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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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x **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended February 28, 2007

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 001-16111

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Georgia
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

58-2567903
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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10 Glenlake Parkway, North Tower, Atlanta, Georgia

(Address of principal executive offices)

30328-3473

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 770-829-8234

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

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

Large accelerated filer ☒ Accelerated filer ☐ Non-accelerated filer ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes ☐ No ☒

The number of shares of the issuer's common stock, no par value outstanding as of March 29, 2007 was 80,710,541.

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(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended February 28,	
	2007	2006
Revenues	\$ 260,418	\$ 225,159
Operating expenses:		
Cost of service	103,555	88,863
Sales, general and administrative	105,670	88,161
	209,225	177,024
Operating income	51,193	48,135
Other income (expense):		
Interest and other income	4,728	2,172
Interest and other expense	(2,399)	(1,695)
	2,329	477
Income before income taxes and minority interest	53,522	48,612
Provision for income taxes	(17,148)	(16,577)
Minority interest, net of tax of \$99 and \$, respectively	(2,078)	(1,924)
Net income	\$ 34,296	\$ 30,111
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.38
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.36

See Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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(In thousands, except per share data)

	Nine Months Ended February 28,	
	2007	2006
Revenues	\$ 781,423	\$ 669,288
Operating expenses:		
Cost of service	307,511	268,957
Sales, general and administrative	306,889	249,766
Restructuring		1,878
	614,400	520,601
Operating income	167,023	148,687
Other income (expense):		
Interest and other income	12,052	4,606
Interest and other expense	(6,298)	(5,017)
	5,754	(411)
Income before income taxes and minority interest	172,777	148,276
Provision for income taxes	(55,749)	(50,562)
Minority interest, net of tax of \$443 and \$, respectively	(7,221)	(6,252)
Net income	\$ 109,807	\$ 91,462
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.16
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.12

See Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share data)

	February 28, 2007 (Unaudited)	May 31, 2006
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 292,059	\$ 218,475
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$436 and \$620, respectively	70,404	67,476
Claims receivable, net of allowance for losses of \$5,160 and \$5,776, respectively	1,394	903
Settlement processing assets	23,955	39,671
Inventory, net of obsolescence reserves of \$602 and \$530, respectively	4,539	3,300
Deferred income taxes	3,620	3,622
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	19,430	14,959
Total current assets	415,401	348,406
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$161,675 and \$144,816, respectively	113,471	107,977
Goodwill	442,403	387,280
Other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$138,122 and \$128,823, respectively	174,561	167,182
Other	13,115	7,833
Total assets	\$ 1,158,951	\$ 1,018,678
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Payables to money transfer beneficiaries	\$ 6,279	\$ 6,361
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	107,040	99,383
Settlement processing obligations	47,472	37,942
Income taxes payable	4,217	5,223
Obligations under capital leases		746
Total current liabilities	165,008	149,655
Deferred income taxes	59,375	68,791
Other long-term liabilities	15,966	17,013
Total liabilities	240,349	235,459
Commitments and contingencies (See Note 11)		
Minority interest in equity of subsidiaries	15,918	12,996
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, no par value; 5,000,000 shares authorized and none issued		
Common stock, no par value; 200,000,000 shares authorized; 80,700,219 and 79,813,851 shares issued and outstanding at February 28, 2007 and May 31, 2006, respectively		
Paid-in capital	422,014	389,366
Retained earnings	434,856	329,874

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Deferred compensation		(1,853)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	45,814	52,836
Total shareholders' equity	902,684	770,223
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 1,158,951	\$ 1,018,678

See Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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(In thousands)

	Nine Months Ended February 28,	
	2007	2006
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 109,807	\$ 91,462
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment	19,629	19,258
Amortization of acquired intangibles	10,715	11,418
Share-based compensation expense	12,413	1,872
Provision for operating losses and bad debts	17,286	17,029
Minority interest in earnings	7,664	6,252
Deferred income taxes	(12,272)	2,876
Other, net	1,159	4,046
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of the effects of acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	(2,747)	(5,096)
Claims receivable	(14,320)	(14,248)
Settlement processing assets and obligations, net	21,608	83,572
Inventory	(1,240)	(60)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(9,746)	4,309
Payables to money transfer beneficiaries	(82)	1,794
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5,060	(4,088)
Income taxes payable	(1,006)	7,663
Net cash provided by operating activities	163,928	228,059
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(23,234)	(17,835)
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(80,230)	(3,379)
Net cash used in investing activities	(103,464)	(21,214)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net payments on lines of credit		(58,606)
Principal payments under capital lease arrangements	(746)	(2,661)
Proceeds from stock issued under employee stock plans	15,268	20,464
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	6,820	
Dividends paid	(4,825)	(4,740)
Distributions to minority interests	(6,751)	(7,889)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	9,766	(53,432)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	3,354	10,751
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	73,584	164,164
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	218,475	48,979
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 292,059	\$ 213,143

See Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Business, consolidation and presentation Global Payments Inc. is a high-volume processor of electronic transactions for merchants, multinational corporations, financial institutions, consumers, government agencies and other profit and non-profit business enterprises to facilitate payments to purchase goods and services or further other economic goals. Our role is to serve as an intermediary in the exchange of information and funds that must occur between parties so that a transaction can be completed. We were incorporated in Georgia as Global Payments Inc. in September 2000, and we spun-off from our former parent company on January 31, 2001. Including our time as part of our former parent company, we have provided transaction processing services since 1967.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements include our accounts and the accounts of our majority-owned subsidiaries. These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and present our financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

We prepared the unaudited consolidated financial statements included herein pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although we believe that the disclosures are adequate and the information presented is not misleading. We suggest that these financial statements be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2006.

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

Revenue recognition

Merchant Services Segment

Our merchant services segment primarily includes processing solutions for credit cards, debit cards, and check-related services. This revenue is recognized as such services are performed. Revenue for processing services provided directly to merchants is recorded net of interchange fees charged by credit card issuing banks. We use two basic business models to market our merchant services offerings. One model, referred to as "direct" merchant services, features a salaried and commissioned sales force, independent sales organizations, or ISOs, and independent sales representatives, all of whom sell our end-to-end services directly to merchants. Our other model, referred to as "indirect" merchant services, provides the same basic products and services as direct merchant services, primarily to financial institutions and a limited number of ISOs on an unbundled basis, that in turn resell our products and services to merchants. Direct merchant services revenue is generated on services primarily priced as a percentage of transaction value, whereas indirect merchant services revenue is generated on services primarily priced on a specified amount per transaction. In both merchant services models, we also charge for other processing fees unrelated to the number of transactions or the transaction value.

Money Transfer Segment

Consumer-to-consumer money transfer revenue is earned on fees charged to customers based on the nature and amount of the transaction performed on the customers' behalf and is recognized at the time of funds transfer. We also earn consumer-to-consumer money transfer revenue on the difference between the retail exchange rate quoted at the time when the money transfer transaction is requested and the wholesale exchange rate at the time when the currency is purchased. This revenue is recognized when the money transfer transaction is processed through the settlement system and the funds are available to the beneficiary.

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Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and all liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less when purchased. These amounts also include cash that we hold related to reserve funds collected from our merchants that serve as collateral (Merchant reserves) to minimize contingent liabilities associated with charges properly reversed by a cardholder. While this cash is not restricted and can be used in our general operations, we do not intend to use it, as we believe that designating this cash to collateralize Merchant reserves strengthens our fiduciary standing with our member sponsors and is in accordance with guidelines set by the card associations. As of February 28, 2007 and May 31, 2006, our cash and cash equivalents included \$108.1 million and \$113.7 million, respectively, related to Merchant reserves.

Settlement processing assets and obligations In order to provide credit card transaction processing services, we must be designated as a certified processor by MasterCard and Visa, in addition to a Merchant Service Provider by MasterCard and an Independent Sales Organization by Visa. These designations are dependent upon member clearing banks of either organization sponsoring us and our adherence to the standards of the Visa and MasterCard associations. As an independent merchant acquirer, we have four primary financial institution sponsors in the United States, Canada, and the Asia-Pacific region with whom we have sponsorship or depository and processing agreements. These agreements allow us to route transactions under the member banks' control and identification numbers to clear credit card transactions through Visa and MasterCard. The member financial institutions of Visa and MasterCard, some of which are our competitors, set the standards with which we must comply.

