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (650) 326-9400**

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a 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

As of May 8, 2009, the latest practicable date, the registrant had 13,622,898 shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, outstanding.

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	<b>April 3, 2009</b>	<b>January 2, 2009</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,400	\$ 32,598
Short-term investments	22,287	24,772
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,006 and \$2,449 at April 3, 2009 and January 2, 2009, respectively	68,760	62,208
Prepaid expenses and other assets	5,879	6,275
Deferred income taxes	4,819	4,455
Total current assets	124,145	130,308
Property, equipment and leasehold improvements, net	30,714	31,371
Goodwill	8,607	8,607
Deferred income taxes	7,502	6,893
Other assets	7,759	5,911
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 178,727</b>	<b>\$ 183,090</b>
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 6,352	\$ 6,536
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	22,170	35,528
Deferred revenues	7,990	6,171
Total current liabilities	36,512	48,235
Other liabilities	558	567
Deferred compensation	6,445	4,401
Deferred rent	1,615	1,793
Total liabilities	45,130	54,996
Stockholders equity:		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 16,426,664 shares issued at April 3, 2009 and January 2, 2009	16	16
Additional paid-in capital	79,476	72,734
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(465)	(345)
Retained earnings	128,830	127,127

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Treasury stock, at cost; 2,822,208 and 2,737,050 shares held at April 3, 2009 and January 2, 2009, respectively	(74,260)	(71,438)
Total stockholders' equity	133,597	128,094
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 178,727	\$ 183,090

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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**Table of Contents****EXPONENT, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME****For the Three Months Ended April 3, 2009 and March 28, 2008****(in thousands, except per share data)****(unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 3, 2009</b>	<b>March 28, 2008</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Revenues before reimbursements	\$ 54,931	\$ 52,022
Reimbursements	4,865	4,238
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>59,796</b>	<b>56,260</b>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>		
Compensation and related expenses	37,846	33,510
Other operating expenses	5,277	5,428
Reimbursable expenses	4,865	4,238
General and administrative expenses	2,632	2,989
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>50,620</b>	<b>46,165</b>
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>9,176</b>	<b>10,095</b>
<b>Other income, net:</b>		
Interest income, net	234	502
Miscellaneous income (expense), net	158	(65)
<b>Total other income, net</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>437</b>
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>9,568</b>	<b>10,532</b>
<b>Income taxes</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>4,185</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 5,758</b>	<b>\$ 6,347</b>
<b>Net income per share:</b>		
Basic	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.43
Diluted	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.40
<b>Shares used in per share computations:</b>		
Basic	14,092	14,847
Diluted	14,975	15,991

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**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

**For the Three Months Ended April 3, 2009 and March 28, 2008**

**(in thousands)**

**(unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 3, 2009</b>	<b>March 28, 2008</b>
Net income	\$ 5,758	\$ 6,347
Other comprehensive income:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax	(122)	120
Unrealized gain arising during the period on investments, net of tax	2	187
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$ 5,638</b>	<b>\$ 6,654</b>

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	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 3,</b>	<b>March</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>28,</b>
		<b>2008</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 5,758	\$ 6,347
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:</b>		
Depreciation and amortization of property, equipment and leasehold improvements	1,078	941
Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on short-term investments	60	104
Amortization of contribution to deferred compensation plan		110
Deferred rent expense	(178)	(103)
Allowance for doubtful accounts	875	596
Stock-based compensation	3,095	2,867
Deferred income tax provision	(1,195)	(982)
Tax benefit for stock option plans	(1,068)	(4,046)
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		
Accounts receivable	(7,427)	(4,245)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	264	891
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	884	3,033
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	(10,371)	(5,141)
Deferred revenues	1,819	(733)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(6,406)</b>	<b>(361)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Capital expenditures	(421)	(1,150)
Purchase of short-term investments		(48,259)
Sale/maturity of short-term investments	2,492	51,515
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>2,106</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Tax benefit for stock option plans	1,068	4,046
Payroll taxes for restricted stock units	(1,687)	(1,578)
Purchases of treasury stock	(5,525)	(5,087)
Issuance of treasury stock	306	2,042
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(5,838)</b>	<b>(577)</b>
Effect of foreign currency exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(25)	104
<b>Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(10,198)</b>	<b>1,272</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	32,598	10,700



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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 22,400	\$ 11,972
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**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the Three Months Ended April 3, 2009 and March 28, 2008**

**Note 1: Basis of Presentation**

Exponent, Inc. (referred to as the Company or Exponent ) is an engineering and scientific consulting firm that provides solutions to complex problems. The Company operates on a 52-53 week fiscal year ending on the Friday closest to the last day of December.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information, the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, they do not contain all the information and notes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments which are necessary for the fair presentation of the condensed consolidated financial statements have been included and all such adjustments are of a normal and recurring nature. The operating results for the three months ended April 3, 2009 are not necessarily representative of the results of future quarterly or annual periods. The following information should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2009.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Exponent, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

**Authorized Capital Stock.** The Company committed to stockholders in a letter dated May 23, 2006 to limit its use of the authorized capital stock to 40 million common shares, and 2 million preferred shares, unless the approval of the Company's stockholders is obtained subsequently, such as through a further amendment to the Company's authorized capital stock.

