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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 **June 30, 2015**

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 001-31588

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MINNESOTA

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

41-0957999

(Federal Employer
Identification No.)

10900 Red Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN
(Address of principal executive offices)

55343
(Zip Code)

(952) 996-1674

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 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 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 a check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company (as defined by 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

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:

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

Class	Name of Exchange On Which Registered	Outstanding at August 1, 2015
Common Stock, par value \$.05 per share	NASDAQ	8,744,631

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
ASSETS

	<u>June 30</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>December 31</u> <u>2014</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,972,407	\$ 13,736,857
Investments	2,884,792	4,602,717
Trade accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$147,000 and \$22,000, respectively	17,353,120	13,839,662
Inventories	29,320,866	31,109,653
Prepaid income taxes	4,813,137	2,317,688
Other current assets	873,443	1,050,000
Deferred income taxes	3,175,986	3,249,164
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>66,393,751</u>	<u>69,905,741</u>
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, net	18,218,327	18,153,152
OTHER ASSETS:		
Investments	10,576,393	11,540,261
Goodwill	1,455,784	—
Funded pension assets	147,665	172,405
Other assets	779,112	514,676
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	<u>12,958,954</u>	<u>12,227,342</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 97,571,032</u>	<u>\$ 100,286,235</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 370,175	\$ 524,220
Line of credit borrowings	3,100,000	—
Accounts payable	6,570,684	5,180,631
Accrued compensation and benefits	3,584,913	3,696,930
Accrued consideration	462,870	—
Other accrued liabilities	1,895,580	2,146,582
Dividends payable	1,455,216	1,446,498
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>17,439,438</u>	<u>12,994,861</u>
LONG TERM LIABILITIES:		
Uncertain tax positions	78,372	77,279
Deferred income taxes	1,039,587	1,089,994
Long-term debt - mortgage payable	—	103,603
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	<u>1,117,959</u>	<u>1,270,876</u>
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Footnote 8)		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share; 3,000,000 shares authorized; none issued		
Common stock, par value \$.05 per share; 30,000,000 shares authorized; 8,739,858 and 8,654,756 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	436,993	432,738
Additional paid-in capital	39,709,299	38,593,230
Retained earnings	39,565,581	47,689,688
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(698,238)	(695,158)
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	<u>79,013,635</u>	<u>86,020,498</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	<u>\$ 97,571,032</u>	<u>\$ 100,286,235</u>

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

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF (LOSS) INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30		Six Months Ended June 30	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Sales	\$ 28,197,661	\$ 33,208,977	\$ 47,742,597	\$ 58,407,383
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	19,658,792	21,115,209	34,316,789	37,325,598
Selling, general and administrative expenses	10,256,538	9,688,247	20,834,714	18,690,358
Restructuring expense	—	—	—	237,838
Total costs and expenses	<u>29,915,330</u>	<u>30,803,456</u>	<u>55,151,503</u>	<u>56,253,794</u>
Operating (loss) income	(1,717,669)	2,405,521	(7,408,906)	2,153,589
Other expenses:				
Investment and other income	3,897	28,065	66,857	34,024
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	88	(141,870)	4,373	(136,131)
Interest and other expense	(61,044)	(16,391)	(74,262)	(41,046)
Other expense, net	(57,059)	(130,196)	(3,032)	(143,153)
(Loss) income from operations before income taxes	(1,774,728)	2,275,325	(7,411,938)	2,010,436
Income tax (benefit) expense	(746,562)	837,842	(2,220,294)	713,536
Net (loss) income	(1,028,166)	1,437,483	(5,191,644)	1,296,900
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
Additional minimum pension liability adjustments	(14,152)	(91,447)	(26,798)	(178,790)
Unrealized (loss)/gain on available-for-sale securities	(5,193)	8,280	49,926	(14,610)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	104,109	55,994	(26,208)	82,545
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	84,764	(27,173)	(3,080)	(110,855)
Comprehensive (loss) income	<u>\$ (943,402)</u>	<u>\$ 1,410,310</u>	<u>\$ (5,194,724)</u>	<u>\$ 1,186,045</u>
Basic net (loss) income per share:	\$ (0.12)	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.60)	\$ 0.15
Diluted net (loss) income per share:	\$ (0.12)	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.60)	\$ 0.15
Weighted Average Basic Shares Outstanding	8,707,564	8,621,387	8,684,321	8,593,561
Weighted Average Dilutive Shares Outstanding	8,707,564	8,644,505	8,684,321	8,616,858
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32

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

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Unaudited)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total
	Shares	Amount				
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2014	<u>8,654,756</u>	<u>\$ 432,738</u>	<u>\$ 38,593,230</u>	<u>\$ 47,689,688</u>	<u>\$ (695,158)</u>	<u>\$ 86,020,498</u>
Net loss				(5,191,644)		(5,191,644)
Issuance of common stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan	8,794	440	96,283			96,723
Issuance of common stock to Employee Stock Ownership Plan	36,707	1,835	383,588			385,423
Issuance of common stock under Non- Employee Stock Option Plan	12,000	600	121,920			122,520
Issuance of common stock under Executive Stock Plan	43,244	2,162	0			2,162
Tax benefit from stock based payments			85,399			85,399
Share based compensation			499,475			499,475
Purchase of common stock	(15,643)	(782)	(70,596)	(103,961)		(175,339)
Shareholder dividends				(2,828,502)		(2,828,502)
Other comprehensive loss					(3,080)	(3,080)
BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2015	<u>8,739,858</u>	<u>\$ 436,993</u>	<u>\$ 39,709,299</u>	<u>\$ 39,565,581</u>	<u>\$ (698,238)</u>	<u>\$ 79,013,635</u>

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COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30	
	2015	2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net (loss) income	\$ (5,191,644)	\$ 1,296,900
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,633,260	1,143,272
Share based compensation	499,475	240,485
Deferred taxes	22,772	278,601
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	(4,373)	136,131
Excess tax benefit from share-based payments	(85,399)	(75,425)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables	(3,475,720)	3,743,374
Inventories	1,797,692	(1,934,942)
Prepaid income taxes	(2,495,449)	397,360
Other assets	(130,430)	135,705
Accounts payable	1,304,217	2,079,869
Accrued compensation and benefits	273,601	(12,258)
Other accrued liabilities	(297,840)	127,808
Income taxes payable	86,492	(3,753)
Other	(58,224)	—
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(6,121,570)	7,553,127
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital expenditures	(1,654,960)	(2,495,463)
Purchases of investments	—	(9,872,086)
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired	(917,363)	—
Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets	22,941	15,993
Proceeds from the sale of investments	2,731,718	3,020,000
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	182,336	(9,331,556)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Borrowings against line of credit	3,100,000	—
Cash dividends paid	(2,819,784)	(2,800,528)
	(257,648)	(240,684)
Mortgage principal payments		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of shares withheld	46,066	180,394
Excess tax benefit from share-based payments	85,399	75,425
Payment of contingent consideration related to acquisition	—	(565,647)
Purchase of common stock	—	(2,161)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	154,033	(3,353,201)
EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	20,751	24,942
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(5,764,450)	(5,106,688)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	13,736,857	20,059,120
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 7,972,407	\$ 14,952,432
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Income taxes paid	\$ 52,979	\$ 30,763
Interest paid	28,931	41,046
Dividends declared not paid	1,455,216	1,419,807
Capital expenditures in accounts payable	6,000	50,871
Acquisition costs in accrued consideration	462,870	—

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

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of Business

Communications Systems, Inc. (herein collectively called “CSI” or the “Company”) is a Minnesota corporation organized in 1969 that operates primarily as a holding company conducting its business through three business units having operations in the United States, Costa Rica, and the United Kingdom. Through its Suttle business unit, the Company manufactures and sells copper and fiber connectivity systems, enclosure systems, and active technologies for voice, data and video communications. Through its Transition Networks business unit, the Company manufactures and sells media converters, network interface devices, network interface cards, Ethernet switches and other connectivity products that offer the ability to affordably integrate the benefits of fiber optics into any data network. Through its JDL Technologies business unit, the Company provides technology solutions including virtualization, managed services, wired and wireless network design and implementation, HIPAA-compliant IT services, and converged infrastructure configuration and deployment.

Financial Statement Presentation

The condensed consolidated balance sheets and condensed consolidated statement of changes in stockholders’ equity as of June 30, 2015 and the related condensed consolidated statements of (loss) income and comprehensive (loss) income, and the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the periods ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 have been prepared by Company management. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments, except where noted) necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows at June 30, 2015 and 2014 and for the periods then ended have been made.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted. We recommend these condensed consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company’s December 31, 2014 Annual Report to Shareholders on Form 10-K. The results of operations for the period ended June 30, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of operating results for the entire year.

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The estimates and assumptions used in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are based upon management’s evaluation of the relevant facts and circumstances as of the time of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Except to the extent updated or described below, the significant accounting policies set forth in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, appropriately represent, in all material respects, the current status of accounting policies, and are incorporated herein by reference.

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Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax, are as follows:

	<u>June 30</u>	<u>December 31</u>
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Foreign currency translation	\$ (2,632,000)	\$ (2,605,000)
Unrealized gain/(loss) on available-for-sale investments	9,000	(41,000)
Pension liability adjustment	1,925,000	1,951,000
	<u>\$ (698,000)</u>	<u>\$ (695,000)</u>

NOTE 2 – CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

The following tables show the Company's cash equivalents and available-for-sale securities' amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses and fair value by significant investment category recorded as cash and cash equivalents or short and long term investments as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>						
	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gains</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Losses</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cash Equivalents</u>	<u>Short-Term Investments</u>	<u>Long-Term Investments</u>
Cash equivalents:							
Money Market funds	\$ 2,473,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,473,000	\$ 2,473,000	\$ —	\$ —
Subtotal	<u>2,473,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,473,000</u>	<u>2,473,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Investments:							
Certificates of deposit	5,973,000	12,000	(1,000)	5,984,000	—	962,000	5,022,000
Corporate Notes/Bonds	7,487,000	2,000	(12,000)	7,477,000	—	1,923,000	5,554,000
Subtotal	<u>13,460,000</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>(13,000)</u>	<u>13,461,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,885,000</u>	<u>10,576,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,933,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,000</u>	<u>\$ (13,000)</u>	<u>\$ 15,934,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,473,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,885,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,576,000</u>

	<u>December 31, 2014</u>						
	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Gains</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Losses</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cash Equivalents</u>	<u>Short-Term Investments</u>	<u>Long-Term Investments</u>
Cash equivalents:							
Money Market funds	\$ 1,073,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,073,000	\$ 1,073,000	\$ —	\$ —
Subtotal	<u>1,073,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,073,000</u>	<u>1,073,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Investments:							
Certificates of deposit	7,414,000	1,000	(32,000)	7,383,000	—	1,920,000	5,463,000
Corporate Notes/Bonds	8,777,000	6,000	(23,000)	8,760,000	—	2,683,000	6,077,000
Subtotal	<u>16,191,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>(55,000)</u>	<u>16,143,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,603,000</u>	<u>11,540,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,264,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,000</u>	<u>\$ (55,000)</u>	<u>\$ 17,216,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,073,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,603,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,540,000</u>

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The Company tests for other-than-temporary losses on a quarterly basis and has considered the unrealized losses indicated above to be temporary in nature. The Company intends to hold the investments until it can recover the full principal amount and has the ability to do so based on other sources of liquidity. The Company expects these recoveries to occur prior to the contractual maturities. All unrealized losses as of June 30, 2015 were in a continuous unrealized loss position for less than twelve months and are not deemed to be other than temporarily impaired as of June 30, 2015.