Funds settlement refers to the process of transferring funds for sales and credits between cardholders and merchants. Depending on the type of transaction, either the credit card interchange system or the debit network is used to transfer the information and funds between the electronic transaction payment processor's member sponsor (the Member) and card issuer to complete the link between merchants and card issuers.

In the United States and Canada, we use our network telecommunication infrastructure to deliver funding files to the Member, which creates a file to fund the merchants over the Federal Reserve's Automated Clearing House system in the United States, or the Automated Clearing Settlement System or the Large Value Transfer System in Canada. In our United States portfolio and in most of our Canadian portfolio, merchant funding primarily occurs after the Member receives the funds from the card issuer through the card associations. For certain of the Canadian managed merchant accounts and large accounts, the Member funds the merchants before the Member receives the net settlement funds from the card associations, creating a net settlement asset at the Member. In the Asia-Pacific region, the Member provides the payment processing operations and related support services on our behalf under a transition services agreement. The Member will continue to provide these services until we integrate the Asia-Pacific operations into our own operations, which we expect will be completed in 2010. After our integration, the Member will continue to provide funds settlement services similar to the functions performed by our Members in the United States and Canada.

Timing differences, interchange expenses, merchant reserves, and exception items cause differences between the amount the Member receives from the card associations and the amount funded to the merchants. The standards of the card associations restrict us from performing funds settlement or accessing merchant settlement funds, and, instead, require that these funds be in the possession of the Member until the merchant is funded. However, in practice and in accordance with the terms of our sponsorship agreements with our Members, we follow a net settlement process whereby, if the Member's funding obligation to the merchant precedes the incoming amount from the card associations, the amount of that net receivable position is advanced to the Member. Conversely, if the incoming amount from the card associations precedes the Member's funding obligation to the merchant, we temporarily hold the surplus on behalf of the Member, in a joint deposit account or in an account at the Member bank. Management believes that this practice is also commonly followed by other independent processors as the Members normally attempt to have a zero balance in their owned bank accounts at the end of each day. Each participant in the transaction process receives compensation for its services.

The settlement processing assets and obligations represent intermediary balances arising in our settlement process for direct merchants. Settlement processing assets consist primarily of (i) our receivable from merchants for the portion of the discount fee related to reimbursement of the interchange expense (Interchange reimbursement), (ii) our receivable from the Members for transactions we have funded merchants on behalf of the Members in advance of receipt of card association funding, and (iii) exception items, such as customer chargeback amounts receivable from merchants (Exception items), all of which are reported net of (iv) Merchant reserves to minimize contingent liabilities associated with charges properly reversed by a cardholder. Settlement processing obligations consist primarily of (i) Interchange reimbursement, (ii) our liability to the Members for transactions for which

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we have not funded merchants on behalf of the Members but for which we have received funding from the Members, (iii) Exception items, (iv) Merchant reserves, (v) the fair value of our guarantees of customer chargebacks (see *Reserve for operating losses* below), and (vi) the reserve for sales allowances. As of February 28, 2007 and May 31, 2006, our settlement processing assets related to our processing for direct merchants in Canada, while our settlement processing obligations primarily related to our processing for direct merchants in the United States. Our reserve for operating losses and reserve for sales allowance relate to our direct merchant services business model. A summary of these amounts as of February 28, 2007 and May 31, 2006 are as follows:

	February 28, 2007 (in thousands)	May 31, 2006
Settlement processing assets:		
Interchange reimbursement	\$ 38,226	\$ 51,030
Receivable from Members	3,830	6,201
Exception items	670	669
Merchant reserves	(18,771)	(18,229)
Total	\$ 23,955	\$ 39,671
Settlement processing obligations:		
Interchange reimbursement	\$ 87,713	\$ 97,916
Liability to Members	(44,702)	(39,448)
Exception items	2,191	2,413
Merchant reserves	(89,340)	(95,504)
Fair value of guarantees of customer chargebacks	(3,066)	(3,061)
Reserves for sales allowances	(268)	(258)
Total	\$ (47,472)	\$ (37,942)

Reserve for operating losses As a part of our merchant credit and debit card processing and check guarantee services, we experience merchant losses and check guarantee losses, which are collectively referred to as operating losses.

Our credit card processing merchant customers are liable for any charges properly reversed by a cardholder. In the event, however, that we are not able to collect such amount from the merchants, due to merchant fraud, insolvency, bankruptcy or any other merchant-related reason, we may be liable for any such reversed charges. We require cash deposits, guarantees, letters of credit, and other types of collateral by certain merchants to minimize any such contingent liability. We also utilize a number of systems and procedures to manage merchant risk. We have, however, historically experienced losses due to merchant defaults.

Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 45: *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others* (FIN 45) requires all guarantees be recorded at their fair value at inception. We believe our potential liability for the full amount of the operating losses discussed above is a guarantee under FIN 45. We estimate the fair value of these guarantees by adding a fair value margin to our estimate of losses. This estimate of losses is comprised of known losses and a projection of future losses based on a percentage of direct merchant credit card and off-line debit card sales volumes processed. Historically, this estimation process has been materially accurate.

As of both February 28, 2007 and May 31, 2006, \$3.1 million has been recorded to reflect the fair value of guarantees associated with merchant card processing. These amounts are included in settlement processing obligations in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The expense associated with the fair value of the guarantees of customer chargebacks is included in cost of service in the accompanying unaudited consolidated statements of income. For the three months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, we recorded expenses for such items in the amounts of \$0.8 and \$0.9 million, respectively. For the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, we recorded expenses for such items in the amounts of \$3.4 million and \$2.4 million, respectively.

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In our check guarantee service offering, we charge our merchants a percentage of the gross amount of the check and guarantee payment of the check to the merchant in the event the check is not honored by the checkwriter's bank. The fair value of the check

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guarantee is equal to the fee charged for the guarantee service, and we defer this fee revenue until the guarantee is satisfied. We have the right to collect the full amount of the check from the checkwriter but have not historically recovered 100% of the guaranteed checks. Our check guarantee loss reserve is based on historical and projected loss experiences. As of February 28, 2007 and May 31, 2006, we have a check guarantee loss reserve of \$5.2 million and \$5.8 million, respectively, which is included in net claims receivable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The expenses associated with the establishment of such check guarantee loss reserves are included in cost of service in the accompanying unaudited consolidated statements of income. For the three months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, we recorded expenses of \$3.6 million and \$5.0 million, respectively. For the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, we recorded expenses of \$13.8 million and \$14.1 million, respectively. The estimated check returns and recovery amounts are subject to the risk that actual amounts returned and recovered in the future may differ significantly from estimates used in calculating the receivable valuation allowance.

As the potential for merchants' failure to settle individual reversed charges from consumers in our merchant credit card processing offering and the timing of individual checks clearing the checkwriters' banks in our check guarantee offering are not predictable, it is not practicable to calculate the maximum amounts for which we could be liable under the guarantees issued under the merchant card processing and check guarantee service offerings. It is not practicable to estimate the extent to which merchant collateral or subsequent collections of dishonored checks, respectively, would offset these exposures due to these same uncertainties.

Property and equipment Property and equipment, including equipment under capital leases, are stated at cost. Depreciation and amortization are calculated using the straight-line method. Leasehold improvements and property acquired under capital leases are amortized over the shorter of the useful life of the asset or the term of the lease. We capitalize the costs related to the development of computer software developed or obtained for internal use in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Statement of Position 98-1, *Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software Developed or Obtained for Internal Use*. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred.

Goodwill and other intangible assets We completed our most recent annual goodwill and indefinite-life intangible asset impairment test as of January 1, 2007 and determined that no impairment charges were required as of that date.