**Use of Estimates.** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Table of Contents****Note 2: Fair Value Measurements**

The Company measures certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis, including available-for-sale fixed income securities, trading fixed income and equity securities held in its deferred compensation plan and the liability associated with its deferred compensation plan. The fair value of these financial assets and liabilities was determined using the following inputs at April 3, 2009 (in thousands):

	Total	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>Assets</b>				
Fixed income available-for-sale securities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 43,343	\$ 20,246	\$ 22,287	\$ 810
Fixed income trading securities held in deferred compensation plan <sup>(2)</sup>	2,435	2,435		
Equity trading securities held in deferred compensation plan <sup>(2)</sup>	4,110	4,110		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 49,888</b>	<b>\$ 26,791</b>	<b>\$ 22,287</b>	<b>\$ 810</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Deferred compensation plan <sup>(3)</sup>	6,545	6,545		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,545</b>	<b>\$ 6,545</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Included in cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and other assets on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet.

<sup>(2)</sup> Included in other current assets and other assets on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet.

<sup>(3)</sup> \$207,000 included in accrued liabilities and \$6,338,000 included in deferred compensation on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Fixed income available-for-sale securities represent primarily obligations of state and local government agencies. Included in fixed income available-for-sale securities is \$20,246,000 of money market securities classified as cash equivalents. Fixed income and equity trading securities represent mutual funds held in the Company's deferred compensation plan. See Note 7 for additional information about the Company's deferred compensation plan.

Included within the Company's investment portfolio and classified as a long-term asset on its balance sheet is one AA rated student loan secured auction rate security purchased for \$1 million and valued at \$810,000. During the second quarter of 2008 the auction for this security failed. Due to the failed auction, the Company concluded that the fair value determination for this auction rate security represents a Level 3 measurement within the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 hierarchy. The auction rate security was valued based on a discounted cash flow analysis and the Company recorded an unrealized loss of \$65,000 during the current quarter, which is reflected in other comprehensive income in the consolidated balance sheet. The Company intends to hold this security until a future auction is successful or the security is restructured.

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### **Note 3: Revenue Recognition**

The Company derives its revenues primarily from professional fees earned on consulting engagements and fees earned for the use of its equipment and facilities, as well as reimbursements for outside direct expenses associated with the services that are billed to its clients.

Exponent reports revenues net of subcontractor fees. The Company has determined that it is not the primary obligor with respect to its subcontractors because:

its clients are directly involved in the subcontractor selection process;

the subcontractor is responsible for fulfilling the scope of work; and

the Company passes through the costs of subcontractor agreements with only a minimal fixed percentage mark-up to compensate it for processing the transactions.

Reimbursements, including those related to travel and other out-of-pocket expenses, and other similar third-party costs such as the cost of materials, are included in revenues, and an equivalent amount of reimbursable expenses are included in operating expenses. Any mark-up on reimbursable expenses is included in revenues.

Substantially all of the Company's engagements are performed under time and material or fixed-price billing arrangements. On time and material and fixed-price projects, revenue is generally recognized as the services are performed. For substantially all of the Company's fixed-price engagements, it recognizes revenue based on the relationship of incurred labor hours at standard rates and expenses to its estimate of the total labor hours at standard rates and expenses it expects to incur over the term of the contract. The Company believes this methodology achieves a reliable measure of the revenue from the consulting services it provides to its customers under fixed-price contracts given the nature of the consulting services the Company provides and the following additional considerations:

the Company considers labor hours at standard rates and expenses to be incurred when pricing its contracts;

the Company generally does not incur set-up costs on its contracts;

the Company does not believe that there are reliable milestones by which to measure progress toward completion;

if the contract is terminated early, the customer is required to pay the Company for time at standard rates plus materials incurred to date;

the Company does not recognize revenue for award fees or bonuses until specific contractual criteria are met;

the Company does not include revenue for unpriced change orders until the customer agrees with the changes;

historically the Company has not had significant accounts receivable write-offs or cost overruns; and

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its contracts are typically progress billed on a monthly basis.

Product revenue is recognized, when both title and risk of loss transfer to the customer and customer acceptance has occurred, provided that no significant obligations remain. Revenue from multiple-element arrangements is allocated based on the relative fair value of each element, which is generally based on the relative sales price for each element when sold separately. If the fair value of one or more delivered elements cannot be determined, then revenue is allocated based on the residual method.

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Gross revenues and reimbursements for the three months ended April 3, 2009 and March 28, 2008 were as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008
Gross revenues	\$ 60,722	\$ 57,905
Less: subcontractor fees	926	1,645
Revenues	59,796	56,260
Reimbursements:		
Out-of-pocket travel reimbursements	1,085	1,071
Other outside direct expenses	3,780	3,167
	4,865	4,238
Revenues before reimbursements	\$ 54,931	\$ 52,022

Significant management judgments and estimates must be made and used in connection with the revenue recognized in any accounting period. These judgments and estimates include an assessment of collectability and, for fixed-price engagements, an estimate as to the total effort required to complete the project. If the Company made different judgments or utilized different estimates, the amount and timing of its revenue for any period could be materially different.