The following table summarizes the estimated fair value of our investments, designated as available-for-sale and classified by the contractual maturity date of the securities as of June 30, 2015:

	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Market Value</u>
Due within one year	\$ 2,884,000	\$ 2,885,000
Due after one year through five years	10,576,000	10,576,000
	<u>\$ 13,460,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,461,000</u>

The Company did not recognize any gross realized gains, and gross realized losses were immaterial, during the six-month periods ending June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. If the Company had realized gains or losses, they would be included within investment and other income in the accompanying consolidated results of operations.

NOTE 3 - STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"), employees are able to acquire shares of common stock at 85% of the price at the end of each current quarterly plan term. The most recent term ended June 30, 2015. The ESPP is considered compensatory under current Internal Revenue Service rules. At June 30, 2015, after giving effect to the shares issued as of that date, 112,689 shares remain available for purchase under the ESPP.

2011 Executive Incentive Compensation Plan

On March 28, 2011 the Board adopted and on May 19, 2011 the Company's shareholders approved the Company's 2011 Executive Incentive Compensation Plan ("2011 Incentive Plan"). The 2011 Incentive Plan authorizes incentive awards to officers, key employees and non-employee directors in the form of options (incentive and non-qualified), stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance stock units ("deferred stock"), performance cash units, and other awards in stock, cash, or a combination of stock and cash. On May 21, 2015, the Company's shareholders approved an amendment to the 2011 Incentive Plan to increase the authorized shares by 1,000,000 to 2,000,000. As a result, up to 2,000,000 shares of our common stock may be issued pursuant to awards under the 2011 Incentive Plan, as amended.

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During 2015, stock options covering 248,258 shares have been awarded to key executive employees and directors. These options expire seven years from the date of award and vest 25% each year beginning one year after the date of award. The Company has also granted deferred stock awards of 100,017 shares to key employees during the first quarter of 2015 under the Company's long-term incentive plan for performance over the 2015 to 2017 period. The actual number of shares of deferred stock, if any, that are ultimately earned by the respective employees will be determined based on achievement against performance goals for each of the three years ending December 31, 2017 and the shares earned will be issued in the first quarter of 2018 to those key employees still with the Company at that time.

At June 30, 2015, 104,455 shares have been issued under the 2011 Incentive Plan, 840,213 shares are subject to currently outstanding options, deferred stock awards, and unvested restricted stock units, and 1,055,332 shares are eligible for grant under future awards. On May 21, 2015, the Company's shareholders approved an amendment to the 2011 Stock Incentive plan to increase the authorized shares by 1,000,000 to 2,000,000.

Stock Option Plan for Directors

Shares of common stock are reserved for issuance to non-employee directors under options granted by the Company prior to 2011 under its Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Director Plan"). Under the Director Plan nonqualified stock options to acquire shares of common stock were automatically granted to each non-employee director concurrent with annual meetings of shareholders in 2010 and earlier years, with the exercise price of options granted being the fair market value of the common stock on the date of the respective shareholder meetings. Options granted under the Director Plan expire 10 years from date of grant. No options were granted under the Director Plan in 2014 or 2015. The Company amended the Director Plan in May 2011 to prohibit future option grants.

1992 Stock Plan

Under the Company's 1992 Stock Plan ("the Stock Plan"), shares of common stock may be issued pursuant to stock options, restricted stock or deferred stock grants to officers and key employees. Exercise prices of stock options under the Stock Plan cannot be less than fair market value of the stock on the date of grant. Rules and conditions governing awards of stock options, restricted stock and deferred stock are determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, subject to certain limitations in the Stock Plan. The Company amended the Stock Plan in 2011 to prohibit future stock options or other equity awards.

At June 30, 2015, after reserving for stock options and deferred stock awards granted in prior years and adjusting for forfeitures and issuances during the year, there were 22,008 shares reserved for issuance under the Stock Plan. The Company has not awarded stock options or deferred stock under the Stock Plan since 2011.

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The following table summarizes changes in the number of outstanding stock options under the 2011 Incentive Plan, the Director Plan and Stock Plan over the period December 31, 2014 to June 30, 2015:

	Options	Weighted average exercise price per share	Weighted average remaining contractual term
Outstanding – December 31, 2014	540,404	\$ 11.90	5.13
Awarded	248,258	11.31	
Exercised	(12,000)	11.05	
Forfeited	(47,984)	12.10	
Outstanding – June 30, 2015	728,678	11.71	5.40
Exercisable at June 30, 2015	297,439	\$ 11.73	4.09
Expected to vest June 30, 2015	728,678	11.71	5.40

The aggregate intrinsic value of all options (the amount by which the market price of the stock on the last day of the period exceeded the market price of the stock on the date of grant) outstanding at June 30, 2015 was \$51,000. The intrinsic value of all options exercised during the six months ended June 30, 2015 was \$10,000. Net cash proceeds from the exercise of all stock options were \$0 and \$99,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

Changes in Deferred Stock Outstanding

The following table summarizes the changes in the number of deferred stock shares under the Stock Plan and 2011 Incentive Plan over the period December 31, 2014 to June 30, 2015:

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding – December 31, 2014	161,314	\$ 10.87
Granted	100,017	11.59
Vested	(16,940)	12.52
Forfeited	(5,991)	10.26
Outstanding – June 30, 2015	238,400	11.07

Changes in Restricted Stock Units Outstanding

The following table summarizes the changes in the number of restricted stock units under the 2011 Incentive Plan over the period December 31, 2014 to June 30, 2015:

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding – December 31, 2014	39,151	\$ 10.67
Granted	21,432	11.06
Issued	(26,304)	10.01
Forfeited	—	—
Outstanding – June 30, 2015	34,279	11.42

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Compensation Expense

Share-based compensation expense recognized for the six-month period ended June 30, 2015 was \$499,000 before income taxes and \$325,000 after income taxes. Share-based compensation expense recognized for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 was \$240,000 before income taxes and \$156,000 after income taxes. Unrecognized compensation expense for the Company's plans was \$1,305,000 at June 30, 2015 and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.2 years. Excess tax benefits from the exercise of stock options and issuance of stock included in financing cash flows for the six month periods ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 were \$85,000 and \$75,000, respectively. Share-based compensation expense is recorded as a part of selling, general and administrative expenses.

NOTE 4 - INVENTORIES

Inventories summarized below are priced at the lower of first-in, first-out cost or market:

	<u>June 30</u>	<u>December 31</u>
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Finished goods	\$ 16,249,000	\$ 19,208,000
Raw and processed materials	13,072,000	11,902,000
	<u>\$ 29,321,000</u>	<u>\$ 31,110,000</u>

NOTE 5 – ACQUISITION

On June 1, 2015, the Company acquired all of the shares of Twisted Technologies, Inc. ("Twisted Technologies"). The purchase price totals \$1,454,000, with cash acquired totaling \$83,000. The purchase price includes initial consideration of \$1,000,000, deferred consideration of \$300,000 to be paid out on March 31, 2016, \$ (9,000) in working capital adjustments, and \$163,000 in estimated contingent consideration. The Company has agreed to pay consideration contingent upon the Twisted Technologies business meeting revenue targets over a three year period, with the consideration to be paid after each annual period has lapsed. The Company has recognized \$163,000 as the estimated fair value of the contingent consideration at the date of acquisition. The maximum payout is not limited. At June 30, 2015, the Company had estimated liabilities of \$463,000 related to outstanding consideration payments.

The estimated assets and liabilities of Twisted Technologies were recorded in the consolidated balance sheet within the JDL Technologies segment at June 30, 2015. The preliminary purchase price allocation was based on estimates of the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed and included total assets of \$1,582,000, including estimated goodwill of \$1,456,000, and total liabilities of \$128,000. The entire goodwill balance is deductible for tax purposes. All balances recorded are estimated amounts; the purchase price allocation will be finalized as the Company completes its valuation of identifiable assets and liabilities. The pro forma impact of Twisted Technologies was not significant to the Company's results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015.

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NOTE 6 –GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the six months ended June 30, 2015 by segment are as follows:

	<u>JDL</u>
January 1, 2015	\$ —
Goodwill acquired	1,456,000
June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 1,456,000</u>
Gross goodwill	1,456,000
Accumulated impairment loss	
Balance at June 30, 2015	<u>\$ 1,456,000</u>

The Company's identifiable intangible assets with finite lives are being amortized over their estimated useful lives and were as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>			Net
	<u>Gross Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Foreign Currency Translation</u>	
Trademarks	91,000	(45,000)	(3,000)	43,000
Customer relationships	491,000	(185,000)	(19,000)	287,000
Technology	229,000	(172,000)	(9,000)	48,000
	<u>811,000</u>	<u>(402,000)</u>	<u>(31,000)</u>	<u>378,000</u>
	<u>December 31, 2014</u>			Net
	<u>Gross Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Foreign Currency Translation</u>	
Trademarks	91,000	(38,000)	(4,000)	49,000
Customer relationships	491,000	(159,000)	(26,000)	306,000
Technology	229,000	(149,000)	(11,000)	69,000
	<u>811,000</u>	<u>(346,000)</u>	<u>(41,000)</u>	<u>424,000</u>

Amortization expense on these identifiable intangible assets was \$50,000 and \$54,000 for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The amortization expense is included in selling, general and administrative expenses. At June 30, 2015, the estimated future amortization expense for definite-lived intangible assets for the remainder of 2015 and all of the following four fiscal years is as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	
2015	\$ 51,000
2016	83,000
2017	58,000
2018	53,000
2019	46,000

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NOTE 7 – WARRANTY

We provide reserves for the estimated cost of product warranties at the time revenue is recognized. We estimate the costs of our warranty obligations based on our warranty policy or applicable contractual warranty, historical experience of known product failure rates, and use of materials and service delivery costs incurred in correcting product failures. Management reviews the estimated warranty liability on a quarterly basis to determine its adequacy. The actual warranty expense could differ from the estimates made by the Company based on product performance.

The following table presents the changes in the Company's warranty liability for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, the majority of which relates to a five-year obligation to provide for potential future liabilities for network equipment sales.

	2015	2014
Beginning balance	\$ 434,000	\$ 564,000
Amounts charged to expense	174,000	(10,000)
Actual warranty costs paid	(50,000)	(60,000)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 558,000</u>	<u>\$ 494,000</u>

NOTE 8 – CONTINGENCIES

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is exposed to legal actions and claims and incurs costs to defend against these actions and claims. Company management is not aware of any outstanding or pending legal actions or claims that could materially affect the Company's financial position or results of operations.

NOTE 9 – DEBT

Long-term Debt

The mortgage on the Company's headquarters building is payable in monthly installments and carries an interest rate of 6.83%. The mortgage matures on March 1, 2016. The outstanding balance on the mortgage was \$370,000 at June 30, 2015. The mortgage is secured by the building.