Other intangible assets primarily represent customer-related intangible assets, such as customer lists and merchant contracts, non-compete agreements, and trademarks associated with acquisitions. Customer-related intangible assets, non-compete agreements, and certain trademarks are amortized over their estimated useful lives of 2 to 30 years. The useful lives for customer-related intangible assets are determined based primarily on forecasted cash flows, which include estimates for revenues, expenses, and customer attrition associated with the assets. The useful lives of non-compete agreements are equal to the terms of the agreements. The useful lives of amortizable trademarks are based on our plans to phase out the trademarks in the applicable markets. We have determined that the trademarks other than the amortizable trademarks have indefinite lives and, therefore, are not being amortized.

For all periods through November 30, 2006, the straight-line method of amortization was employed for all customer-related intangible assets. On December 1, 2006, we adopted the accelerated method of amortization described below which will be applied over the respective periods of expected cash flows for our significant customer-related intangible assets. These particular assets reflected 90% of the carrying value of our total customer-related intangible assets as of November 30, 2006. In determining amortization expense under our accelerated method for any given period, we calculate the expected cash flows for that period that were used in determining the acquired value of the asset and divide that amount by the expected total cash flows over the estimated life of the asset. We multiply that percentage by the initial carrying value of the asset to arrive at the amortization expense for that period. In addition, if the cash flow patterns that we experience are less favorable than our initial estimates, we will adjust the amortization schedule accordingly. These cash flow patterns are derived using certain assumptions and cost allocations due to a significant amount of asset interdependencies that exist in our business.

We believe that our accelerated method better approximates the distribution of cash flows generated by our acquired customer relationships. We adopted this method prospectively for our existing significant customer-related intangible assets described above and intend to adopt this method for future acquisitions of customer-related intangible assets. The use of this amortization method prior to December 1, 2006 would have resulted in amortization expense that is not materially different from the amount recognized under

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the straight-line method used by us during the same periods. Lastly, we will continue to use the straight-line method of amortization for the certain customer-related intangible assets that reflected 10% of the carrying value of our total such assets as of November 30, 2006. For these assets, the amortization expense using a straight-line method historically resulted in, and is expected to continue to result in, amortization expense that is not materially different from the amount that would be recognized under the accelerated method of amortization described above. We will also continue to use the straight-line method of amortization for our non-compete agreements and amortizable trademarks.

During the three months ended August 31, 2005, management approved a plan to implement the Global Payments tradename and trademark in Europe in lieu of the MUZO trademark. The MUZO trademark had previously been treated as an indefinite-life intangible asset. An impairment loss of \$2.2 million was recognized in connection with this plan regarding the MUZO trademark and is included in cost of service in the accompanying unaudited consolidated statement of income for the nine months ended February 28, 2006.

Impairment of long-lived assets We regularly evaluate whether events and circumstances have occurred that indicate the carrying amount of property and equipment and finite-life intangible assets may warrant revision or may not be recoverable. When factors indicate that these long-lived assets should be evaluated for possible impairment, we assess the potential impairment by determining whether the carrying value of such long-lived assets will be recovered through the future undiscounted cash flows expected from use of the asset and its eventual disposition. In addition, we regularly evaluate whether events and circumstances have occurred that indicate the useful lives of property and equipment and finite-life intangible assets may warrant revision.

Income taxes Deferred income taxes are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax laws and rates. Our effective tax rates, reflected as the provision for income taxes divided by income before income tax and minority interest, were 32.0% and 34.1% for the three months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006 respectively, and 32.3% and 34.1% for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Foreign currencies We have foreign subsidiaries operating in Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, the Czech Republic, Mexico, Russia, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the Asia-Pacific region that includes ten countries and territories: Brunei, China, Hong Kong, India, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Taiwan. The local currencies of these subsidiaries are the functional currencies, except for the subsidiary in Mexico whose functional currency is the U.S. dollar. Gains and losses on transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currencies are included in determining net income for the period. For the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, such transaction gains or losses were not significant.

The assets and liabilities of subsidiaries whose functional currency is a foreign currency are translated at the period-end rate of exchange. The resulting translation adjustment is recorded as a component of other comprehensive income and is included in shareholders' equity. Translation gains and losses on intercompany balances of a long-term investment nature are also recorded as a component of other comprehensive income. Income statement items are translated at the average rates prevailing during the period.

Earnings per share Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing reported earnings available to common shareholders by the weighted average shares outstanding during the period. Earnings available to common shareholders are the same as reported net income for all periods presented.

Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing reported earnings available to common shareholders by the weighted average shares outstanding during the period and the impact of securities that, if exercised, would have a dilutive effect on earnings per share. All options with an exercise price less than the average market share price for the period generally are assumed to have a dilutive effect on earnings per share. The diluted share base for both the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007 excludes incremental shares of 0.5 million related to stock options. These shares were excluded since they have an anti-dilutive effect because their option exercise prices are greater than the average market price of the common shares. The effect of such anti-dilutive options on the diluted share base was immaterial for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2006. No additional securities were outstanding that could potentially dilute basic earnings per share that were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share.

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The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006:

	Three Months Ended February 28, 2007 2006		Nine Months Ended February 28, 2007 2006	
	(in thousands, except per share data)			
<u>Basic EPS:</u>				
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 34,296	\$ 30,111	\$ 109,807	\$ 91,462
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	80,421	79,219	80,098	78,660
Earnings per share	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.38	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.16
<u>Diluted EPS:</u>				
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 34,296	\$ 30,111	\$ 109,807	\$ 91,462
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	80,421	79,219	80,098	78,660
Plus: dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock awards	1,551	3,552	1,658	3,232
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	81,972	82,771	81,756	81,892
Earnings per share	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.36	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.12

Share-based awards and options Effective June 1, 2006, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004): *Share-based Payment* (FAS 123R). FAS 123R amended FAS 123, and its related interpretations. We elected to adopt the modified prospective method described in FAS 123R which specifies that compensation expense for options granted prior to the effective date be recognized in the consolidated statements of income over the remaining vesting period of those options, and that compensation expense for options granted subsequent to the effective date be recognized in the consolidated statements of income over the vesting period of those options. In addition, in accordance with our use of the modified prospective method, prior period amounts have not been restated. Prior to our adoption of FAS 123R, we accounted for options under the recognition and measurement principles of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25: *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* (APB 25) and related interpretations. We continue to use the Black-Scholes valuation model to calculate the fair value of share-based awards. Refer to Note 6 for additional discussion regarding details of our share-based employee compensation plans and the adoption of FAS 123R.

New accounting pronouncements In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109*. This interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company's financial statements and establishes guidelines for recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. We are currently evaluating the impact on our consolidated financial statements of this standard, which will become effective for us on June 1, 2007.

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*. This statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. We are currently evaluating the impact on our consolidated financial statements of this standard, which will become effective for us on June 1, 2008.

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158, *Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans - an Amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)*. This statement requires us to recognize the funded status of our pension and postretirement plans as an asset or liability in the balance sheet. The statement also requires us to recognize changes in the funded status in the year in which the changes occur through comprehensive income. The adoption of FAS 158 will become effective for us on May 31, 2007. We believe the adoption of this standard will have no impact on our consolidated financial statements.

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In February 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities – Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115*. This statement permits us to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. We are currently evaluating the impact on our consolidated financial statements of this standard, which will become effective for us on June 1, 2008.

NOTE 2 BUSINESS ACQUISITIONS

On July 24, 2006, we completed the purchase of a fifty-six percent ownership interest in the merchant acquiring business of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, or HSBC. This business provides card payment processing services to merchants in the Asia-Pacific region. The business includes HSBC's payment processing operations in the following ten countries and territories: Brunei, China, Hong Kong, India, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Taiwan. Under the terms of the agreement, we initially paid HSBC \$67.2 million in cash to acquire our ownership interest. We paid an additional \$1.4 million under this agreement during the nine months ended February 28, 2007, for a total purchase price of \$68.6 million to acquire our ownership interest. In conjunction with this acquisition, we entered into a transition services agreement with HSBC. Under this agreement, HSBC will continue to perform payment processing operations and related support services until we integrate these functions into our own operations, which we expect will be completed in 2010. The operating results of this acquisition are included in our consolidated statements of income from the date of the acquisition.