All consulting contracts are subject to review by management, which requires a positive assessment of the collectability of contract amounts. If, during the course of the contract, the Company determines that collection of revenue is not reasonably assured, it does not recognize the revenue until its collection becomes reasonably assured, which is generally upon receipt of cash. The Company assesses collectability based on a number of factors, including past transaction history with the client and project manager, as well as the creditworthiness of the client. Losses on fixed-price contracts are recognized during the period in which the loss first becomes evident. Contract losses are determined to be the amount by which the estimated total costs of the contract exceeds the total fixed price of the contract.

**Note 4: Net Income Per Share**

Basic per share amounts are computed using the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted per share amounts are calculated using the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period and, when dilutive, the weighted-average number of potential common shares from the issuance of common stock to satisfy outstanding restricted stock units and the exercise of outstanding options to purchase common stock using the treasury stock method.

The following schedule reconciles the shares used to calculate basic and diluted net income per share:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008
Shares used in basic per share computation	14,092	14,847
Effect of dilutive common stock options outstanding	519	820
Effect of dilutive restricted stock units outstanding	364	324
Shares used in diluted per share computation	14,975	15,991

Common stock options to purchase 60,000 shares were excluded from the diluted per share calculation for the three months ended April 3, 2009 and March 28, 2008, respectively, due to their antidilutive effect. The weighted average exercise price for the antidilutive shares was \$31.01 for the three months ended April 3, 2009 and March 28, 2008, respectively.



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**Note 5: Stock-Based Compensation**

**Restricted Stock Units**

Restricted stock unit grants are designed to attract and retain employees, and to better align employee interests with those of the Company's stockholders. For a select group of employees, up to 40% of their annual bonus is settled with fully vested restricted stock unit awards. Under these fully vested restricted stock unit awards, the holder of each award has the right to receive one share of the Company's common stock for each fully vested restricted stock unit four years from the date of grant. Each individual who receives a fully vested restricted stock unit award is also granted a matching number of unvested restricted stock unit awards. Unvested restricted stock unit awards are also granted for select new hires and promotions. These unvested restricted stock unit awards generally cliff vest four years from the date of grant, at which time the holder of each award will have the right to receive one share of the Company's common stock for each restricted stock unit award provided the holder of each award has met certain employment conditions. In the case of retirement at 59 1/2 years or older, all unvested restricted stock unit awards will continue to vest, provided that the holder of each award does all consulting work through the Company and does not become an employee for a past or present client, beneficial party or competitor of the Company.

The value of these restricted stock unit awards is determined based on the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The value of fully vested restricted stock unit awards issued is recorded as a reduction to accrued bonuses. The portion of bonus expense that the Company expects to settle with fully vested restricted stock unit awards is recorded as stock-based compensation during the period the bonus is earned. The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense associated with accrued bonus awards of \$1,106,000 and \$1,166,000 during the three months ended April 3, 2009 and March 28, 2008, respectively. The value of the unvested restricted stock unit awards issued is recognized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the four-year vesting period or the period between the grant date and the date the award recipient turns 59 1/2. If the award recipient is 59 1/2 years or older on the date of grant, the value of the entire award is expensed upon grant. The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense associated with the unvested restricted stock unit awards of \$1,812,000 and \$1,517,000 during the three months ended April 3, 2009 and March 28, 2008, respectively.

**Stock Options**

Stock options are granted for terms of ten years and generally vest 25% per year over a four-year period from the grant date. The Company grants options at exercise prices equal to the fair value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense of \$177,000 and \$184,000 during the three months ended April 3, 2009 and March 28, 2008, respectively, associated with stock option grants.

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to determine the fair value of options granted. The determination of the fair value of stock-based payment awards on the date of grant using an option-pricing model is affected by the Company's stock price as well as assumptions regarding a number of complex and subjective variables. These variables include expected stock price volatility over the term of the award, actual and projected employee stock option exercise behaviors, the risk-free interest rate and expected dividends.

The Company used historical exercise and post-vesting forfeiture and expiration data to estimate the expected term of options granted. The historical volatility of the Company's common stock over a period of time equal to the expected term of the options granted was used to estimate expected volatility. The risk-free interest rate used in the option-pricing model was based on United States Treasury zero-coupon issues with remaining terms similar to the expected term on the options. The Company does not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future and therefore used an expected dividend yield of zero in the option-pricing model. The Company is required to estimate forfeitures at the time of grant and revise those estimates in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. Historical data was used to estimate pre-vesting option forfeitures and stock-based compensation expense was recorded only for those awards that are expected to vest. All share-based payment awards are recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service periods of the awards.



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On May 22, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors approved up to \$35 million for repurchases of the Company's common stock. On May 29, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an additional \$35 million for repurchases of the Company's common stock. On February 19, 2009, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an additional \$25.1 million for the repurchase of the Company's common stock.

The Company repurchased 254,861 shares of its common stock for approximately \$5.5 million during the three months ended April 3, 2009. The Company repurchased 174,835 shares of its common stock for approximately \$4.8 million during the three months ended March 28, 2008. As of April 3, 2009, the Company had remaining authorization under its stock repurchase plans of approximately \$29.5 million to repurchase shares of common stock.