Line of Credit

The Company has a \$10,000,000 line of credit from Wells Fargo Bank. The Company had \$3,100,000 in outstanding borrowings against the line of credit at June 30, 2015 and no borrowings at June 30, 2014. Due to the revolving nature of loans under our credit facility, additional borrowings and periodic repayments and re-borrowings may be made until the maturity date. The total amount available for borrowings under our credit facility at June 30, 2015 was \$6,900,000. Interest on borrowings on the credit line is at LIBOR plus 1.75% (1.9% at June 30, 2015). The credit agreement expires October 31, 2016 and is secured by assets of the Company. Our credit agreement contains financial covenants including current ratio, net income, tangible net worth minimums, and a minimum cash balance. The Company was in compliance with its financial covenants at June 30, 2015. See Note 16 for a description of an amendment to the credit facility subsequent to quarter end.

NOTE 10 – INCOME TAXES

In the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements, management calculates income taxes based upon the estimated effective rate applicable to operating results for the full fiscal year. This includes estimating the current tax liability as well as assessing differences resulting from different treatment of items for tax and book accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are recorded on the balance sheet. These assets and liabilities are analyzed regularly and management assesses the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income.

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At June 30, 2015 there was \$77,000 of net uncertain tax benefit positions that would reduce the effective income tax rate if recognized. The Company records interest and penalties related to income taxes as income tax expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

The Company is subject to U.S. federal income tax as well as income tax of multiple state and foreign jurisdictions. The tax years 2011-2013 remain open to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and the years 2010-2013 remain open to examination by various state tax departments. The tax years from 2011-2013 remain open in Costa Rica.

The Company's effective income tax rate was 30.0% for the first six months of 2015. The effective tax rate differs from the federal tax rate of 35% due to state income taxes, foreign tax rate differences, foreign losses not deductible for U.S. income tax purposes and expenses not deductible for tax purposes. The foreign operating losses may ultimately be deductible in the countries in which they occurred; however the Company has not recorded a deferred tax asset for these losses due to uncertainty regarding the eventual realization of the benefit. The effect of the foreign operations was an overall rate decrease of approximately 2.2% for the six months ended June 30, 2015. There were no additional uncertain tax positions identified in the first six months of 2015. The Company's effective income tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2014 was 35.5%, and differed from the federal tax rate due to state income taxes, foreign losses not deductible for U.S. income tax purposes, provisions for interest charges for uncertain income tax positions, and settlement of uncertain tax positions.

NOTE 11 – SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company classifies its businesses into three segments as follows:

- Suttle manufactures and sells copper and fiber connectivity systems, enclosure systems, xDSL filters and splitters, and active technologies for voice, data and video communications;
- Transition Networks manufactures and sells media converters, network interface devices (NIDs), network interface cards (NICs), Ethernet switches and other connectivity products that offer the ability to affordably integrate the benefits of fiber optics into any data network; and
- JDL Technologies provides technology solutions including virtualization, managed services, wired and wireless network design and implementation, HIPAA-compliant IT services, and converged infrastructure configuration and deployment.

Management has chosen to organize the enterprise and disclose reportable segments based on our products and services. Intersegment revenues are eliminated upon consolidation.

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Information concerning the Company's continuing operations in the various segments for the three and six-month periods ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 is as follows:

	Suttle	Transition Networks	JDL Technologies	Other	Intersegment Eliminations	Total
Three Months Ended June 30, 2015						
Sales	\$ 11,788,000	\$ 11,915,000	\$ 4,718,000	\$ —	\$ (223,000)	\$ 28,198,000
Cost of sales	9,533,000	6,508,000	3,618,000	—	—	19,659,000
Gross profit	2,255,000	5,407,000	1,100,000	—	(223,000)	8,539,000
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3,504,000	5,920,000	1,056,000	—	(223,000)	10,257,000
Operating (loss) income	\$ (1,249,000)	\$ (513,000)	\$ 44,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (1,718,000)
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 546,000	\$ 267,000	\$ 38,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 851,000
Capital expenditures	\$ 518,000	\$ 127,000	\$ 127,000	\$ 30,000	\$ —	\$ 802,000
Assets	\$ 41,872,000	\$ 26,674,000	\$ 4,212,000	\$ 24,813,000	\$ —	\$ 97,571,000
Three Months Ended June 30, 2014						
Sales	\$ 19,006,000	\$ 11,567,000	\$ 2,636,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 33,209,000
Cost of sales	12,731,000	6,182,000	2,202,000	—	—	21,115,000
Gross profit	6,275,000	5,385,000	434,000	—	—	12,094,000
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3,358,000	5,609,000	721,000	—	—	9,688,000
Restructuring expense	—	—	—	—	—	—
Operating income (loss)	\$ 2,917,000	\$ (224,000)	\$ (287,000)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,406,000
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 315,000	\$ 231,000	\$ 37,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 583,000
Capital expenditures	\$ 1,295,000	\$ 251,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 118,000	\$ —	\$ 1,672,000
Assets	\$ 38,304,000	\$ 27,507,000	\$ 3,520,000	\$ 34,468,000	\$ —	\$ 103,799,000
Six Months Ended June 30, 2015						
Sales	\$ 22,378,000	\$ 20,005,000	\$ 5,583,000	\$ —	\$ (223,000)	\$ 47,743,000
Cost of sales	18,682,000	11,193,000	4,442,000	—	—	34,317,000
Gross profit	3,696,000	8,812,000	1,141,000	—	(223,000)	13,426,000
Selling, general and administrative expenses	7,810,000	11,382,000	1,866,000	—	(223,000)	20,835,000
Operating loss	\$ (4,114,000)	\$ (2,570,000)	\$ (725,000)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (7,409,000)
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 1,053,000	\$ 514,000	\$ 66,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,633,000
Capital expenditures	\$ 1,167,000	\$ 213,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 105,000	\$ —	\$ 1,655,000

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	Suttle	Transition Networks	JDL Technologies	Other	Intersegment Eliminations	Total
Six Months Ended June 30, 2014						
Sales	\$ 31,888,000	\$ 21,317,000	\$ 5,202,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 58,407,000
Cost of sales	22,123,000	11,224,000	3,978,000	—	—	37,325,000
Gross profit	9,765,000	10,093,000	1,224,000	—	—	21,082,000
Selling, general and administrative expenses	6,496,000	10,789,000	1,405,000	—	—	18,690,000
Restructuring expense		238,000				238,000
Operating income (loss)	\$ 3,269,000	\$ (934,000)	\$ (181,000)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,154,000
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 608,000	\$ 461,000	\$ 74,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,143,000
Capital expenditures	\$ 1,922,000	\$ 359,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 196,000	\$ —	\$ 2,495,000

NOTE 12 – PENSIONS

The Company's U.K. based subsidiary Austin Taylor maintains defined benefit pension plans. The Company does not provide any other post-retirement benefits to its employees. Components of net periodic benefit of the pension plans for the three and six-months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 were:

	Three Months Ended June 30		Six Months Ended June 30	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Service cost	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000
Interest cost	38,000	40,000	72,000	79,000
Expected return on assets	(50,000)	(52,000)	(95,000)	(101,000)
Net periodic pension benefit	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (19,000)	\$ (19,000)

NOTE 13 – NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE

Basic net income per common share is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each year. Diluted net income per common share takes into effect the dilutive effect of potential common shares outstanding. The Company's only potential common shares outstanding are stock options and shares associated with the long-term incentive compensation plans, which resulted in no dilutive effect for the three and six-month periods ended June 30, 2015. The dilutive effect of stock options for the three and six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 was 23,118 shares and 23,297 shares, respectively. The Company calculates the dilutive effect of outstanding options using the treasury stock method. Due to the net losses in the first three and six-month periods of 2015, there was no dilutive impact from stock options or unvested shares. Options totaling 488,371 would have been excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share for the three and six-month periods ended June 30, 2015, because the exercise price was greater than the average market price of common stock during the period and deferred stock awards totaling 205,010 shares would not have been included for the three and six-months ended June 30, 2015 because of unmet performance conditions. Options totaling 202,897 were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 because the exercise price was greater than the average market price of common stock during the period and deferred stock awards totaling 171,544 shares were not included for the three and six month period ended June 30, 2014 because of unmet performance conditions.

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NOTE 14 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The accounting guidance establishes a valuation hierarchy for disclosure of the inputs to valuation used to measure fair value. This hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels as follows:

Level 1 – Observable inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Observable inputs such as quoted prices for similar instruments and quoted prices in markets that are not active, and inputs that are directly observable or can be corroborated by observable market data. The types of assets and liabilities included in Level 2 are typically either comparable to actively traded securities or contracts, such as treasury securities with pricing interpolated from recent trades of similar securities, or priced with models using highly observable inputs, such as commodity options priced using observable forward prices and volatilities.

Level 3 – Significant inputs to pricing that have little or no observability as of the reporting date. The types of assets and liabilities included in Level 3 are those with inputs requiring significant management judgment or estimation, such as the complex and subjective models and forecasts used to determine the fair value of financial instruments.

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, are summarized below:

	June 30, 2015			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value
Cash equivalents:				
Money Market funds	\$ 2,473,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,473,000
Certificates of deposit		—		—
Subtotal	2,473,000	—	—	2,473,000
Short-term investments:				
Certificates of deposit	—	962,000	—	962,000
Corporate Notes/Bonds	—	1,923,000	—	1,923,000
Subtotal	—	2,885,000	—	2,885,000
Long-term investments:				
Certificates of deposit	—	5,022,000	—	5,022,000
Corporate Notes/Bonds	—	5,554,000	—	5,554,000
Subtotal	—	10,576,000	—	10,576,000
Current Liabilities:				
Accrued Consideration	—	—	(163,000)	(163,000)
Subtotal	—	—	(163,000)	(163,000)
Total	\$ 2,473,000	\$ 13,461,000	\$ (163,000)	\$ 15,771,000

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	December 31, 2014			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value
Cash equivalents:				
Money Market funds	\$ 1,073,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,073,000
Subtotal	1,073,000	—	—	1,073,000
Short-term investments:				
Certificates of deposit	—	1,920,000	—	1,920,000
Corporate Notes/Bonds	—	2,683,000	—	2,683,000
Subtotal	—	4,603,000	—	4,603,000
Long-term investments:				
Certificates of deposit	—	5,463,000	—	5,463,000
Corporate Notes/Bonds	—	6,077,000	—	6,077,000
Subtotal	—	11,540,000	—	11,540,000
Total	\$ 1,073,000	\$ 16,143,000	\$ —	\$ 17,216,000

The estimated fair value of contingent consideration as of June 30, 2015 was \$163,000, as noted above. The estimated fair value is considered a level 3 measurement because the probability weighted discounted cash flow methodology used to estimate fair value includes the use of significant unobservable inputs, primarily the contractual contingent consideration revenue targets and assumed probabilities.

We record transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy, if necessary, at the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers between levels during the six months ended June 30, 2015.

NOTE 15 – RESTRUCTURING CHARGES

During the six-months ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded \$238,000 in restructuring expense. This consisted of severance and related benefits costs due to the restructuring within the Transition Networks business segment, including ongoing costs related to the closure of the China facility. The facility was completely closed in the second quarter of 2014. The Company had no restructuring expenses for the three or six-month period ended June 30, 2015.