The purpose of this acquisition was to establish a presence in the Asia-Pacific market. The key factors that contributed to the decision to make this acquisition include historical and prospective financial statement analysis, HSBC's market share in the region, HSBC's retail presence, and previous business development activity by other companies in the Asia-Pacific market. The purchase price was determined by analyzing the historical and prospective financial statements and applying relevant purchase price multiples.

On November 14, 2006, we completed the acquisition of the assets of Diginet d.o.o., an indirect payment processor for both point-of-sale and ATM transactions based in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The purpose of this acquisition was to extend Global Payments Europe's presence into the Balkan region. The operating results of this acquisition are included in our consolidated statements of income from the date of the acquisition.

During the nine months ended February 28, 2007, we acquired a series of money transfer branch locations in the United States. The purpose of these acquisitions was to increase the market presence of our DolEx-branded money transfer offering. The operating results of the acquired locations were included in our consolidated financial statements as they were converted to the DolEx technology platform.

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These acquisitions have been recorded using the purchase method of accounting, and, accordingly, the purchase prices have been allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values as of the date of acquisition. The following table summarizes the preliminary purchase price allocations of these acquisitions (in thousands):

	HSBC	All Other	Total
Goodwill	\$ 50,523	\$ 8,243	\$ 58,766
Customer-related intangible assets	15,008	2,649	17,657
Trademarks	2,016		2,016
Non-compete agreements		1,389	1,389
Property and equipment	1,877	825	2,702
Non-current deferred tax asset	1,229		1,229
Other current assets		76	76
 Total assets acquired	 70,653	 13,182	 83,835
Current liabilities		(1,400)	(1,400)
Long-term liabilities		(150)	(150)
Minority interest in equity of subsidiary	(2,055)		(2,055)
 Net assets acquired	 \$ 68,598	 \$ 11,632	 \$ 80,230

The HSBC customer-related intangible assets and trademarks acquired have an amortization period of 13 years and 5 years, respectively. The customer-related intangible assets created from the other acquisitions have amortization periods ranging between 3 and 15 years. The non-compete agreements created from the other acquisitions have amortization periods ranging between 18 and 36 months.

These acquisitions were not significant to our unaudited consolidated statements of income and accordingly, we have not provided pro forma information relating to these acquisitions.

NOTE 3 GOODWILL

The changes to the goodwill balance during the nine months ended February 28, 2007 are as follows (in thousands):

Goodwill balance as of May 31, 2006	\$ 387,280
Goodwill acquired	58,766
Effect of foreign currency translation on goodwill carrying value	(3,643)
 Goodwill balance as of February 28, 2007	 \$ 442,403

NOTE 4 COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The components of comprehensive income are as follows:

	Three Months Ended February 28, 2007		Nine Months Ended February 28, 2007	
	2006		2006	
	(in thousands)			
Net income	\$ 34,296	\$ 30,111	\$ 109,807	\$ 91,462
Foreign currency translation, net of tax of \$(1,877) and \$1,804; \$(4,087) and \$7,561, respectively	(4,963)	4,712	(7,022)	17,926

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Total comprehensive income	\$ 29,333	\$ 34,823	\$ 102,785	\$ 109,388
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The components of net periodic benefit costs relating to Global Payments noncontributory defined benefit plan are as follows:

Contributions of \$0.5 and \$0.7 million have been made to the noncontributory defined benefit plan during the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007, respectively. No further contributions to this plan are expected in fiscal 2007.

As of February 28, 2007, we have four share-based employee compensation plans. As discussed in Note 1, effective June 1, 2006, we account for these plans under FAS 123R using the modified prospective method. The total share-based compensation cost that has been charged against income for these plans for (i) the continued vesting of all stock options that remained unvested as of June 1, 2006, (ii) all stock options granted, modified, or cancelled after our adoption of FAS 123R, (iii) our employee stock purchase plan, and (iv) our restricted stock plan aggregated \$3.8 million and \$12.4 million for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007, respectively. The total income tax benefit recognized for share-based compensation in the accompanying unaudited statements of income was \$1.2 million and \$4.0 million for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007, respectively. For all share-based awards granted after June 1, 2006, compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis. The fair value of share-based awards granted prior to June 1, 2006 is amortized as compensation expense on an accelerated basis from the date of the grant. There was no share-based compensation capitalized during the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007.

	Three Months Ended February 28, 2007		Nine Months Ended February 28, 2007	
	2006		2006	
	(in thousands, except per share data)			
Net income:				
As reported	\$ 34,296	\$ 30,111	\$ 109,807	\$ 91,462
Add: Share-based compensation included in net income, net of related tax effects	2,577	684	8,403	1,257
Deduct: Total share-based employee compensation expense				
determined under fair value method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(2,577)	(3,645)	(8,403)	(9,509)
Pro forma net income	\$ 34,296	\$ 27,150	\$ 109,807	\$ 83,210
Basic earnings per share:				
As reported	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.38	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.16
Pro forma	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.34	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.06
Diluted earnings per share:				
As reported	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.36	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.12

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Pro forma	\$	0.42	\$	0.33	\$	1.34	\$	1.03
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Prior to the adoption of FAS 123R, cash flows resulting from the tax benefit related to equity-based compensation were included in our operating activities in our statement of cash flows, along with other income tax cash flows, in accordance with the provisions of EITF 00-15, *Classification in the Statement of Cash Flows of the Income Tax Benefit Received by a Company Upon Exercise of a Nonqualified Employee Stock Option*. FAS 123R now requires tax benefits relating to excess equity-based compensation deductions be prospectively included as financing activities in our statement of cash flows.

Stock Options

We have certain stock plans under which incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options and restricted stock has been granted to officers, key employees and directors under the Global Payments Inc. 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (the 2000 Plan), Global Payments Inc. Amended and Restated 2005 Incentive Plan (the 2005 Plan), and a Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan (the Director Plan) (collectively, the Plans). Effective with the adoption of the 2005 Plan, there are no future grants under the 2000 Plan.

Stock options are granted at 100% of fair market value on the date of grant and have 10-year terms. Generally, stock options granted vest one year after the date of grant with respect to 25% of the shares granted, an additional 25% after two years, an additional 25% after three years, and the remaining 25% after four years. Stock options granted prior to August 2003 vest two years after the date of grant with respect to 20% of the shares granted, an additional 25% after three years, an additional 25% after four years, and the remaining 30% after five years. The Plans provide for accelerated vesting under certain conditions, including a change in control.

The following table summarizes all outstanding options as of February 28, 2007 and the changes during the nine months ended February 28, 2007.

	Nine Months Ended February 28, 2007		
	Options (in thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions)
<u>2000 Plan</u>			
Outstanding at May 31	3,764	\$ 17	
Granted			
Cancelled	(100)	20	
Exercised	(667)	16	
Outstanding at February 28	2,997	\$ 18	\$ 62.1
Shares available for future grant			
<u>2005 Plan</u>			
Outstanding at May 31	1,880	\$ 33	
Granted	646	46	
Cancelled	(318)	39	
Exercised	(105)	31	
Outstanding at February 28	2,103	\$ 36	\$ 5.3
Shares available for future grant			
<u>Director Plan</u>			
Outstanding at May 31	248	\$ 19	
Granted	39	39	
Cancelled			
Exercised	(35)	22	
Outstanding at February 28	252	\$ 22	\$ 4.2

Shares available for future grant

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The weighted average remaining contractual life for all options outstanding is 7.0 years. The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006 was \$19.1 million and \$32.4 million, respectively. Options exercisable at February 28, 2007 total 2.4 million and have a weighted average remaining contractual life of 5.8 years, a weighted average exercise price of \$18, and total intrinsic value of \$47.5 million. We have historically issued new shares to satisfy the exercise of options.

As of February 28, 2007, we had \$16.9 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested options, which we expect to recognize over a weighted average period of 1.3 years.