The Company reissued 169,703 shares of its treasury stock with a cost of approximately \$2.7 million to settle stock awards during the three months ended April 3, 2009. The Company reissued 547,935 shares of its treasury stock with a cost of approximately \$7.8 million to settle stock awards during the three months ended March 28, 2008.

**Note 7: Deferred Compensation Plan**

The Company maintains a nonqualified deferred compensation plan for the benefit of a select group of highly compensated employees. Under this plan participants may elect to defer up to 100% of their compensation. Company assets that are earmarked to pay benefits under the plan are held in a rabbi trust and are subject to the claims of the Company's creditors. As of April 3, 2009 and January 2, 2009, the invested amounts under the plan totaled \$6.6 million and \$5.0 million, respectively. These assets are classified as trading securities and are recorded at fair market value with changes recorded as adjustments to other income and expense.

As of April 3, 2009 and January 2, 2009, vested amounts due under the plan totaled \$6.6 million and \$5.0 million, respectively. Changes in the liability are recorded as adjustments to compensation expense. During the three months ended April 3, 2009 and March 28, 2008, the Company recognized a decrease to compensation expense of \$109,000 and \$423,000, respectively, as a result of changes in the market value of the trust assets, with the same amount being recorded as other expense.

**Note 8: Supplemental Cash Flow Information**

The following is supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008
Cash paid during period:		
Income taxes	\$ 330	\$ 984
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Unrealized gain on short-term investments	\$ 2	\$ 187
Vested stock unit awards issued to settle accrued bonuses	\$ 3,739	\$ 3,637

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At April 3, 2009 and January 2, 2009, accounts receivable, net was comprised of the following:

(In thousands)	April 3, 2009	January 2, 2009
Billed accounts receivable	\$ 46,207	\$ 43,561
Unbilled accounts receivable	25,559	21,096
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(3,006)	(2,449)
 Total accounts receivable, net	 \$ 68,760	 \$ 62,208

**Note 10: Inventory**

At April 3, 2009, the Company had \$2.6 million of raw materials inventory included in prepaid expenses and other current assets on its condensed consolidated balance sheet. At January 2, 2009, the Company had \$213,000 of raw materials inventory included in prepaid expenses and other current assets on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet.

**Note 11: Segment Reporting**

The Company has two operating segments based on two primary areas of service. One operating segment is a broad service group providing technical consulting in different practices primarily in the areas of impending litigation and technology development. The Company's other operating segment provides services in the area of environmental, epidemiology and health risk analysis. This operating segment provides a wide range of consulting services relating to environmental hazards and risks and the impact on both human health and the environment.

Segment information for the three months ended April 3, 2009 and March 28, 2008 follows:

**Revenues**

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008
Engineering and other scientific	\$ 45,255	\$ 43,595
Environmental and health	14,541	12,665
 Total revenues	 \$ 59,796	 \$ 56,260

**Operating income**

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008
Engineering and other scientific	\$ 11,652	\$ 12,728
Environmental and health	4,295	3,528
 Total segment operating income	 15,947	 16,256
Corporate operating expense	(6,771)	(6,161)
 Total operating income	 \$ 9,176	 \$ 10,095



**Table of Contents**Capital Expenditures

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008
Engineering and other scientific	\$ 369	\$ 931
Environmental and health	39	26
<b>Total segment capital expenditures</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>957</b>
Corporate capital expenditures	13	193
<b>Total capital expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 421</b>	<b>\$ 1,150</b>

Depreciation and Amortization

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008
Engineering and other scientific	\$ 701	\$ 610
Environmental and health	46	44
<b>Total segment depreciation and amortization</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>654</b>
Corporate depreciation and amortization	331	287
<b>Total depreciation and amortization</b>	<b>\$ 1,078</b>	<b>\$ 941</b>

The Company derived 12% of revenues from agencies of the federal government for the three months ended April 3, 2009. The Company derived 10% of revenues from agencies of the federal government for the three months ended March 28, 2008.

**Note 12: Goodwill**

Below is a breakdown of goodwill reported by segment as of April 3, 2009:

(In thousands)	Environmental and health	Engineering and other scientific	Total
Goodwill	\$ 8,099	\$ 508	\$ 8,607

There were no changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the three months ended April 3, 2009.

**Note 13: Contingencies**

In July, 2008, the Company was served with a writ by a former client. The writ did not articulate a claim. The Company met with the former client in November of 2008 and again in January of 2009 and learned in those discussions of potential claims against the Company related to an adverse verdict against the former client. The adverse verdict is currently under appeal. The former client claims that this adverse verdict was due to the testimony delivered by one of the Company's employees. Given the uncertainty as to whether the claimant will incur a loss (it may prevail on appeal), whether it will choose to pursue one or more claims against the Company and the nature of the potential claims against the Company, an estimated loss cannot be determined at this time. The Company believes it has a strong defense against all such potential claims and intends to vigorously defend itself. Further, the Company believes that some of the potential claims would be covered by insurance. Although the Company's ultimate liability in this matter (if any) cannot be determined, based upon information currently available, the Company believes the ultimate resolution of these potential claims will not have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.