Austin Taylor has ceased operations and the Company is in the process of liquidating its Austin Taylor assets. When this process is completed, the Company would recognize a significant portion of the accumulated foreign currency translations as a current period loss and would recognize the pension liability adjustment as a current period gain. Depending on the timing of several events, these losses and gains may occur in different periods.

NOTE 16 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In connection with preparing the unaudited consolidated financial statements for these six months ended June 30, 2015, the Company has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and disclosure through the date of this filing. Subsequent to the end of the quarter, the Company entered into an amendment to its existing \$10,000,000 line of credit. Under the amendment, the Company agreed to pledge to Wells Fargo a cash collateral account in an amount sufficient to cover the indebtedness, the financial covenants related to current ratio and net income were removed, and the interest rate was lowered to LIBOR plus 1.5%. No other provisions of the original agreement were materially amended by the amended credit agreement.

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

Overview

Communications Systems, Inc. provides physical connectivity infrastructure and services for global deployments of broadband networks through the following business units:

- Suttle manufactures and markets copper and fiber connectivity systems, enclosure systems, xDSL filters and splitters, and active technologies for voice, data and video communications under the Suttle brand in the United States and internationally;
- Transition Networks manufactures and sells media converters, network interface devices (NIDs), network interface cards (NICs), Ethernet switches, and other connectivity products that offer customers the ability to affordably integrate fiber optics into any data network; and
- JDL Technologies provides technology solutions including virtualization, managed services, wired and wireless network design and implementation, HIPAA-compliant IT services, and converged infrastructure configuration and deployment.

Second Quarter 2015 Summary

- Consolidated sales of \$28.2 million compared to \$33.2 million in Q2 2014, driven by lower sales at Suttle, partially offset by higher sales at Transition Networks and JDL Technologies.
- Operating loss was \$1.7 million compared to operating income of \$2.4 million in Q2 2014.
- Net loss was \$1.0 million, or (\$0.12) per diluted share, compared to net income of \$1.4 million, or \$0.17 per diluted share, in Q2 2014.

Forward-looking statements

In this report and, from time to time, in reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), in press releases, and in other communications to shareholders or the investing public, the Company may make "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 concerning possible or anticipated future financial performance, business activities, plans, pending claims, investigations or litigation, which are typically preceded by the words "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends" or similar expressions. For these forward-looking statements, the Company claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in federal securities laws. Shareholders and the investing public should understand that these forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance, activities, anticipated results, outcomes or plans to differ significantly from those indicated in the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

General Risks and Uncertainties:

- The success of the holding company restructuring plan that we implemented in September 2013;
- The ability of the CSI parent to oversee the Company's three operating units function in an efficient and cost-effective manner;

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- The ability of our three business operating units to operate profitably; and
- The impact of changing economic circumstances on government expenditures in our markets.

Suttle Risks and Uncertainties:

- Suttle's dependence upon its sales to a small number of major communication service providers and their continued investment and deployment into building out their networks;
- Volatility in purchases of Suttle's products by major communication service providers as well as recent, increased pressure on its margins;
- Suttle's ability to continue to introduce and sell new fiber-network based-products such as G.hn products and FTTx (fiber-to-the-home or node) products to replace declining sales and lower or fluctuating gross margins in its legacy products, and
- The continued recovery of the housing market in the United States.

Transition Networks Risks and Uncertainties:

- The ability of Transition Networks to develop and introduce new products into new and existing markets at a level adequate to counter the decline from its traditional products and markets; and
- Transition Networks' ability to profitably penetrate targeted international markets.

JDL Technologies Risks and Uncertainties:

- JDL's ability to continue to obtain business from its traditional South Florida school districts;
- JDL's ability to profitably expand outside its South Florida education market to small and medium sized commercial businesses, including through its June 1, 2015 acquisition of Twisted Technologies; and
- JDL's ability to establish and maintain a productive and efficient workforce in light of revenues that have fluctuated significantly from period to period, in part due to the uncertainty and timing of federal government funding of school initiatives, including the E-Rate program.

In addition, the Company will discuss other factors from time to time in its filings with the SEC, including risk factors presented under Item 1A of the Company's most recently filed annual report on Form 10-K or quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.

Company Results

Three Months Ended June 30, 2015 Compared to
Three Months Ended June 30, 2014

Consolidated sales decreased 15% in 2015 to \$28,198,000 compared to \$33,209,000 in 2014. Consolidated operating loss in 2015 was \$1,718,000 compared to operating income of \$2,406,000 in the second quarter of 2014. Net loss in 2015 was \$1,028,000 or \$ (0.12) per share compared to net income of \$1,437,000 or \$0.17 per share in the second quarter of 2014.

Suttle Results

Suttle sales decreased 38% in the second quarter of 2015 to \$11,788,000 compared to \$19,006,000 in the same period of 2014 as Suttle experienced increased pricing pressure and volume declines in its legacy product lines. Sales by customer groups in the second quarter of 2015 and 2014 were:

	Suttle Sales by Customer Group	
	2015	2014
Communication service providers	\$ 9,487,000	\$ 15,964,000
Distributors	931,000	1,573,000
International	1,284,000	1,314,000
Other	86,000	155,000
	<u>\$ 11,788,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,006,000</u>

Suttle's sales by product groups in second quarter of 2015 and 2014 were:

	Suttle Sales by Product Group	
	2015	2014
Modular connecting products	\$ 2,595,000	\$ 3,176,000
Structured cabling products	5,651,000	8,499,000
DSL products	1,022,000	1,811,000
FTTx products	2,293,000	5,363,000
Other products	227,000	157,000
	<u>\$ 11,788,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,006,000</u>

Sales to the major communication service providers declined 41% in 2015 due to a continued disrupted order cycle at a major customer that significantly curtailed its second quarter purchasing, and overall decline in legacy product purchases. This customer had started significant purchasing of FTTx products in the second quarter of 2014; the disrupted order cycle resulted in the 57% decrease in FTTx sales in the second quarter. Sales to major communication service providers accounted for 80% of Suttle's sales in the second quarter of 2015 compared to 84% of sales in 2014. Sales to distributors decreased 41% in 2015 due to a continuing decline in legacy product purchases. This customer segment accounted for 8% and 8% of sales in the second quarters of 2015 and 2014, respectively. International sales decreased 2% in 2015 and accounted for 11% of Suttle's second quarter 2015 sales, due to the ordering cycle of DSL products for a major customer.

Sales of structured cabling products decreased 34% due to reduced demand from major customers. Sales of DSL products decreased 44% and modular connecting products sales decreased 18% due to shifts in technology.

Suttle's gross margin decreased 64% in the second quarter of 2015 to \$2,255,000 compared to \$6,275,000 in the same period of 2014. Gross margin as a percentage of sales decreased to 19.1% from 33.0% in the same period of 2014 due to increased pricing pressure at a major customer and high production variances due to decreased demand, as well as continued investment into production capabilities to support new FTTx product platforms. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 4% to \$3,504,000, or 29.7% of sales, in the second quarter of 2015 compared to \$3,358,000, or 17.7% of sales, in the same period in 2014 due in part to investment into fiber and active capabilities to support new product platforms. Suttle incurred \$668,000 and \$794,000 in research and development expenses in the respective 2015 and 2014 second quarters, as it continues to invest in enhancing existing products and developing new products. Suttle's operating income was a loss of \$1,249,000 in the second quarter of 2015 compared to income of \$2,917,000 in 2014.

Transition Networks Results

Transition Networks sales increased 3% to \$11,915,000 in the second quarter of 2015 compared to \$11,567,000 in 2014 due to increased activity in North America, partially offset by a decline in our Rest of World markets. Transition Networks organizes its sales force by channel to market and segments its customers geographically. Second quarter sales by region are presented in the following table:

	Transition Networks Sales by Region	
	2015	2014
North America	\$ 8,751,000	\$ 8,215,000
Europe, Middle East, Africa (“EMEA”)	1,104,000	1,115,000
Rest of World	2,060,000	2,237,000
	<u>\$ 11,915,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,567,000</u>

The following table summarizes Transition Networks’ 2015 and 2014 second quarter sales by its major product groups:

	Transition Networks Sales by Product Group	
	2015	2014
Media converters	\$ 7,265,000	\$ 7,181,000
Ethernet switches	1,400,000	1,484,000
Ethernet adapters	1,320,000	958,000
Other products	1,930,000	1,944,000
	<u>\$ 11,915,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,567,000</u>

Sales in North America increased 7% in 2015 or \$536,000 due mainly to an increase in our core enterprise business segment. International sales decreased \$188,000, or 6%, due to declines in our Rest of World markets. Sales of Ethernet adapters increased 38% or 362,000 due to an increase in our core enterprise business in North America.

Gross margin on second quarter Transition Networks’ sales remained fairly stable at \$5,407,000 in 2015 as compared to \$5,385,000 in 2014. Gross margin as a percentage of sales decreased slightly to 45.4% in 2015 from 46.6% in 2014 due to unfavorable product mix and pricing pressure. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 6% to \$5,920,000, or 49.7% of sales, in 2015 compared to \$5,609,000, or 48.5% of sales, in 2014 due to increased global selling expenses to support our product development initiatives. Operating loss was \$513,000 in 2015 compared to a loss of \$224,000 in 2014.

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JDL Technologies Results

JDL Technologies sales increased 79% to \$4,718,000 in the second quarter of 2015 compared to \$2,636,000 in 2014.

JDL's revenues by customer group were as follows:

	JDL Revenue by Customer Group	
	2015	2014
Broward County FL schools	\$ 3,647,000	\$ 2,025,000
All other	1,071,000	611,000
	<u>\$ 4,718,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,636,000</u>

Revenues earned from Broward County Public Schools increased \$1,622,000 or 80% in the second quarter of 2015 as compared to the 2014 second quarter. This was the result of the District beginning to move forward with its Data Center Upgrade initiative as well as several wireless upgrades funded through grants outside of E-Rate. The Schools and Library Department of the federal government is expected to provide confirmation of E-Rate awards by the third quarter of 2015. As E-Rate represents significant potential savings for the District, the District has put all E-Rate eligible purchases on hold until funding commitments are released. As previously reported, in the first quarter of 2015, the Broward County School District awarded JDL Technologies two new contracts for information technology services and infrastructure; JDL Technologies began to realize revenues in the second quarter of 2015.

Revenue from JDL Technologies' sales to small and medium-sized commercial businesses (SMBs) increased \$460,000, or 76% due to the acquisition of several new clients and the June 1, 2015 acquisition of Twisted Technologies.

Gross margin increased 154% to \$1,100,000 in the second quarter of 2015 compared to \$434,000 in the same period in 2014. Gross margin as a percentage of sales increased to 23.3% in 2015 from 16.4% in 2014 due to changes in revenue mix from 2014 to 2015. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 46% in 2015 to \$1,056,000, or 22.4% of sales, compared to \$721,000, or 27.4% of sales, in 2014. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased primarily due to acquisition costs associated with the acquisition of Twisted Technologies as well as increased compensation expense related to an improvement in operating results. JDL Technologies reported operating income of \$44,000 in the second quarter of 2015 compared to an operating loss of \$287,000 in the same period of 2014.