The weighted averaged grant-date fair value of each option granted in the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006 was \$16 and \$13, respectively. The fair value of each option granted in the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006 is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes valuation model with the following weighted average assumptions used for the grants during the respective period:

	Nine Months Ended February 28, 2007 2006	
<u>2005 Plan</u>		
Risk-free interest rates	4.85%	3.97%
Expected volatility	30.09%	38.39%
Dividend yields	0.19%	0.34%
Expected lives	5 years	5 years
<u>Directors Plan</u>		
Risk-free interest rates	4.52%	4.00%
Expected volatility	31.96%	37.95%
Dividend yields	0.19%	0.34%
Expected lives	5 years	5 years

The risk-free interest rate is based on the yield of a zero coupon U.S. Treasury security with a maturity equal to the expected life of the option from the date of the grant. Our assumption on expected volatility is based on our historical volatility. The dividend yield assumption is calculated using our average stock price over the preceding year and the annualized amount of our current quarterly dividend. We based our assumptions on the expected lives of the options on our analysis of the historical exercise patterns of the options and our assumption on the future exercise pattern of options.

Restricted Stock

Shares awarded under the restricted stock program, issued under the 2000 Plan and 2005 Plan, are held in escrow and released to the grantee upon the grantee's satisfaction of conditions of the grantee's restricted stock agreement. The grant date fair value of restricted stock awards is based on the quoted fair market value of our common stock at the award date. Compensation expense is recognized ratably during the escrow period of the award.

Generally, grants of restricted shares are subject to forfeiture if a grantee, among other conditions, leaves our employment prior to expiration of the restricted period. As of June 1, 2006, new grants of restricted shares generally vest one year after the date of grant with respect to 25% of the shares granted, an additional 25% after two years, an additional 25% after three years, and the remaining 25% after four years. For restricted shares granted prior to June 1, 2006, the restrictions generally lapse two years after the date of grant with respect to 33% of the shares granted, an additional 33% after three years, and the remaining 33% after four years.

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The following table summarizes the changes in non-vested restricted stock awards for the nine months ended February 28, 2007:

	Share Awards (in thousands)	Nine Months Ended February 28, 2007 Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Non-vested at June 1	220	\$ 21
Granted	189	45
Vested	(97)	17
Forfeited	(34)	40
Non-vested at February 28	278	\$ 37

The total fair value of shares vested during the nine months ended February 28, 2007 was \$1.7 million. During the nine months ended February 28, 2006, the weighted average grant-date fair value of shares vested was \$17 and the total fair value of shares vested during these nine months was \$1.3 million.

We recognized compensation expenses for restricted stock of \$0.7 million and \$2.0 million in the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007, respectively. As of February 28, 2007, there was \$7.1 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock awards that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.1 years.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

We have an Employee Stock Purchase Plan under which the sale of 2.4 million shares of our common stock has been authorized. Employees may designate up to the lesser of \$25,000 or 20% of their annual compensation for the purchase of stock. For periods prior to October 1, 2006, the price for shares purchased under the plan was the lower of 85% of the market value on the first day or the last day of the quarterly purchase period. With the quarterly purchase period beginning on October 1, 2006, the price for shares purchased under the plan is 85% of the market value on the last day of the quarterly purchase period.

At February 28, 2007, 0.6 million shares had been issued under this plan, with 1.8 million shares reserved for future issuance.

The weighted average grant-date fair value of each designated share purchased under this plan during the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006 was \$9 and \$10, respectively.

For the quarterly purchases after October 1, 2006, the fair value of each designated share purchased under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan is based on the 15% discount on the purchase date since the price of the shares is determined as of the purchase date.

For the quarterly purchases prior to October 1, 2006, the fair value of each designated share purchased under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes valuation model using the following weighted average assumptions:

	Six Months Ending November 30, 2006	Nine Months Ending February 28, 2006
Risk-free interest rates	4.93%	3.57%
Expected volatility	37.02%	27.23%
Dividend yields	0.19%	0.34%
Expected lives	3 months	3 months

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The risk-free interest rate is based on the yield of a zero coupon U.S. Treasury security with a maturity equal to the expected life of the option from the date of the grant. Our assumption on expected volatility is based on our historical volatility. The dividend yield assumption is calculated using our average stock price over the preceding year and the annualized amount of our current quarterly dividend. Since the purchase price for shares under the plan is based on the market value on the first day or last day of the quarterly purchase period, we use an expected life of three months to determine the fair value of each designated share.

NOTE 7 RESTRUCTURING

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005, consistent with our strategy to leverage infrastructure and consolidate operations, we committed to plans to close one location and consolidate its functions and certain other functions into existing locations. These restructuring plans required associated management and staff reductions and required contract termination and related facility closure costs in connection with an operating lease at one location during fiscal 2006. We completed these restructuring plans on November 30, 2005. We incurred \$1.6 million in restructuring charges relating to one-time employee termination benefits during the nine months ended February 28, 2006. In addition, we incurred \$0.3 million in restructuring charges relating to contract termination costs in the nine months ended February 28, 2006. There were no restructuring charges incurred in the three months ending February 28, 2006 or the nine months ended February 28, 2007. As of February 28, 2007, we have paid all accrued restructuring charges under these plans.

NOTE 8 SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Supplemental cash flow disclosures for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006 are as follows:

	Nine Months Ended February 28,	
	2007	2006
	(in thousands)	
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Income taxes paid, net of refunds	\$ 55,103	\$ 34,532
Interest paid	4,874	2,551

NOTE 9 SEGMENT INFORMATION**General information**

We operate in two reportable segments, merchant services and money transfer. The merchant services segment primarily offers processing solutions for credit cards, debit cards, and check-related services. We have two basic business models to market our merchant services offerings. One model, referred to as direct merchant services, features a salaried and commissioned sales force, ISOs, and independent sales representatives, all of whom sell our services directly to merchants. Our other model, referred to as indirect merchant services, provides the same basic products and services as direct merchant services, primarily to financial institutions and a limited number of ISOs on an unbundled basis that in turn resell our products and services to merchants. The money transfer segment offers cash transfer services to consumers, primarily from the United States and Europe to Latin America, Morocco, and the Philippines.

Information about profit and assets

We evaluate performance and allocate resources based on the operating income of each segment. The operating income of each segment includes the revenues of the segment less those expenses that are directly related to those revenues. Operating overheads, shared costs, and certain compensation costs are included in Corporate below. Interest expense or income and income tax expense are not allocated to the individual segments. Additionally, restructuring charges are not allocated to the individual segments and are separately presented below. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies in Note 1.

We do not allocate assets to the individual segments, nor would it be practicable to do so since management does not manage assets on a segment basis internally.

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Information on segments, including revenue by geographic distribution within segments, and reconciliations to consolidated revenues and consolidated operating income are as follows for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006:

	Three Months Ended February 28, 2007		Nine Months Ended February 28, 2007	
	(in thousands)			
Revenues:				
Domestic direct	\$ 135,896	\$ 120,935	\$ 403,860	\$ 350,655
Canada	54,630	50,627	170,314	156,529
Asia-Pacific	14,737		35,072	
Central and Eastern Europe	12,244	12,162	38,767	36,304
Domestic indirect and other	11,564	12,386	35,178	39,774
Merchant services	229,071	196,110	683,191	583,262
Domestic	26,903	26,505	86,093	78,706
Europe	4,444	2,544	12,139	7,320
Money transfer	31,347	29,049	98,232	86,026
Consolidated revenues	\$ 260,418	\$ 225,159	\$ 781,423	\$ 669,288
Operating income for segments:				
Merchant services	\$ 62,033	\$ 55,063	\$ 196,275	\$ 167,581
Money transfer	2,249	3,336	10,995	12,139
Corporate	(13,089)	(10,264)	(40,247)	(29,155)
Restructuring				(1,878)
Consolidated operating income	\$ 51,193	\$ 48,135	\$ 167,023	\$ 148,687
Depreciation and amortization:				
Merchant services	\$ 9,122	\$ 8,834	\$ 26,329	\$ 26,325
Money transfer	1,041	1,298	3,627	3,879
Corporate	123	166	388	472
Consolidated depreciation and amortization	\$ 10,286	\$ 10,298	\$ 30,344	\$ 30,676

Enterprise-Wide Disclosures

We operate primarily in the United States, Canada, the Asia-Pacific region, and Europe. The following is a breakdown of consolidated revenues by geographic region:

	Three Months Ended February 28, 2007		Nine Months Ended February 28, 2007	
	2006		2006	
	(in thousands)			
United States	\$ 174,122	\$ 159,578	\$ 524,416	\$ 468,422
Canada	54,630	50,627	170,314	156,529
Asia-Pacific	14,737		35,072	

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Europe	16,929	14,954	51,621	44,337
	\$ 260,418	\$ 225,159	\$ 781,423	\$ 669,288

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The following is a breakdown of long-lived assets by geographic region:

	February 28, 2007	May 31, 2006
	(in thousands)	
United States	\$ 412,078	\$ 404,452
Canada	150,268	160,182
Asia-Pacific	69,006	
Europe	97,213	95,978
Latin America	1,870	1,827
	\$ 730,435	\$ 662,439

Our results of operations and our financial condition are not significantly reliant upon any single customer.