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**Note 14: Subsequent Event**

On April 30, 2009, Chrysler LLC filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Included on the Company's balance sheet as of April 3, 2009, are approximately \$740,000 of billed and unbilled receivables due from Chrysler representing 1.1% of the Company's total outstanding accounts receivable. Based on the information currently available an estimated loss on the ultimate collection of these receivables, if any, cannot be determined at this time. Although the ultimate loss, if any, related to this bankruptcy filing cannot be determined, the Company believes the ultimate resolution will not have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included herein and with our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2009, which are contained in our fiscal 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains certain forward-looking statements (as such term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and the rules promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended thereto) that are based on the beliefs of the Company's management, as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to the Company's management. Such forward-looking statements are subject to the safe harbor created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used in this document and in the documents incorporated herein by reference, the words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect and similar expressions, as they relate to the Company or its management, identify such forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect the current views of the Company or its management with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, the Company's actual results, performance, or achievements could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, any such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such material differences include the possibility that the demand for our services may decline as a result of changes in general and industry specific economic conditions, the timing of engagements for our services, the effects of competitive services and pricing, the absence of backlog related to our business, our ability to attract and retain key employees, the effect of tort reform and government regulation on our business and liabilities resulting from claims made against us. Additional risks and uncertainties are discussed in our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K under the heading Risk Factors and elsewhere in the report. The inclusion of such forward-looking information should not be regarded as a representation by the Company or any other person that the future events, plans, or expectations contemplated by the Company will be achieved. Due to such uncertainties and risks, you are warned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. The Company does not intend to release publicly any updates or revisions to any such forward-looking statements.

#### **Business Overview**

Exponent, Inc. is an engineering and scientific consulting firm that provides solutions to complex problems. Our multidisciplinary team of scientists, physicians, engineers and business consultants brings together more than 90 different technical disciplines to solve complicated issues facing industry and business today. Our services include analysis of product development, product recall, regulatory compliance, and discovery of potential problems related to products, people or property and impending litigation, as well as the development of highly technical new products.

#### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

In preparing our condensed consolidated financial statements, we make assumptions, judgments and estimates that can have a significant impact on our revenue, operating income and net income, as well as on the value of certain assets and liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet. We base our assumptions, judgments and estimates on historical experience and various other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ materially from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. On a regular basis we evaluate our assumptions, judgments and estimates and make changes accordingly. We believe that the assumptions, judgments and estimates involved in the accounting for revenue recognition and estimating the allowance for doubtful accounts have the greatest potential impact on our consolidated financial statements, so we consider these to be our critical accounting policies. Historically, our assumptions, judgments and estimates relative to our critical accounting policies have not differed materially from actual results. Policies covering revenue recognition and estimating the allowance for doubtful accounts are described in our fiscal 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K under Critical Accounting Estimates and Note 1 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Table of Contents****RESULTS OF CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS****Overview of the Three Months Ended April 3, 2009**

During the first quarter of 2009 we had a 6.3% increase in revenues and a 5.6% increase in revenues before reimbursements as compared to the same period last year. Our consolidated revenue growth was primarily driven by an increase in billable hours and higher billing rates. The growth in billable hours was driven by our technology development, mechanics and materials, health sciences and electrical and semiconductors practices and our center for chemical registration and food safety. Billable hours for the first quarter of 2009 increased 6.3% to 234,022 as compared to 220,069 during the same period last year. Technical full-time equivalents increased 5.4% to 642 during the first quarter of 2009 as compared to 609 during the same period last year. This increase in technical full-time equivalents was due to our continuing recruiting and retention efforts. Utilization increased to 70% for the first quarter of 2009 as compared to 69% during the same period last year. The increase in utilization was due in part to one less holiday during the first quarter of 2009 as compared to the first quarter of 2008. Product sales in our technology development practice decreased 73% to \$890,000 for the first quarter of 2009 as compared to \$3,250,000 during the same period last year. This decrease in product sales was primarily due to a decrease in sales of surveillance systems to the United States Army. Operating income decreased 9.1% and net income decreased 9.3% due to the increase in compensation and related expense and the decrease in product sales.

**Three Months Ended April 3, 2009 compared to Three Months Ended March 28, 2008****Revenues**

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Percent Change
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008	
Engineering and other scientific	\$ 45,255	\$ 43,595	3.8%
Percentage of total revenues	75.7%	77.5%	
Environmental and health	14,541	12,665	14.8%
Percentage of total revenues	24.3%	22.5%	
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 59,796</b>	<b>\$ 56,260</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

The increase in revenues for our engineering and other scientific segment was driven by an increase in billable hours and higher billing rates partially offset by a decrease in product sales in our technology development practice. The increase in billable hours was primarily due to an increase in consulting activity in our technology development, mechanics and materials, and electrical and semiconductors practices. During the first quarter of 2009, billable hours for this segment increased by 4.2% to 174,432 as compared to 167,380 during the same period last year. Technical full-time equivalents increased 4.2% to 471 from 452 for the same period last year due to our continuing recruiting and retention efforts. Utilization was 71% for the first quarter of 2009 and 2008. Product sales in our technology development practice decreased 73% to \$890,000 for the first quarter of 2009 as compared to \$3,250,000 during the same period last year.