Other

The Company's loss before income taxes increased to \$1,775,000 in 2015 compared to income before income taxes of \$2,275,000 in 2014. The Company's effective income tax rate was 42.1% in 2015 and 36.8% in 2014. This effective tax rate for 2015 differs from the federal tax rate of 35% due to state income taxes, foreign tax rate differences, foreign losses not deductible for U.S. income tax purposes and provisions for interest charges for uncertain income tax positions.

Six Months Ended June 30, 2015 Compared to
Six Months Ended June 30, 2014

Consolidated sales decreased 18% in 2015 to \$47,743,000 compared to \$58,407,000 in 2014. Consolidated operating loss in 2015 was \$7,409,000 compared to operating income of \$2,154,000 in the first half of 2014. Net loss in 2015 was \$5,192,000 or \$ (0.60) per share compared to net income of \$1,297,000 or \$0.15 per share in the first half of 2014.

Suttle Results

Suttle sales decreased 30% in the first six months of 2015 to \$22,378,000 compared to \$31,888,000 in the same period of 2014 as Suttle experienced increased pricing pressure and volume declines in its legacy product lines. Sales by customer groups in the first six months of 2015 and 2014 were:

	Suttle Sales by Customer Group	
	2015	2014
Communication service providers	\$ 18,187,000	\$ 26,722,000
Distributors	1,714,000	3,013,000
International	2,279,000	1,992,000
Other	198,000	161,000
	<u>\$ 22,378,000</u>	<u>\$ 31,888,000</u>

Suttle's sales by product groups in first six months of 2015 and 2014 were:

	Suttle Sales by Product Group	
	2015	2014
Modular connecting products	\$ 5,082,000	\$ 6,390,000
Structured cabling products	11,027,000	15,775,000
DSL products	1,963,000	2,984,000
FTTx products	3,870,000	6,557,000
Other products	436,000	182,000
	<u>\$ 22,378,000</u>	<u>\$ 31,888,000</u>

Sales to the major communication service providers decreased 32% in 2015 due to a disrupted order cycle at a major customer that significantly curtailed its purchasing in the first half of the year, and overall decline in legacy product lines. This customer had started significant purchasing of FTTx products in the second quarter of 2014; this sales disruption accounted for the 41% decrease in FTTx sales in the first half of 2015. Sales to major communication service providers accounted for 81% of Suttle's sales in the first six months of 2015 compared to 84% of sales in 2014. Sales to distributors decreased 43% in 2015 due to a continuing decline in legacy product lines. This customer segment accounted for 8% and 9% of sales in the first six months of 2015 and 2014, respectively. International sales increased 14% and accounted for 10% of Suttle's first six month 2015 sales, due to the ordering cycle of DSL products for a major customer.

Sales of structured cabling products decreased 30% due to reduced demand from major customers. Sales of DSL products decreased 34% and modular connecting products sales decreased 20% due to shifts in technology.

Suttle's gross margin decreased 62% in the first six months of 2015 to \$3,696,000 compared to \$9,765,000 in the same period of 2014. Gross margin as a percentage of sales decreased to 16.5% from 30.6% in the same period of 2014 due to increased pricing pressure at a major customer and high production variances due to decreased demand, as well as continued investment into production capabilities to support new FTTx product platforms. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 20% to \$7,810,000, or 34.9% of sales, in the first six months of 2015 compared to \$6,496,000, or 20.4% of sales, in the same period in 2014 due in part to investment into fiber and active capabilities to support new product platforms. Suttle incurred \$2,064,000 and \$1,541,000 in research and development expenses in the respective 2015 and 2014 first six months, as it continues to invest in enhancing existing products and developing new products. Suttle's operating income was a loss of \$4,114,000 in the first six months of 2015 compared to income of \$3,269,000 in 2014.

Transition Networks Results

Transition Networks sales decreased 6% to \$20,005,000 in the first six months of 2015 compared to \$21,317,000 in 2014 due mainly to a weak first quarter in our North America markets, in addition to smaller declines in our international markets. Transition Networks organizes its sales force by channel to market and segments its customers geographically. First half sales by region are presented in the following table:

	Transition Networks Sales by Region	
	2015	2014
North America	\$ 14,157,000	\$ 15,112,000
Europe, Middle East, Africa ("EMEA")	2,147,000	2,321,000
Rest of World	3,701,000	3,884,000
	<u>\$ 20,005,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,317,000</u>

The following table summarizes Transition Networks' 2015 and 2014 first six month sales by its major product groups:

	Transition Networks Sales by Product Group	
	2015	2014
Media converters	\$ 12,995,000	\$ 13,443,000
Ethernet switches	2,329,000	2,417,000
Ethernet adapters	1,440,000	1,797,000
Other products	3,241,000	3,660,000
	<u>\$ 20,005,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,317,000</u>

Sales in North America decreased 6% or \$955,000 due mainly to a continued slowdown in federal government and enterprise business segments that began in the first quarter of 2015. International sales decreased \$357,000, or 6%, due to continued soft business conditions in Europe and pricing pressures in Rest of World markets. Sales of media converters decreased 3% or \$448,000 due to a decline in first quarter domestic sales resulting from competitive pricing pressures and project timing. Sales of Ethernet adapters decreased 20% or \$357,000 due to the slowing of government business and project timing.

Gross margin on the Transition Networks' first six month sales decreased 13% to \$8,812,000 in 2015 from \$10,093,000 in 2014. Gross margin as a percentage of sales decreased to 44.0% in 2015 from 47.3% in 2014 due to unfavorable product mix. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 5% to \$11,382,000, or 56.9% of sales, in 2015 compared to \$10,789,000, or 50.6% of sales, in 2014 due to increased global selling expenses to support our product development initiatives. Operating loss was \$2,570,000 in 2015 compared to a loss of \$934,000 in 2014.

JDL Technologies Results

JDL Technologies sales increased 7% to \$5,583,000 in the first six months of 2015 compared to \$5,202,000 in 2014.

JDL's revenues by customer group were as follows:

	JDL Revenue by Customer Group	
	2015	2014
Broward County FL schools	\$ 3,975,000	\$ 3,955,000
Miami Dade County FL schools	0	99,000
All other	1,608,000	1,148,000
	<u>\$ 5,583,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,202,000</u>

Revenues earned from Broward County Public Schools increased \$20,000 or 1% in the first six months of 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014 due to the District beginning to move forward with its Data Center Upgrade initiative as well as several wireless upgrades funded through grants outside of E-Rate.

Absence of further revenues from Miami-Dade County Public Schools reflects completion of that district's wireless classroom initiative, which had been funded under the E-Rate program.

Revenue from JDL Technologies' sales to small and medium-sized commercial businesses (SMBs) increased \$460,000, or 40% in the first six months of 2015 due to the acquisition of new managed services clients.

Gross margin decreased 7% to \$1,141,000 in the first six months of 2015 compared to \$1,224,000 in the same period in 2014. Gross margin as a percentage of sales decreased to 20.4% in 2015 from 23.5% in 2014 due to changes in revenue mix from 2014 to 2015. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 33% in 2015 to \$1,866,000, or 33.4% of sales, compared to \$1,405,000, or 27.0% of sales, in 2014. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of sales were much higher in the 2015 period increased due to acquisition costs associated with the June 1, 2015 acquisition of Twisted Technologies as well as post-acquisition operating costs of that entity. JDL Technologies reported an operating loss of \$725,000 in the first six months of 2015 compared to an operating loss of \$181,000 in the same period of 2014.

Other

The Company's loss before income taxes increased to \$7,412,000 in 2015 compared to income of \$2,010,000 in 2014. The Company's effective income tax rate was 30.0% in 2015 and 35.5% in 2014. This effective tax rate for 2015 differs from the federal tax rate of 35% due to state income taxes, foreign tax rate differences, foreign losses not deductible for U.S. income tax purposes and provisions for interest charges for uncertain income tax positions.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of June 30, 2015, the Company had approximately \$21,434,000 in cash, cash equivalents and investments. Of this amount, \$2,473,000 was invested in short-term money market funds that are not considered to be bank deposits and are not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or other government agency. These money market funds seek to preserve the value of the investment at \$1.00 per share; however, it is possible to lose money investing in these funds. The remainder in cash and cash equivalents is operating cash and certificates of deposit that are fully insured through the FDIC. The Company also had \$13,461,000 in investments consisting of certificates of deposit and corporate notes and bonds that are traded on the open market and are classified as available-for-sale at June 30, 2015.

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The Company had working capital of \$48,955,000, consisting of current assets of approximately \$66,394,000 and current liabilities of \$17,439,000 at June 30, 2015 compared to working capital of \$56,911,000, consisting of current assets of \$69,906,000 and current liabilities of \$12,995,000 at December 31, 2014.

Cash flow used by operating activities was approximately \$6,124,000 in 2015 compared to \$7,553,000 provided in the same period of 2014. Significant working capital changes from December 31, 2014 to June 30, 2015 included an increase in receivables of \$3,476,000 due to a slight increase in revenues in the second quarter of 2015 as compared to the last quarter of 2014 and an increase in days sales outstanding at Suttle for a couple of significant customers, and an increase in prepaid income taxes due to the tax benefits realized this year.

Net cash provided by investing activities was \$184,000 in 2015 compared to \$9,332,000 used in the same period of 2014, primarily because of large net investments in the 2014 period. The Company continued to make capital investments in 2015, specifically within Suttle's manufacturing operations. The Company acquired Twisted Technologies, Inc. during the second quarter of 2015 and paid \$1,000,000 in initial consideration, with an estimated \$463,000 to be paid out in deferred and contingent consideration.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$154,000 in 2015 compared to \$3,353,000 used in the same period of 2014. Cash dividends paid on common stock increased to \$2,820,000 in 2015 (\$0.32 per common share) from \$2,801,000 in 2014. Proceeds from common stock issuances, principally shares sold to the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan and issued under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan, totaled approximately \$221,000 in 2015 and \$180,000 in 2014. The Company did not repurchase any shares in 2015 or 2014 under the Board-authorized program. At June 30, 2015, Board of Director authority to purchase approximately 411,910 additional shares remained in effect. The Company acquired \$175,000 and \$2,000 in 2015 and 2014, respectively, of Company stock from employees in order to satisfy withholding tax obligations related to share-based compensation, pursuant to terms of Board and shareholder-approved compensation plans.

The Company has a \$10,000,000 line of credit from Wells Fargo Bank. Interest on borrowings on the credit line is at LIBOR plus 1.75% (1.9% at June 30, 2015). The Company had \$3,100,000 in outstanding borrowings against the line of credit at June 30, 2015 and no borrowings at June 30, 2014. The credit agreement expires October 31, 2016 and is secured by assets of the Company.

On August 7, 2015, Communications Systems, Inc. and its three operating subsidiaries entered into a Fifth Amendment to Credit Agreement and Waiver of Default with Wells Fargo. Under the amendment, the Company agreed to pledge to Wells Fargo a cash collateral account in an amount sufficient to cover the indebtedness, the financial covenants related to current ratio and net income were removed, and the interest rate was lowered to LIBOR plus 1.5%. No other provisions of the original agreement were materially amended by the amended credit agreement.