NOTE 10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

From time to time, in the course of settling consumer-to-consumer money transfer transactions, we purchase foreign currency from Consultoria Internacional Casa de Cambio (CISA), a Mexican company partially owned by certain of our employees. We purchased 1.7 billion Mexican pesos for \$156.1 million and 1.1 billion Mexican pesos for \$104.5 million during the three months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, respectively, from CISA. We purchased 6.1 billion Mexican pesos for \$557.5 million and 5.0 billion Mexican pesos for \$465.7 million during the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, respectively, from CISA. We believe these currency transactions were executed at prevailing market exchange rates.

Also from time to time, consumer-to-consumer money transfer transactions are settled at destination facilities owned by CISA. We incurred related settlement expenses, included in cost of service in the accompanying unaudited consolidated statements of income, approximating \$63,000 for both the three months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, and \$193,000 and \$202,000, respectively, in the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006.

In the normal course of business, we periodically utilize the services of contractors to provide software development services. An employee of ours that was hired on April 18, 2005 is also an employee, officer and part owner of a firm that provides such services. The services provided by this firm primarily relate to software development in connection with our next generation financial front-end processing system in the United States. During the three months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, we capitalized fees paid to this firm of \$0.6 million and \$0.8 million, respectively. During both the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, we capitalized fees paid to this firm of \$1.6 million. As of February 28, 2007 and May 31, 2006, capitalized amounts paid to this firm of \$4.0 million and \$2.4 million, respectively, were included in property and equipment in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Since the related software has not yet been placed in service, no amortization expense has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 11 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

On November 16, 2006, we entered into a five year, \$350 million unsecured revolving credit facility agreement with a syndicate of U.S. banks, which we refer to as our U.S. Credit Facility. The credit agreement contains certain financial and non-financial covenants and events of default customary for financings of this nature. We complied with these covenants as of February 28, 2007. The facility expires in November 2011, and borrowings bear a variable interest rate based on the U.S. dollar London Interbank Offered Rate plus a margin that varies according to our leverage position.

In addition, the U.S. Credit Facility allows us to expand the facility size to \$700 million by requesting additional commitments from existing or new lenders. We plan to use the U.S. Credit Facility to fund future strategic acquisitions, to provide a source of working capital, and for general corporate purposes. As of February 28, 2007, we had no borrowings outstanding on our U.S. Credit Facility. As of May 31, 2006, we had no borrowings on our former U.S. credit facility, which we terminated on November 16, 2006 in conjunction with our entry into the U.S. Credit Facility.

On November 16, 2006, we entered into an amended credit facility, which we refer to as our Canadian Credit Facility, with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, or CIBC, as administrative agent and lender. The Canadian Credit Facility is an uncommitted

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facility which consists of a line of credit of \$25 million Canadian, or \$22 million U.S. based on the February 28, 2007 exchange rate. In addition, the Canadian Credit Facility allows us to expand the size of the uncommitted facility to \$50 million Canadian during the peak holiday season and does not have a fixed term. The Canadian Credit Facility has a variable interest rate based on the Canadian dollar London Interbank Offered Rate plus a margin.

The Canadian Credit Facility allows us to provide certain Canadian merchants with same day value for their Visa credit card deposits. Same day value is the practice of giving merchants value for credit card transactions on the date of the applicable sale even though we receive the corresponding settlement funds from Visa Canada/International at a later date. The amounts borrowed under the Canadian Credit Facility are restricted in use to pay Canadian Visa merchants and such amounts are generally received from Visa Canada/International on the following day.

Our obligations under the Canadian Credit Facility are secured by a first priority security interest in the Members' accounts receivable from Visa Canada/International and Interac Associates for our transactions processed through the CIBC Visa BIN and Interac debit network, the bank accounts in which the settlement funds are deposited, and by guarantees from certain of our subsidiaries. These guarantees are subordinate to any guarantees granted by such subsidiaries under our U.S. Credit Facility. The Canadian Credit Facility also contains certain financial and non-financial covenants and events of default customary for financings of this nature. We complied with these covenants as of February 28, 2007. As of both February 28, 2007 and May 31, 2006, we had no borrowings outstanding on our Canadian Credit Facility.

NOTE 12 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In April 2007, our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program that authorizes the purchase of up to \$100 million of Global Payments' stock in the open market or as otherwise may be determined by us, subject to market conditions, business opportunities, and other factors. This authorization has no expiration date and may be suspended or terminated at any time. Repurchased shares will be retired but will be available for future issuance.

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

For an understanding of the significant factors that influenced our results, the following discussion should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this report. This management's discussion and analysis should also be read in conjunction with the management's discussion and analysis and consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2006.

General

We are a leading payment processing and consumer money transfer company. As a high-volume processor of electronic transactions, we enable merchants, multinational corporations, financial institutions, consumers, government agencies and other profit and non-profit business enterprises to facilitate payments to purchase goods and services or further other economic goals. Our role is to serve as an intermediary in the exchange of information and funds that must occur between parties so that a payment transaction or money transfer can be completed. We were incorporated in Georgia as Global Payments Inc. in September 2000, and we spun-off from our former parent company on January 31, 2001. Including our time as part of our former parent company, we have provided transaction processing services since 1967.

We market our products and services throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region, and we also conduct business in Latin America, Morocco and the Philippines through our money transfer offerings. We operate in two business segments, merchant services and money transfer, and we offer various products through these segments. Our merchant services segment targets customers in many vertical industries including financial institutions, government, professional services, restaurants, universities, utilities, gaming, retail and health care. Our money transfer segment primarily targets immigrants in the United States and Europe.

Our offerings in the merchant services segment provide merchants, independent sales organizations, or ISOs, and financial institutions with credit and debit card transaction processing, as well as check-related services. We use two basic business models to market our merchant services offerings. One model, referred to as direct merchant services, features a salaried and commissioned sales force, ISOs and independent sales representatives, all of whom sell our end-to-end services directly to merchants. Our other model, referred to as indirect merchant services, provides the same basic products and services as direct merchant services, primarily to financial institutions and a limited number of ISOs on an unbundled basis, that in turn resell our products and services to merchants. We also offer sales, installation, and servicing of ATM and point of sale, or POS, terminals and selected card issuing services, which are components of indirect merchant services, through Global Payments Europe, a.s., formerly known as MUZO, which is our subsidiary based in the Czech Republic. Our direct merchant services are marketed in the United States, Canada, and throughout the Asia-Pacific region, while our indirect merchant services are marketed in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Direct merchant services revenue is generated on services primarily priced as a percentage of transaction value, whereas indirect merchant services revenue is generated on services primarily priced on a specified amount per transaction. In both merchant services models, we also charge for other processing fees unrelated to the number of transactions or the transaction value.