The increase in revenues for our environmental and health segment was driven by an increase in billable hours and higher billing rates. The increase in billable hours was due to an increase in activity in our health sciences practice and center for chemical registration and food safety. During the first quarter of 2009, billable hours for this segment increased by 13.1% to 59,591 as compared to 52,689 during the same period last year. Technical full-time equivalents increased by 8.9% to 171 from 157 for the same period last year due to our continuing recruiting and retention efforts. Utilization increased to 67% for the first quarter of 2009 as compared to 65% during the same period last year.



**Table of Contents****Compensation and Related Expenses**

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Percent Change
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008	
Compensation and related expenses	\$ 37,846	\$ 33,510	12.9%
Percentage of total revenues	63.3%	59.6%	

The increase in compensation and related expenses during the first quarter of 2009 was due to an increase in payroll, fringe benefits and the change in value of assets associated with our deferred compensation plan. Payroll increased by \$2,803,000 and fringe benefits increased by \$425,000 due to an increase in technical full-time equivalent employees and the impact of our annual salary increase on April 1, 2008. During the first quarter of 2009, we recorded a decrease to compensation expense of \$109,000 as compared to a decrease of \$423,000 during the same period last year due to a decline in the value of assets associated with our deferred compensation plan. The increase in compensation and related expenses contributed to the decrease in operating income. We expect a slight decrease in payroll expense during the second quarter of 2009 as compared to the first quarter of 2009 due to a projected sequential decrease in technical full-time equivalent employees and an increase in vacation taken partially offset by our annual salary increase on March 30, 2009.

**Other Operating Expenses**

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Percent Change
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008	
Other operating expenses	\$ 5,277	\$ 5,428	(2.8)%
Percentage of total revenues	8.8%	9.6%	

Other operating expenses include facilities-related costs, technical materials, computer-related expenses and depreciation and amortization of property, equipment and leasehold improvements. The decrease in other operating expenses was primarily due to a decrease in technical materials of \$92,000 and a decrease in office expenses of \$66,000 as part of our continuing efforts to manage our cost structure.

**Reimbursable Expenses**

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Percent Change
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008	
Reimbursable expenses	\$ 4,865	\$ 4,238	14.8%
Percentage of total revenues	8.1%	7.5%	

The increase in reimbursable expenses was primarily due to an increase in project related costs in our technology development practice. The amount of reimbursable expenses will vary from quarter to quarter depending on the nature of our projects.

**General and Administrative Expenses**

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Percent Change
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008	
General and administrative expenses	\$ 2,632	\$ 2,989	(11.9)%
Percentage of total revenues	4.4%	5.3%	

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The decrease in general and administrative expenses during the first quarter of 2009 was due to decreases in travel and meals of \$193,000, recruiting and relocation of \$118,000 and professional development of \$106,000. These decreases were due to our continuing efforts to manage our cost structure.

**Other Income, Net**

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Percent Change
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008	
Other income, net	\$ 392	\$ 437	(10.3)%
Percentage of total revenues	0.7%	0.8%	

Other income, net, consists primarily of interest income earned on available cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, changes in the value of assets associated with our deferred compensation plan and rental income from leasing space in our Silicon Valley facility. The decrease in other income, net, was due to a decrease in interest income of \$268,000 and an increase in the loss on foreign exchange of \$171,000, partially offset by the change in value of assets associated with our deferred compensation plan. The decrease in interest income was due to a decrease in average balances of our cash equivalents and short-term investments and lower interest rates. During the first quarter of 2009 and 2008, we recorded a decrease to other income, net, of \$109,000 and \$423,000, respectively, associated with a decrease in the value of assets associated with our deferred compensation plan.

**Income Taxes**

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Percent Change
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008	
Income taxes	\$ 3,810	\$ 4,185	(9.0)%
Percentage of total revenues	6.4%	7.4%	
Effective tax rate	39.8%	39.7%	

The decrease in income tax expense was due to a corresponding decrease in pre-tax income.

**RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In April 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued three Final Staff Positions ( FSPs ) that are intended to provide additional application guidance and enhance disclosures about fair value measurements and impairments of securities. FSP FAS 157-4 clarifies the objective and method of fair value measurement even when there has been a significant decrease in market activity for the asset being measured. FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2 establishes a new model for measuring other-than-temporary impairments for debt securities, including establishing criteria for when to recognize a write-down through earnings versus other comprehensive income. FSP FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1 expands the fair value disclosures required for all financial instruments within the scope of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 107, Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments, to interim periods. All of these FSPs are effective for us beginning April 4, 2009. We are assessing the potential impact that the adoption of FSP FAS 157-4 and FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2 may have on our financial statements.

**Table of Contents****LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

As of April 3, 2009, our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments were \$44.7 million compared to \$57.4 million at January 2, 2009.

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	April 3, 2009	March 28, 2008
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (6,406)	\$ (361)
Net cash provided by investing activities	2,071	2,106
Net cash used in financing activities	(5,838)	(577)

The increase in net cash used in operating activities during the first three months of 2009 was due to a larger decrease in accrued payroll and employee benefits, and a larger increase in accounts receivable, partially offset by the increase in deferred revenue. The larger decrease in accrued payroll and employee benefits was due to an increase in the amount of accrued bonus paid during the first three months of 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008. The larger increase in accounts receivable was due to slower collections during the first three months of 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008. The increase in deferred revenue was due to an increase in pre-billed projects. Days sales outstanding increased to 99 days during the first three months of 2009 compared to 96 days during the first three months of 2008.