In the opinion of management, based on the Company's current financial and operating position and projected future expenditures, sufficient funds are available to meet the Company's anticipated operating and capital expenditure needs.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our critical accounting policies, including the assumptions and judgments underlying them, are discussed in our 2014 Form 10-K in Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies included in our Consolidated Financial Statements. There were no significant changes to our critical accounting policies during the six months ended June 30, 2015.

The Company's accounting policies have been consistently applied in all material respects and disclose matters such as allowance for doubtful accounts, sales returns, inventory valuation, warranty expense, income taxes, revenue recognition, asset impairment recognition and foreign currency translation. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates based on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Results may differ from these estimates due to actual outcomes being different from those on which we based our assumptions. Management reviews these estimates and judgments on an ongoing basis.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued accounting guidance on the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers, which will supersede nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under GAAP. Under the new standard, entities will recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods and services to customers in amounts that reflect the payment to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance also requires additional disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows from an entity's contracts with customers. The FASB delayed the effective date of this guidance to the first quarter of 2018, with early adoption permitted as of the original effective date of the first quarter of 2017. We are currently evaluating the impact of adoption of this new guidance on our Financial Statements and disclosures.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

The Company has no freestanding or embedded derivatives. The Company's policy is to not use freestanding derivatives and to not enter into contracts with terms that cannot be designated as normal purchases or sales.

The vast majority of our transactions are denominated in U.S. dollars; as such, fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates have historically not been material to the Company. At June 30, 2015 our bank line of credit carried a variable interest rate based on LIBOR plus 1.75%.

Based on the Company's operations, in the opinion of management, no material future losses or exposure exist relative to market risk.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

The Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of its management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in the Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

Except as set forth below, there was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's most recently completed fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2015, we implemented a new ERP system within our Suttle business unit. The ERP system is designed to strengthen our long-term performance by standardizing all CSI business units on a common platform. The system changes were not being made in response to any material weakness in our internal controls. This implementation has resulted in some changes to business processes and internal control over financial reporting. We have taken steps to monitor and maintain appropriate internal control over financial reporting and will continue to evaluate the operating effectiveness of related controls during future periods.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Not Applicable.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Not Applicable.

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

Communications Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) maintains the Communications Systems, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (“CSI ESOP” or “ESOP”). The Company regularly contributes approximately three percent of annual eligible employee compensation to the CSI ESOP and the CSI ESOP purchases Company common stock (“Shares”) directly from the Company.

In March 2015, the Company contributed \$385,424 to the CSI ESOP, which was equal to the value of 36,707 Shares at a price of \$10.50, the closing price on December 31, 2014, and the CSI ESOP purchased 36,707 Shares directly from the Company. In July 2015, the Company contributed an additional \$9,797 to the CSI ESOP and the ESOP purchased an additional 933 Shares from the Company at a price of \$10.50.

The Company’s 2013 ESOP contribution was \$362,273, for which the Company issued 32,520 Shares in 2014. The Company’s 2012 ESOP contribution was \$463,819 for which the Company issued 44,598 Shares in 2013. The Company discloses its annual ESOP contribution and the related issuance of Shares in its Annual Reports on Form 10-K, mostly recently in Note 8, Stock Compensation, in Notes to Financial Statements in the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Issuance of the Shares to the ESOP is exempt under Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 as a transaction by an issuer not involving any public offering because the ESOP is an accredited investor and will hold the shares and allocate them to ESOP beneficiaries in accordance with securities laws and the terms of the ESOP.

Issuer Repurchases of Equity Securities

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES				
Period	(a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	(b) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
April 2015	—	\$ —	—	411,910
May 2015	11,082	11.05	—	411,910
June 2015	194	11.33	—	411,910
Total	11,276	\$ 11.06	—	411,910

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- (a) The shares in this column represent shares that were surrendered to us by plan participants to satisfy withholding tax obligations related to share-based compensation.
- (b) Shares represent remaining amount of a 500,000 share repurchase authorization approved by the Company's Board in October 2008 and publicly announced in November 2008.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not Applicable.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

On August 7, 2015, Communications Systems, Inc., JDL Technologies, Inc., Transition Networks, Inc. and Suttle, Inc. entered in the Fifth Amendment to Credit Agreement and Waiver of Default with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association. A description of the Fifth Amendment is contained in Note 16 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Item 6. Exhibits.

The following exhibits are included herein:

- 10.1 Fifth Amendment to Credit Agreement, First Amendment to Amended and Restated Revolving Note and Waiver of Default dated as of August 7, 2015 between Communications Systems, Inc., JDL Technologies, Inc., Transition Networks, Inc., and Suttle, Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 of the Exchange Act).
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 of the Exchange Act).
- 32. Certifications pursuant Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. §1350).
- 99.1 Press Release dated August 5, 2015 announcing 2015 Second Quarter Results.

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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 thereto duly authorized.

Communications Systems, Inc.

By /s/ Roger H.D. Lacey
Roger H.D. Lacey
Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 7, 2015

/s/ Edwin C. Freeman
Edwin C. Freeman
Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 7, 2015

**FIFTH AMENDMENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT, FIRST AMENDMENT TO AMENDED
AND RESTATED REVOLVING NOTE AND WAIVER OF EVENTS OF DEFAULT**

This Fifth Amendment to Credit Agreement, First Amendment to Amended and Restated Revolving Note and Waiver of Event of Default (this "Amendment"), dated as of August 7, 2015, is entered into by and between COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC., a Minnesota corporation ("**Communications Systems**"), JDL TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED, a Minnesota corporation ("**JDL**"), TRANSITION NETWORKS, INC., a Minnesota corporation ("**Transition Networks**"), and SUTTLE, INC., a Minnesota corporation ("**Suttle**"; together with Communications Systems, JDL and Transition Networks, "**Borrowers**" and each a "**Borrower**"), and WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ("**Bank**").

RECITALS

Borrowers and Bank are parties to a Credit Agreement dated as of October 28, 2011, as amended by a First Amendment to Credit Agreement and Waiver of Event of Default dated as of November 28, 2012, a Second Amendment to Credit Agreement and Waiver of Event of Default dated as of November 14, 2013, a Third Amendment to Credit Agreement and First Amendment to Amended and Restated Revolving Note dated as of October 31, 2014 and a Fourth Amendment to Credit Agreement and Waiver of Event of Default dated as of May 7, 2015 (as so amended, and as the same may be further amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "**Credit Agreement**"). Capitalized terms used in these recitals have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement unless otherwise specified.

In addition, Borrowers have executed in favor of Bank that certain Amended and Restated Revolving Note dated May 7, 2015 in the original principal amount of \$10,000,000 (as amended, restated, extended, renewed, replaced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "**Revolving Note**").

Borrowers have requested that Bank waive certain Events of Default arising under the Credit Agreement and agree to certain amendments to the Credit Agreement and the Revolving Note, and Bank has agreed to grant such waiver and make such amendments on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is agreed as follows:

1. **Definitions.** Capitalized terms used in this Amendment (including in the Recitals) have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement unless otherwise expressly defined in this Amendment.

2. **Amendments to Credit Agreement.**

(a) Effective as of August 10, 2015, clause (a) of Section 1.1 of the Credit Agreement is amended and restated in its entirety, to read as follows:

(a) Line of Credit.

(i) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Bank hereby agrees to make advances to Borrowers from time to time up to and including November 1, 2016, not to exceed at any time the lesser of (A) an aggregate principal amount of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) (the “**Maximum Line Amount**”) and (B) the Applicable Advance Rate times the Market Value of the Eligible Pledged Cash and Securities less Reserves (the “**Borrowing Base**”) (such lesser amount under the foregoing clauses (A) and (B), the “**Line of Credit**”). All proceeds of the Line of Credit shall be used for working capital and other general corporate purposes of Borrowers. Borrowers’ obligation to repay advances under the Line of Credit shall be evidenced by a promissory note dated as of November 28, 2012 (as amended, restated, supplemented, extended, replaced, renewed or otherwise modified from time to time, the “**Revolving Note**”), all terms of which are incorporated herein by this reference. Each Borrower jointly and severally promises to pay the debts, liabilities and obligations arising under or in connection with this Agreement, the Revolving Note and the other Loan Documents (including principal, interest, fees, costs, and expenses) in full on the Maturity Date (as defined in the Revolving Note). If at any time the aggregate outstanding advances under the Line of Credit exceed the lesser of (i) the Maximum Line Amount or (ii) the Borrowing Base, Borrowers will immediately pay Bank such excess.

(ii) As used herein:

(A) “**Applicable Advance Rate**” means, with respect to each item consisting of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities determined by Bank in its sole discretion to constitute Eligible Pledged Cash and Securities, the advance rate set forth opposite such category on Exhibit A attached to this Agreement (as the same may be amended from time to time by Bank in its sole discretion) and, if no advance rate is noted for such category on Exhibit A, the advance rate set by Bank in its sole discretion with respect to such category from time to time.

(B) “**Eligible Pledged Cash and Securities**” means that portion or types of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities owned by any Borrower that is (I) on deposit in a Pledged Account and with respect to which Bank has a perfected first-priority security interest, and (II) designated as eligible or otherwise of a type or types determined acceptable to Bank from time to time in its sole discretion.

(C) “**Pledged Accounts**” means, collectively, (I) that certain securities account on file maintained by Suttle, Inc. with UBS Financial Services Inc. so long as such securities account is subject to a presently effective control agreement in favor of Bank duly executed by UBS Financial Services Inc. and Suttle, Inc., (II) that certain securities account numbered on file maintained by Communications Systems with UBS Financial Services Inc. so long as such securities account is subject to a presently effective control agreement in favor of Bank duly executed by UBS Financial Services Inc. and Communications Systems, (III) any securities account maintained by any Borrower with Bank or any affiliate of Bank so long as such securities account is subject to a presently effective control agreement in favor of Bank duly executed by the applicable affiliate of Bank and the applicable Borrower, and (IV) each deposit account maintained by any Borrower with Bank; in each case together with all subaccounts thereof and any duplicate, corollary or replacement accounts of any of the foregoing, and as any of the foregoing may be renewed substituted, re-numbered or recaptured from time to time, and each of the foregoing is a “**Pledged Account**”.

(D) **“Market Value”** means, with respect to any cash, cash equivalents or marketable securities constituting Eligible Pledged Cash and Securities, the market value of such cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, in each case as determined by Bank from time to time in its sole discretion.

(E) **“Reserves”** means an amount or percentage of a specific category or item that Lender establishes in its sole discretion from time to time to reduce availability under the Line of Credit to reflect events, conditions, contingencies, or risks which might affect the assets, business or prospects of Borrower or any of the collateral or its value or the enforceability, perfection or priority of Lender’s security interest.

(b) Effective as of the date hereof, subclauses (i) and (ii) of Section 4.9(a) of the Credit Agreement are each hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

(i) [Reserved];

(ii) [Reserved];

(c) Effective as of the date hereof, clause (b) of Section 4.9 of the Credit Agreement is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

(b) [Reserved].

For the avoidance of doubt, this amendment to clause (b) of Section 4.9 of the Credit Agreement does not in any manner delete or change the hanging paragraph and definitions following such clause (b).