Our money transfer segment provides consumer-to-consumer money transfer services. A majority of the revenue derived from our money transfer offering consists of our electronic money transfer services marketed under our DoEx brand to the growing population of first and second generation Latin Americans living in the United States. This population regularly transfers money to family and friends living in Latin America. Following the Europhil acquisition in December 2004, we expanded our money transfer origination locations to Europe and our settlement locations to Morocco, the Philippines, and new destinations in Latin America.

Our products and services are marketed through a variety of distinct sales channels that include a dedicated direct sales force, ISOs, an internal telesales group, retail outlets, trade associations, alliance bank relationships and financial institutions.

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Executive Overview

Revenue increased 16% to \$260.4 million in the three months ended February 28, 2007 from \$225.2 million in the prior year's comparable period. Revenue increased \$112.1 million, or 17%, to \$781.4 million in the nine months ended February 28, 2007 from \$669.3 million in the prior year's comparable period. This revenue growth was primarily due to our domestic direct, Canada and new Asia-Pacific merchant services channels, as well as growth in our money transfer segment.

Consolidated operating income was \$51.2 million for the three months ended February 28, 2007, which resulted in an operating margin of 19.7% for the three months ended February 28, 2007. Consolidated operating income was \$167.0 million for the nine months ended February 28, 2007, which resulted in an operating margin of 21.4% for the nine months ended February 28, 2007.

Net income increased \$4.2 million, or 14%, to \$34.3 million in the three months ended February 28, 2007 from \$30.1 million in the prior year's comparable period, resulting in a \$0.06 increase in diluted earnings per share to \$0.42 in the three months ended February 28, 2007 from \$0.36 in the prior year's comparable period. Net income increased \$18.3 million, or 20%, to \$109.8 million in the nine months ended February 28, 2007 from \$91.5 million in the prior year's comparable period, resulting in a \$0.22 increase in diluted earnings per share to \$1.34 in the nine months ended February 28, 2007 from \$1.12 in the prior year's comparable period.

Merchant services segment revenue increased \$33.0 million or 17% to \$229.1 million in the three months ended February 28, 2007, and money transfer segment revenue increased \$2.3 million or 8% to \$31.3 million in the three months ended February 28, 2007. Merchant services segment revenue increased \$99.9 million or 17% to \$683.2 million in the nine months ended February 28, 2007, and money transfer segment revenue increased \$12.2 million or 14% to \$98.2 million in the nine months ended February 28, 2007.

Merchant services segment operating income increased \$7.0 million or 13% to \$62.0 million in the three months ended February 28, 2007, with operating margins of 27.1% and 28.1% for the three months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Merchant services segment operating income increased \$28.7 million or 17% to \$196.3 million in the nine months ended February 28, 2007, with operating margins of 28.7% for both the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006. Money transfer segment operating income decreased \$1.1 million or 33% to \$2.2 million in the three months ended February 28, 2007, with operating margins of 7.2% and 11.5% for the three months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Money transfer segment operating income decreased \$1.1 million or 9% to \$11.0 million in the nine months ended February 28, 2007, with operating margins of 11.2% and 14.1% for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

No restructuring charges were recorded in consolidated operating income for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007 and for the three months ended February 28, 2006. For the nine months ended February 28, 2006, the consolidated operating income amounts reflect restructuring charges of \$1.9 million, or \$0.01 of diluted earnings per share in the nine months ended February 28, 2006. Restructuring charges represented 0.3% of revenue in the nine months ended February 28, 2006.

In March 2007, we decided to consolidate our technical support center located in St. Louis, Missouri into our operations center in Owings Mills, Maryland. We believe this consolidation will improve our customer service by allowing us to provide our customers with a single point of contact in one physical location. This consolidation will result in staff reduction, fixed asset abandonment and facility closure costs and is expected to be completed during our second quarter of fiscal 2008.

In addition to the St. Louis consolidation, we decided also in March 2007 to consolidate an operations facility in Denver, Colorado into our Niles, Illinois operations facility, which we believe will improve the efficiency of our check service offering. This consolidation will result in staff reduction and facility closure costs and is expected to be completed during our fourth quarter of fiscal 2007.

As of February 28, 2007, no restructuring charges have been incurred related to these consolidation plans, although we anticipate recording restructuring and other charges of approximately \$5 million, consisting of one-time employee termination benefits, fixed asset abandonments, and contract termination costs. We expect to incur these charges during our fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 and the first half of fiscal 2008.

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In April 2007, our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program that authorizes the purchase of up to \$100 million of Global Payments stock in the open market or as otherwise may be determined by us, subject to market conditions, business opportunities, and other factors. We have no obligation to repurchase shares under this program and currently intend to use this authorization as a means of offsetting dilution from the issuance of shares under employee benefit plans. This authorization has no expiration date and may be suspended or terminated at any time. Repurchased shares will be retired but will be available for future issuance.

Components of Income Statement

We derive our revenues from three primary sources: charges based on volumes and fees for services, charges based on transaction quantity, and equipment sales, leases and service fees. Revenues generated by these areas depend upon a number of factors, such as demand for and price of our services, the technological competitiveness of our product offerings, our reputation for providing timely and reliable service, competition within our industry, and general economic conditions.

Cost of service consists primarily of the following costs: operational-related personnel, including those who monitor our transaction processing systems and settlement; assessment fees paid to card associations; transaction processing systems, including third-party services such as the costs of settlement channels for consumer-to-consumer money transfer services; transition services paid to HSBC in the Asia-Pacific market; network telecommunications capability, depreciation and occupancy costs associated with the facilities performing these functions; amortization of intangible assets; and provisions for operating losses.

Sales, general and administrative expenses consists primarily of salaries, wages and related expenses paid to sales personnel, non-revenue producing customer support functions and administrative employees and management, commissions to independent contractors and ISOs, advertising costs, other selling expenses, and occupancy of leased space directly related to these functions.

Other income and expense consists primarily of interest income and interest expense.

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The following table shows key selected financial data for the three months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, this data as a percentage of total revenue, and the changes between three months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, in dollars and as a percentage of the prior year's comparable period.

	Three Months Ended		Three Months Ended		Change	% Change
	February 28,	% of Revenue ⁽¹⁾	February 28, 2006	% of Revenue ⁽¹⁾		
	2007		(dollar amounts in thousands)			
Revenues:						
Domestic direct	\$ 135,896	52%	\$ 120,935	54%	\$ 14,961	12%
Canada	54,630	21	50,627	22	4,003	8
Asia-Pacific	14,737	6			14,737	
Central and Eastern Europe	12,244	5	12,162	5	82	1
Domestic indirect and other	11,564	4	12,386	6	(822)	(7)
Merchant services	229,071	88	196,110	87	32,961	17
Domestic	26,903	10	26,505	12	398	2
Europe	4,444	2	2,544	1	1,900	75
Money transfer	31,347	12	29,049	13	2,298	8
Total revenues	\$ 260,418	100%	\$ 225,159	100%	\$ 35,259	16%
Consolidated operating expenses:						
Cost of service	\$ 103,555	39.8%	\$ 88,863	39.5%	\$ 14,692	17%
Sales, general and administrative	105,670	40.6	88,161	39.2	17,509	20
Operating income	\$ 51,193	19.7%	\$ 48,135	21.4%	\$ 3,058	6%
Operating income for segments:						
Merchant services	\$ 62,033		\$ 55,063		\$ 6,970	13%
Money transfer	2,249		3,336		(1,087)	(33)
Corporate	(13,089)		(10,264)		(2,825)	(28)
Operating income	\$ 51,193		\$ 48,135		\$ 3,058	6%
Operating margin for segments:						
Merchant services segment	27.1%		28.1%		(1.0%)	
Money transfer segment	7.2%		11.5%		(4.3%)	

⁽¹⁾ Percentage amounts may not sum to the total due to rounding.

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The following table shows key selected financial data for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, this data as a percentage of total revenue, and the changes between nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, in dollars and as a percentage of the prior year's comparable period.