The decrease in net cash provided by investing activities was due to a decrease of \$764,000 in net sales and maturities of short-term investments partially offset by a decrease in capital expenditures of \$729,000.

The increase in net cash used in financing activities was primarily due to a decrease in the tax benefit for stock award plans of \$2,978,000, and a decrease in the issuance of treasury stock of \$1,736,000.

We expect to continue our investing activities, including purchases of short-term investments and capital expenditures. Furthermore, cash reserves may be used to repurchase common stock under our stock repurchase program or strategically acquire professional services firms that are complementary to our business.

The following schedule summarizes our principal contractual commitments as of April 3, 2009 (in thousands):

Fiscal year	Operating lease commitments	Capital leases	Purchase obligations	Total
2009	\$ 4,298	\$ 13	\$ 935	\$ 5,246
2010	4,331	6		4,337
2011	3,572	6		3,578
2012	3,347	3		3,350
2013	1,564	2		1,566
Thereafter	3,924			3,924
	\$ 21,036	\$ 30	\$ 935	\$ 22,001

We maintain a nonqualified deferred compensation plan for the benefit of a select group of highly compensated employees. Vested amounts due under the plan of \$6.4 million were recorded as a long-term liability on our condensed consolidated balance sheet at April 3, 2009. Company assets that are earmarked to pay benefits under the plan are held in a rabbi trust and are subject to the claims of our creditors. As of April 3, 2009 invested amounts under the plan of \$6.4 million were recorded as a long-term asset on our condensed consolidated balance sheet.

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As permitted under Delaware law, we have agreements whereby we indemnify our officers and directors for certain events or occurrences while the officer or director is, or was, serving at our request in such capacity. The indemnification period covers all pertinent events and occurrences during the officer's or director's lifetime. The maximum potential amount of future payments we could be required to make under these indemnification agreements is unlimited; however, we have director and officer insurance coverage that reduces our exposure and enables us to recover a portion of any future amounts paid.

We believe that our existing cash, cash equivalents, short-term investments and our anticipated cash flows from operations will be sufficient to meet our anticipated operating requirements for at least the next twelve months.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We are exposed to interest rate risk associated with our balances of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. We manage our interest rate risk by maintaining an investment portfolio primarily consisting of debt instruments with high credit quality and relatively short average effective maturities in accordance with the Company's investment policy. The maximum effective maturity of any issue in our portfolio of cash equivalents and short-term investments is 3 years and the maximum average effective maturity of the portfolio cannot exceed 12 months. Our exposure to market rate risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to our short-term investments. If interest rates were to instantaneously increase or decrease by 100 basis points, the change in the fair market value of our portfolio of cash equivalents and short-term investments would not have a material impact on our financial statements. We do not use derivative financial instruments in our short-term investment portfolio. There have not been any material changes during the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to our interest rate risk exposures, or how these exposures are managed. Notwithstanding our efforts to manage interest rate risk, there can be no assurances that we will be adequately protected against the risks associated with interest rate fluctuations.

We are exposed to liquidity and credit risk associated with a student loan secured auction rate security. Included within our investment portfolio and classified as a long-term asset on our balance sheet at April 3, 2009 is one AA rated student loan secured auction rate security purchased for \$1.0 million and valued at \$810,000. During the second quarter of 2008 the auction for this security failed. The issuer has expressed its intent to restructure this security, and the next scheduled auction is in May of 2009. We will not have access to these funds until the security is restructured or a future auction is successful. If the issuer is unable to restructure this security or successfully close future auctions and its credit ratings deteriorate, we may be required to adjust the carrying value of this investment through an impairment charge. As of April 3, 2009, we have recorded a cumulative unrealized loss on our auction rate security of \$190,000, which is reflected in other comprehensive income in our consolidated balance sheet. Based on our ability to access our cash and short-term investments, our expected operating cash flows, and our other sources of cash we do not expect any lack of liquidity related to this investment to negatively impact our ability to operate our business as usual.

We are exposed to some foreign currency exchange rate risk associated with our foreign operations. Given the limited nature of these operations, we believe that any exposure would be minimal. Currently, we do not employ a foreign currency hedging program to mitigate our foreign currency exchange risk as we believe the risks to date have not been significant.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

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We intend to review and evaluate the design and effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures on an ongoing basis, to improve our controls and procedures over time and to correct any deficiencies that we may discover in the future. Our goal is to ensure that our senior management has timely access to all material financial and non-financial information concerning our business. While we believe the present design of our disclosure controls and procedures is effective to achieve our goal, future events affecting our business may cause us to significantly modify our disclosure controls and procedures.

### **(b) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the three month period ended April 3, 2009, that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II - OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

#### **FACTORS AFFECTING OPERATING RESULTS AND MARKET PRICE OF STOCK**

Exponent operates in a rapidly changing environment that involves a number of uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control. These uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those mentioned elsewhere in this report and those set forth below.