(d) Effective as of the date hereof, the following new Sections 4.12 and 4.13 are hereby added to the Credit Agreement immediately following the existing Section 4.11 of the Credit Agreement, to read as follows:

Section 4.12 **Periodic Statements.** Borrowers will deliver a copy of each monthly account statement for the Pledged Account to Bank no later than the 15th day of each month, and each such account statement will contain an accurate and complete statement of the Pledged Cash and Securities in the Pledged Account as of the date of such statement.

Section 4.13 **Conditions Subsequent.** No later than August 10, 2015, (a) Suttle, Inc. will deliver to Bank a control agreement, in form and substance acceptable to Bank in its sole discretion, duly executed by UBS Financial Services, Inc. and Suttle, Inc., covering securities account no. on file, and (b) each Borrower will execute and deliver to Bank a security agreement granting a security interest in all investment property of each Borrower in favor of Bank, in form and substance acceptable to Bank in its sole discretion.

(e) Effective as of the date of this Amendment, a new Exhibit A is attached to the Credit Agreement in the form of Exhibit A attached to this Amendment.

3. **Amendment to Revolving Note.** Clause (a) under the header "INTEREST" contained in the Revolving Note is hereby amended to replace the percentage "1.75%" contained therein with the percentage "1.50%".

4. **No Other Changes.** Except as explicitly amended by this Amendment, all of the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement, the Revolving Note and the other Loan Documents remain in full force and effect.

5. **Waiver of Existing Events of Default.** As a result of the failure of Borrowers to maintain a minimum Net Profit of \$3,000,000 as of the quarter ending June, 2015, as required by Section 4.9(a)(ii) of the Credit Agreement, and the failure of Borrowers to achieve a Net Profit of not less than \$500,000 with respect to the fiscal year-to-date period ending June 30, 2015, as required by Section 4.9(b) of the Credit Agreement, Events of Default have occurred under Section 6.1(c) of the Credit Agreement (the "**Known Events of Default**"). Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Amendment, Bank hereby waives the Known Events of Default. This waiver shall be effective only in this specific instance and for the specific purpose for which it is given, and this waiver shall not entitle Borrowers to any other or further waiver in any similar or other circumstances.

6. **Amendment Fee.** Borrowers agree to pay Bank no later than the date of this Amendment a fully-earned, non-refundable fee of \$12,500 (the "**Amendment Fee**") in consideration of the amendments and waiver granted hereunder.

7. **Conditions Precedent.** This Amendment shall be effective when Bank shall have received an executed counterpart of this Amendment, together with each of the following, each in form and substance acceptable to Bank:

(a) payment of the Amendment Fee, as required by Section 5;

(b) a certificate of the secretary of each Borrower: (a) attaching resolutions of the Board of Directors of such Borrower authorizing the execution, delivery and performance by such Borrower of the Loan Documents, including this Amendment, (b) certifying that the articles of incorporation of such Borrower delivered by such Borrower to Bank on October 28, 2011 or May 7, 2015, as applicable, have not been amended or changed in any respect or, if there has been any amendment or change or if such articles have not yet been delivered to Bank, certifying that attached to such certificate is a current copy of such articles of incorporation (certified by the Secretary of State of formation), (c) certifying that the bylaws of such Borrower delivered by such Borrower to Bank on October 28, 2011 or May 7, 2015, as applicable, have not been amended or changed in any respect or, if there has been any amendment or change or if such bylaws have not yet been delivered to Bank, certifying that attached to such certificate is a current copy of such bylaws of such Borrower (if any such bylaws exist), and (d) containing the names of the officer or officers of such Borrower authorized to sign the Loan Documents, including this Amendment, together with a sample of the true signature of each such officer, or, if applicable, affirming that each officer or officers previously certified to Bank on October 28, 2011 or May 7, 2015, as applicable, remain so authorized; together with current good standing certificate for each Borrower; and

(c) such other matters as Bank may reasonably require.

8. **Representations and Warranties.** Borrowers hereby represent and warrant to Bank as follows:

(a) Each Borrower has all requisite power and authority to execute this Amendment and any other agreements or instruments required hereunder and to perform all of its obligations hereunder, and the Credit Agreement, as amended by this Amendment, and the other Loan Documents to which such Borrower is a party have been duly executed and delivered by such Borrower and constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of such Borrower, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforcement may be limited by equitable principles or by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally.

(b) The execution, delivery and performance by such Borrower of this Amendment and the Credit Agreement, as amended by this Amendment, and the other Loan Documents to which such Borrower is a party have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and do not (i) violate any material provision of federal, state, or local law or regulation applicable to such Borrower, the governing documents of such Borrower, or any order, judgment, or decree of any court or other governmental authority binding on such Borrower, (ii) conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute (with due notice or lapse of time or both) a default under any contract, obligation, indenture or other instrument to which any Borrower is a party or by which any Borrower may be bound, (iii) result in or require the creation or imposition of any Lien of any nature whatsoever upon any assets of any Borrower, or (iv) require any approval of such Borrower's shareholders or any approval or consent of any other person or entity.

(c) All of the representations and warranties contained in Article II of the Credit Agreement are correct on and as of the date hereof as though made on and as of the date hereof, except to the extent that such representations and warranties relate solely to an earlier date.

9. **References.** All references in the Credit Agreement to "this Agreement" shall be deemed to refer to the Credit Agreement as amended by this Amendment; and any and all references in the other Loan Documents to the Credit Agreement shall be deemed to refer to the Credit Agreement as amended by this Amendment. All references in the Revolving Note to "this Note" shall be deemed to refer to the Revolving Note as amended by this Amendment; and any and all references in the other Loan Documents to the Revolving Note shall be deemed to refer to the Revolving Note as amended by this Amendment.

10. **No Other Waiver.** Except as expressly set forth herein with respect to the Known Events of Default, the execution of this Amendment and the acceptance of all other agreements and instruments related hereto shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any default or Event of Default under the Credit Agreement or a waiver of any breach, default or event of default under any other Loan Document, whether or not known to Bank and whether or not existing on the date of this Amendment.

11. **Release.** Each Borrower hereby absolutely and unconditionally releases and forever discharges Bank, and any and all participants, parent corporations, subsidiary corporations, affiliated corporations, insurers, indemnitors, successors and assigns thereof, together with all of the present and former directors, officers, agents and employees of any of the foregoing, from any and all claims, demands or causes of action of any kind, nature or description arising under, in connection with or related to any of the debts, liabilities or obligations of Borrowers and/or any Borrower under any of the Loan Documents or any of the Loan Documents, whether arising in law or equity or upon contract or tort or under any state or federal law or otherwise, which Borrowers and/or any Borrower has had, now has or has made claim to have against any such person or entity for or by reason of any act, omission, matter, cause or thing whatsoever arising from the beginning of time to and including the date of this Amendment, whether such claims, demands and causes of action are matured or unmatured or known or unknown.

12. **Costs and Expenses.** Borrowers hereby reaffirm their agreement under Section 7.3 of the Credit Agreement to pay or reimburse Bank with respect to its costs, expenses and fees, including, without limitation, all reasonable fees and disbursements of legal counsel incurred the Bank in connection with this Amendment.

13. **Miscellaneous.** This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed an original and all of which counterparts, taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Amendment by facsimile transmission or in a pdf or similar electronic file shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart thereof.

Signature page follows

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

BORROWERS:

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

JDL TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

TRANSITION NETWORKS, INC.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

SUTTLE, INC.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

*Signature Page to Fifth Amendment to Credit Agreement, First Amendment to Amended and Restated
Revolving Note and Waiver of Events of Default*

BANK:

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION**

By: _____

Name: Michael M. Lebens

Title: Vice President

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EXHIBIT A
APPLICABLE ADVANCE RATES

Category	Applicable Advance Rate
Cash	80%
Cash Equivalents	
Wells Fargo CDs held in Brokerage/Trust/IM&T accounts	100%
Cash held in Brokerage/Trust/IM&T accounts	95%
Brokered Certificates of Deposit held at Wells Fargo	85% up to the maximum FDIC Insurance limit
Commercial Paper – A2/P2 or better	80%
Individual Bonds/Fixed Income	
US Treasuries and Agencies <= 5 years to maturity	90%
US Treasuries and Agencies > 5 years to maturity	80%
Investment Grade Corporates and Munis <= 5 years to maturity	80%
Investment Grade Corporates and Munis > 5 years to maturity	70%
Bond and Fixed Income - Mutual Funds and ETFs	
Listed Money Market Mutual Funds	95%
Short and Intermediate Term US Government and Agencies	90%
Long Term US Government and Agencies	80%
Short and Intermediate Term Corporate and Municipal	80%

Exhibit A

CERTIFICATION

I, Roger H.D. Lacey certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Communications Systems, 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)) 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 controls 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.

By /s/ Roger H.D. Lacey

Roger H.D. Lacey
Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 7, 2015

CERTIFICATION

I, Edwin C. Freeman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Communications Systems, 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)) 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 controls 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.

By /s/ Edwin C. Freeman

Edwin C. Freeman
Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 7, 2015

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, that:

- (1) The accompanying Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the periods ended June 30, 2015, 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 accompanying Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: August 7, 2015

By /s/ Roger H.D. Lacey
Roger H.D. Lacey
Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 7, 2015

By /s/ Edwin C. Freeman
Edwin C. Freeman
Chief Financial Officer



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. REPORTS SECOND QUARTER 2015 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Minnetonka, MN – August 5, 2015 – Communications Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: JCS) (“CSI” or the “Company”) a global provider of physical connectivity infrastructure and services for deployments of broadband networks, today announced financial results for the second quarter (“Q2”) and six months ended June 30, 2015, including a discussion of results of operations by segment.

Second Quarter 2015 Summary

- Consolidated sales were \$28.2 million compared to \$33.2 million in Q2 2014, driven by lower sales at Suttle, partially offset by higher sales at Transition Networks and JDL Technologies.
- Operating loss was \$1.7 million compared to operating income of \$2.4 million in Q2 2014.
- Net loss was \$1.0 million, or \$(0.12) per diluted share, compared to net income of \$1.4 million, or \$0.17 per diluted share, in Q2 2014.

Segment Summary and Outlook

- Suttle’s performance is expected to improve in the second half of 2015, driven by an increase in new product orders, improvements to operations, and strengthened bidding activity with major communication service providers.
- Transition Networks’ results reflect ongoing repositioning of business and investments in new product development.
- JDL Technologies’ improved results were driven by the commencement of previously announced contracts from School Board of Broward County. Second half sales are expected to remain strong due, in part, to the anticipated reinstatement of E-Rate funding in Q3 2015.

CSI’s Chief Executive Officer Roger H.D. Lacey commented, “Our Q2 2015 results improved sequentially from Q1 2015 as we took steps to enhance the sales and profitability of each of our businesses. We remain optimistic for the balance of 2015 and into 2016 as our growth initiatives take hold and we begin to realize higher new product sales at Suttle and Transition Networks, and as JDL Technologies accelerates work under its two new five-year contracts with the School Board of Broward County.”