#### **Lack of sizable backlog may lead to less predictable, and perhaps lower, future revenues.**

Revenues are primarily derived from services provided in response to client requests or events that occur without notice, and engagements, generally billed as services are performed, are terminable or subject to postponement or delay at any time by clients. As a result, backlog at any particular time is small in relation to our quarterly or annual revenues and is not a reliable indicator of revenues for any future periods. Revenues and operating margins for any particular quarter are generally affected by staffing mix, resource requirements and timing and size of engagements.

#### **Failure to attract and retain key employees may adversely affect our business.**

Exponent's business involves the delivery of professional services and is labor-intensive. Our success depends in large part upon our ability to attract, retain and motivate highly qualified technical and managerial personnel. Qualified personnel are in great demand and are likely to remain a limited resource for the foreseeable future. We cannot provide any assurance that we can continue to attract sufficient numbers of highly qualified technical and managerial personnel and to retain existing employees. The loss of key managerial employees or any significant number of employees could have a material adverse impact on our business, including our ability to secure and complete engagements.

#### **Competition could reduce our pricing and adversely affect our business.**

The markets for our services are highly competitive. In addition, there are relatively low barriers to entry into our markets and we have faced, and expect to continue to face, additional competition from new entrants into our markets. Competitive pressure could reduce the market acceptance of our services and result in price reductions that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

#### **The loss of a large client could adversely affect our business.**

We currently derive and believe that we will continue to derive a significant portion of our revenues from clients, organizations and insurers related to the transportation industry and the government sector. The loss of any large client, organization or insurer could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

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### **Our business can be adversely affected by downturns in the overall economy.**

The markets that we serve are cyclical and subject to general economic conditions. The direction and relative strength of the global economy continues to be increasingly uncertain. If the economy in the United States, where we primarily operate, continues to experience a prolonged slowdown, demand for our services could be reduced considerably.

### **Our clients may be unable to pay for our services.**

If a client's financial difficulties become severe, the client may be unwilling or unable to pay our invoices in the ordinary course of business, which could adversely affect collections of both our accounts receivable and unbilled services. On occasion, some of our clients have entered bankruptcy, which has prevented us from collecting amounts owed to us. The bankruptcy of a client with a substantial account receivable could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

### **We hold substantial investments that could present liquidity risks.**

Our cash equivalent and investment portfolio as of April 3, 2009 consisted primarily of obligations of state and local government agencies. We follow an established investment policy to monitor, manage and limit our exposure to interest rate and credit risk. The policy sets forth credit quality standards and limits our exposure to any one issuer, as well as our maximum exposure to various asset classes.

As a result of current adverse financial market conditions, investments in some financial instruments, may pose risks arising from liquidity and credit concerns. As of April 3, 2009, we had no impairment charge associated with our investment portfolio relating to such adverse financial market conditions. Although we believe our current investment portfolio has a low risk of impairment, we cannot predict future market conditions or market liquidity and can provide no assurance that our investment portfolio will remain unimpaired.

### **Our business is dependent on our professional reputation.**

The professional reputation of Exponent and its consultants is critical to our ability to successfully compete for new client engagements and attract or retain professionals. Any factors that damage our professional reputation could have a material adverse effect on our business.

### **Our business can be adversely impacted by deregulation or reduced regulatory enforcement.**

Public concern over health, safety and preservation of the environment has resulted in the enactment of a broad range of environmental and/or other laws and regulations by local, state and federal lawmakers and agencies. These laws and the implementing of new regulations affect nearly every industry, as well as the agencies of federal, state and local governments charged with their enforcement. To the extent changes in such laws, regulations and enforcement or other factors significantly reduce the exposures of manufacturers, owners, service providers and others to liability, the demand for our services may be significantly reduced.

### **Tort reform can reduce demand for our services.**

Several of our practices have a significant concentration in litigation support consulting services. To the extent tort reform reduces the exposure of manufacturers, owners, service providers and others to liability, the demand for our litigation support consulting services may be significantly reduced.

**Table of Contents****Our quarterly results may vary.**

Variations in our revenues and operating results occur from time to time, as a result of a number of factors, such as the significance of client engagements commenced and completed during a quarter, the timing of engagements, the number of working days in a quarter, employee hiring and utilization rates, and integration of companies acquired. Because a high percentage of our expenses, particularly personnel and facilities related expenses, are relatively fixed in advance of any particular quarter, a variation in the timing of the initiation or the completion of our client assignments can cause significant variations in operating results from quarter to quarter.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

The following table provides information on the Company's repurchases of the Company's common stock for the three months ended April 3, 2009:

(In thousands, except price per share)	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Program <sup>(1)</sup>
January 3 to January 30		\$		\$ 9,863
Additional funds authorized for share repurchases				\$ 35,000
January 31 to February 27	152	20.58	152	\$ 31,868
February 28 to April 3	103	23.30	103	\$ 29,475
<b>Total</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>\$ 21.68</b>	<b>255</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> On May 29, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an additional \$35 million for stock repurchases. On February 19, 2009, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an additional \$25.1 million for stock repurchases. These plans have no expiration date.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

## (a) Exhibits

- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

EXPONENT, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: May 13, 2009

/s/ Michael R. Gaulke

Michael R. Gaulke, Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Richard L. Schlenker

Richard L. Schlenker, Chief Financial Officer

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