He continued, “At Suttle, in order to mitigate the impact of reduced sales and lower margins on passive legacy products with a large tier-1 communications service provider, we have sharpened our focus on broadening our customer base and driving new product sales growth. We witnessed a pick-up in new orders in June, which continued into July, and have experienced a resumption of robust RFP activity, particularly with the tier-1 communication service providers. Our visibility into Suttle’s second half sales has improved as customers continue to embrace a number of our new FTTx (fiber to the home or node) products, including our recently launched MediaMax™ suite of solutions. We continue to invest in new product development focused on advancing our fiber capabilities. We took a number of steps in Q2 2015 to lower Suttle’s costs and enhance its operations, including reducing overhead expenses at our manufacturing facilities. At the same time, we are continuing to invest in key personnel and development initiatives to ensure that Suttle remains well positioned to benefit from our customers’ continuing deployment of high-speed networks.

“At Transition Networks, Q2 2015 revenues increased modestly, reflecting our mature product line and continued delays in federal spending. To enhance growth, we are continuing to reposition the business, while investing in R&D and professional engineering staff to drive new product sales. In Q2 2015, new product sales approximately quintupled year-over-year and we continue to expand our customer base. We commenced shipments at the end of the quarter on a large multiyear commitment that we received from a major carrier customer. We believe that this new relationship has the potential to be significant as business ramps up in 2016 and beyond. Meanwhile, we continue to invest in the development of new products that address higher-growth markets. We have a number of promising Ethernet and media conversion solutions designed to overcome bandwidth, security and distance limitations in various stages of development. We remain positive that the investments we are making in 2015 will position Transition Networks for long-term sustainable growth and profitability.

Mr. Lacey concluded, “At JDL Technologies, Q2 2015 sales increased by 79% as we benefited from work that commenced with School Board of Broward County. We expect strong sales from Broward in the second half of the year and anticipate a reinstatement of E-Rate funding in Q3 2015. As this engagement moves beyond its preliminary phase, which includes upfront lower-margin equipment sales, we expect profitability to improve as service revenues become a greater portion of the mix. Outside of its core educational vertical, JDL continued to successfully execute on its growth strategy during the quarter, expanding geographically in the Minneapolis and Atlanta markets, while growing its managed services recurring revenue stream, led by its HIPAA-compliant IT services franchise.”

Segment Financial Overview

See the Form 10Q to be filed on August 7, 2015 for more details of the quarter.

CSI operates through the following business units:

- Suttle manufactures and sells copper and fiber connectivity systems, enclosure systems, xDSL filters and splitters, and active technologies for voice, data and video communications under the Suttle brand in the United States and internationally;
 - Transition Networks manufactures and sells media converters, network interface devices (NIDs), network interface cards (NICs), Ethernet switches, and other connectivity products that offer customers the ability to affordably integrate fiber optics into any data network; and
 - JDL Technologies provides technology solutions including virtualization, managed services, wired and wireless network design and implementation, HIPAA-compliant IT solutions, and converged infrastructure configuration and deployment.
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Suttle

	Three Months Ended June 30		Six Months Ended June 30	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Sales	\$ 11,788,000	\$ 19,006,000	\$ 22,378,000	\$ 31,888,000
Gross profit	2,255,000	6,275,000	3,696,000	9,765,000
Operating (loss) income	(1,249,000)	2,917,000	(4,114,000)	3,269,000

Suttle's Q2 2015 sales decreased 38% to \$11.8 million, from \$19.0 million in Q2 2014, primarily due to pricing pressure and reduced purchases, primarily of legacy products.

Sales to the major communication service providers declined 41% to \$9.5 million in Q2 2015, from \$16.0 million in Q2 2014, and comprised 80% of total segment revenues. Lower sales to communications service providers reflected a decline in legacy product purchases, as well as a reduction of purchases by a major customer starting in Q1 2015 and continuing through Q2 2015. FTTx product sales as a group declined 57% to \$2.3 million in Q2 2015, from \$5.4 million in Q2 2014, also reflecting the purchase curtailment by this customer, which purchased a significant amount of FTTx products in Q2 2014. Excluding the impact of this customer's curtailment, Suttle continued to achieve underlying growth in core high-speed copper connectivity products and secured new business in multiple FTTx domains during the quarter.

In other product categories, sales of structured cabling decreased 34% from \$8.5 million in Q2 2014 to \$5.7 million in Q2 2015 due to reduced demand by major customers. Reflecting shifts in technology, sales of modular connecting products decreased 18% from \$3.2 million in Q2 2014 to \$2.6 million in Q2 2015, and sales of DSL products declined 44% from \$1.8 million in Q2 2014 to \$1.0 million in Q2 2015.

International sales decreased 2% to \$1.3 million in Q2 2015 due to the ordering cycle of DSL products for a major customer, and comprised 11% of total revenues. Sales to distributors decreased 41% to \$0.9 million in Q2 2015 due to a continuing decline in legacy product lines, and comprised 8% of total segment revenues.

Gross profit in Q2 2015 declined 64% to \$2.3 million, or 19.1% of sales, from \$6.3 million, or 33.0% of sales, in Q2 2014. Gross profit as a percentage of sales decreased due to a series of factors, including pricing pressure from a major customer, a relatively high production cost variance due to decreased demand, and higher allocation of overhead to cost of goods sold resulting from recent investment into production capabilities to support new FTTx product platforms.

Suttle's operating loss totaled \$1.2 million in Q2 2015 compared to operating income of \$2.9 million in Q2 2014, reflecting lower gross profit and a \$0.1 million increase in selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expense. Research and development expenses were \$0.7 million in Q2 2015 and \$0.8 million in Q2 2014, as Suttle continues to invest in enhancing existing products and developing new products.

Transition Networks

	<u>Three Months</u> <u>Ended June 30</u>		<u>Six Months</u> <u>Ended June 30</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Sales	\$ 11,915,000	\$ 11,567,000	\$ 20,005,000	\$ 21,317,000
Gross profit	5,407,000	5,385,000	8,812,000	10,093,000
Operating loss	(513,000)	(224,000)	(2,570,000)	(934,000)

Transition Networks' Q2 2015 sales increased 3% to \$11.9 million from \$11.6 million in Q2 2014, reflecting higher sales in North America, partially offset by a decline in the Rest of World markets. By product category, a 38% increase in Ethernet adapter sales and a 1% rise in media converter sales, more than offset sales declines in switches and other products. Media converter sales represented 61% of total business unit sales in Q2 2015, down from 62% of total business unit sales in Q2 2014.

Gross profit remained relatively stable at \$5.4 million, or 45.4% of segment sales, compared to \$5.4 million, or 46.6% of segment sales, in Q2 2014.

Transition Networks' operating loss totaled \$0.5 million compared to an operating loss of \$0.2 million in Q2 2014, reflecting lower gross profit and a \$0.3 million increase in SG&A expense. Higher SG&A expense primarily reflects increased global selling expenses to support product development initiatives.

JDL Technologies

	<u>Three Months</u> <u>Ended June 30</u>		<u>Six Months</u> <u>Ended June 30</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Sales	\$ 4,718,000	\$ 2,636,000	\$ 5,583,000	\$ 5,202,000
Gross profit	1,100,000	434,000	1,141,000	1,224,000
Operating income (loss)	44,000	(287,000)	(725,000)	(181,000)

JDL Technologies' Q2 2015 sales increased 79% to \$4.7 million from \$2.6 million in Q2 2014, reflecting a \$1.6 million increase in revenues earned from the School Board of Broward County.

This was the result of the District beginning to move forward with its Data Center Upgrade initiative as well as several wireless upgrades funded through grants outside of E-Rate. The Schools and Library Department of the federal government is expected to provide confirmation of E-Rate awards in Q3 2015. As E-Rate represents significant potential savings for the District, the District has put all E-Rate eligible purchases on hold until funding commitments are released. As previously reported, in Q1 2015, the School Board of Broward County awarded JDL Technologies two five-year contracts for information technology services and infrastructure. JDL Technologies began to realize revenues from these contracts in Q2 2015.

Sales to small and medium-sized commercial businesses (SMBs) increased \$0.5 million, or 75%, due to the acquisition of several new clients and the acquisition of Twisted Technologies. In the month of June 2015, JDL Technologies' managed services business reached an annual recurring revenue run rate of approximately \$2.7 million, primarily driven by strong demand for its HIPAA-Compliant IT services and expansion into the financial and legal verticals.

Q2 2015 gross profit increased 154% to \$1.1 million, or 23.3% of sales, from \$0.4 million, or 16.4% of sales, in Q2 2014.

JDL Technologies' operating income was \$44,000 compared to an operating loss of \$287,000 in Q2 2014.

Financial Condition

CSI's balance sheet at June 30, 2015 included cash, cash equivalents, and investments of \$21.4 million, working capital of \$49.0 million, and stockholders' equity of \$79.0 million.

About Communications Systems

Communications Systems, Inc. provides physical connectivity infrastructure and services for global deployments of broadband networks. Focusing on innovative, cost-effective solutions, CSI provides customers the ability to deliver, manage, and optimize their broadband network services and architecture. From the integration of fiber optics in any application and environment to efficient home voice and data deployments to optimization of data and application access, CSI provides tools for maximum utilization of the network from the edge to the user. With partners and customers in over 50 countries, CSI has built a reputation as a reliable global innovator focusing on quality and customer service.

Forward- Looking Statements

This press release includes certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding future financial performance, future growth and future acquisitions. These statements are based on Communications Systems' current expectations or beliefs and are subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Actual results may vary materially from those expressed or implied by the statements herein due to changes in economic, business, competitive or regulatory factors, and other risks and uncertainties affecting the operation of Communications Systems' business. These risks, uncertainties and contingencies are presented in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and, from time to time, in the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The information set forth herein should be read in light of such risks. Further, investors should keep in mind that the Company's financial results in any particular period may not be indicative of future results. Communications Systems is under no obligation to, and expressly disclaims any obligation to, update or alter its forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in assumptions or otherwise.

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CSI CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF EARNINGS

Selected Income Statement Data

	Three Months Ended		Unaudited	
	Jun. 30, 2015	Jun 30, 2014	Jun. 30, 2015	Jun 30, 2014
Sales	\$ 28,197,661	\$ 33,208,977	\$ 47,742,597	\$ 58,407,383
Gross profit	8,538,869	12,093,768	13,425,808	21,081,785
Operating (loss) income	(1,717,669)	2,405,521	(7,408,906)	2,153,589
(Loss) income before income taxes	(1,774,728)	2,275,325	(7,411,938)	2,010,436
Income tax (benefit) expense	(746,562)	837,842	(2,220,294)	713,536
Net (loss) income	\$ (1,028,166)	\$ 1,437,483	\$ (5,191,644)	\$ 1,296,900
Basic net (loss) income per share	\$ (0.12)	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.60)	\$ 0.15
Diluted net (loss) income per share	\$ (0.12)	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.60)	\$ 0.15
Cash dividends per share	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32
Average basic shares outstanding	8,707,564	8,621,387	8,684,321	8,593,561
Average dilutive shares outstanding	8,707,564	8,644,505	8,684,321	8,616,858

Selected Balance Sheet Data

	Unaudited	
	Jun. 30, 2015	Dec. 31, 2014
Total assets	\$ 97,571,032	\$ 100,286,235
Cash, cash equivalents & investments	21,433,592	29,879,835
Working capital	48,954,313	56,910,880
Property, plant and equipment, net	18,218,327	18,153,152
Long-term liabilities	1,117,959	1,270,876
Stockholders' equity	79,013,635	86,020,498