	Nine Months Ended		Nine Months Ended			
	February 28,	% of	February 28,	% of	Change	% Change
	2007	Revenue ⁽¹⁾	2006	Revenue ⁽¹⁾		
(dollar amounts in thousands)						
<u>Revenues:</u>						
Domestic direct	\$ 403,860	52%	\$ 350,655	52%	\$ 53,205	15%
Canada	170,314	22	156,529	23	13,785	9
Asia-Pacific	35,072	4			35,072	
Central and Eastern Europe	38,767	5	36,304	5	2,463	7
Domestic indirect and other	35,178	5	39,774	6	(4,596)	(12)
Merchant services	683,191	87	583,262	87	99,929	17
Domestic	86,093	11	78,706	12	7,387	9
Europe	12,139	2	7,320	1	4,819	66
Money transfer	98,232	13	86,026	13	12,206	14
Total revenues	\$ 781,423	100%	\$ 669,288	100%	\$ 112,135	17%
<u>Consolidated operating expenses:</u>						
Cost of service	\$ 307,511	39.4%	\$ 268,957	40.2%	\$ 38,554	14%
Sales, general and administrative	306,889	39.3	249,766	37.3	57,123	23
Restructuring			1,878	0.3	(1,878)	
Operating income	\$ 167,023	21.4%	\$ 148,687	22.2%	\$ 18,336	12%
<u>Operating income for segments:</u>						
Merchant services	\$ 196,275		\$ 167,581		\$ 28,694	17%
Money transfer	10,995		12,139		(1,144)	(9)
Corporate	(40,247)		(29,155)		(11,092)	(38)
Restructuring			(1,878)		1,878	
Operating income	\$ 167,023		\$ 148,687		\$ 18,336	12%
<u>Operating margin for segments:</u>						
Merchant services segment	28.7%		28.7%			
Money transfer segment	11.2%		14.1%		(2.9%)	

⁽¹⁾ Percentage amounts may not sum to the total due to rounding.

Revenues

In the three months ended February 28, 2007, revenue increased 16% to \$260.4 million from \$225.2 million in the prior year's comparable period. In the nine months ended February 28, 2007, revenue increased \$112.1 million or 17% to \$781.4 million from \$669.3 million in the prior

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year's comparable period. We attribute this revenue growth primarily to our domestic direct, Canada, and Asia-Pacific merchant services channels, in addition to our money transfer channels. We expect our fiscal 2007 consolidated revenue to range from \$1,050 million to \$1,057 million, reflecting growth of 16% over fiscal 2006.

With regard to our fiscal 2008, we have not completed our annual planning process and are not prepared to provide detailed expectations. On a preliminary basis, however, we expect that our consolidated revenue may grow in the high single digit to low double digit percentage range, due to the factors discussed below.

Table of Contents*Merchant Services Segment*

Revenue from our merchant services segment in the third quarter of fiscal 2007 increased by \$33.0 million or 17% to \$229.1 million from \$196.1 million in the three months ended February 28, 2006. In the nine months ended February 28, 2007, merchant services revenue increased \$99.9 million or 17% to \$683.2 million from \$583.3 million in the nine months ended February 28, 2006.

We have continued to grow our domestic direct merchant channel by adding small and mid-market merchants in diversified vertical markets, primarily through our ISOs. For the three months ended February 28, 2007, our credit and debit card processed transactions grew 23% and our revenue grew 12% for this channel compared to the prior year period. Our revenue growth for this channel was lower than our growth during the first half of fiscal 2007 primarily due to a maturing of our ISO portfolio, our internal sales areas, and the North American market. For the nine months ended February 28, 2007, our credit and debit card processed transactions grew 24% and our revenue grew 15% for this channel compared to the prior year period. The difference between our transaction growth and revenue growth for these periods is primarily a result of mid single digit percentage declines compared to the prior year in our domestic direct credit card average dollar value of transaction, or average ticket, due to a shift toward smaller merchants added through our ISOs. This difference is also partially due to a low single digit decline for these periods compared to the prior year in our average discount revenue per dollar value volume, or spread. Lastly, our domestic direct revenue that is not based on the amount of transactions or processed volume described above has grown at a lesser rate than our credit and debit card transaction growth for these periods compared to the prior year. This type of revenue includes service fees, equipment fees and check-related services. For fiscal year 2007, we expect annual revenue growth in the mid teen percentage range for this channel.

For the three months ended February 28, 2007, our Canadian direct credit and debit card processed transactions grew 5%, with overall Canadian revenue growth of 8% compared to the prior year period. For the nine months ended February 28, 2007, our Canadian direct credit and debit card processed transactions grew 4%, with overall Canadian revenue growth of 9% compared to the prior year period. Our Canadian transaction growth was largely offset by mid single digit percentage declines in our credit card spread for these periods compared to the prior year. Our revenue growth for the three months ended February 28, 2007 was primarily due to card association incentives relating to various programs implemented in the Canadian market. These card association incentives are not recurring in nature. Our revenue growth for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 was primarily due to a favorable Canadian currency exchange rate, in addition to these card association incentives. The Canadian currency exchange rate had a modest, negative impact on our revenue growth for the three months ended February 28, 2007 compared to the prior year period, and we expect a modestly greater negative impact during the fourth quarter of our fiscal year. For fiscal 2007, we expect annual revenue growth in the mid single digit percentage range for our Canadian channel.

Our Asia-Pacific merchant services revenue for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007 was \$14.7 million and \$35.1 million, respectively. We completed the purchase of our ownership in HSBC's merchant acquiring business on July 24, 2006, and began operating in this channel at that time. For fiscal 2007, we expect to achieve Asia-Pacific merchant services revenue of \$48 million to \$51 million.

Our Central and Eastern European merchant services revenue for the three months ended February 28, 2007 increased 1% compared to the prior year period, largely due to a favorable year-over-year Czech currency exchange rate and growth in credit and debit card processed transactions of 16%. In the three months ended February 28, 2007, revenue growth was offset by the impact of price reductions granted on contract renewals, in addition to a higher level of equipment sales and other non-transaction based revenue during the prior year period. Our Central and Eastern European merchant services revenue for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 increased 7% compared to the prior year period, largely due to a favorable year-over-year Czech currency exchange rate and growth in credit and debit card processed transactions of 16%, offset by the factors mentioned above. Our results were unfavorably impacted by the deconversion process of the large customer that announced its intention to deconvert prior to the completion of our MUZO acquisition. We expect the process to be substantially completed by the end of our fiscal 2007. We expect annual fiscal 2007 revenue growth for this channel in the high single digit percentage range.

We experienced continued and expected declines in our domestic indirect and other channel, with a 1% year-over-year decline in credit and debit card transactions processed and a 7% decline in revenue for the three months ended February 28, 2007. For the nine months ended February 28, 2007, credit and debit card transactions processed declined 6% and revenue declined 12% compared

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to the prior year period. We attribute these revenue declines to the industry consolidation of financial institutions and competitive pricing pressures. For the three months ended February 28, 2007, the improvement in revenue growth compared to the first six months of fiscal 2007 reflects the impact of the anniversary of certain price reductions granted last year on multiple contract renewals, in addition to growth from a limited number of customers. For fiscal 2007, we expect an annual revenue decline in the low double digit percentage range for this channel.

Money Transfer Segment

For the three months ended February 28, 2007, our domestic money transfer channel transactions grew 15% and revenue grew 2%, compared to the prior year's comparable period. For the nine months ended February 28, 2007, our domestic money transfer channel transactions grew 20% and revenue grew 9%, compared to the prior year's comparable period. The growth in transactions was driven primarily by same store sales growth and an increasing domestic branch footprint resulting in 860 U.S. branches as of February 28, 2007, compared to 794 branch locations as of February 28, 2006. This expansion was offset by lower pricing consistent with our strategy of price leadership. On a sequential basis, our domestic branch footprint as of February 28, 2007 increased slightly compared to our branch footprint as of November 30, 2006, primarily due to new branch openings and acquisitions offset by additional branch closings in December 2006 relating to one of our landlords entering the money transfer industry and competing with us. In addition to exiting these locations, we responded to aggressive price competition from this landlord in pursuing the existing customer base.

We continue to focus on the acquisition of branch locations. In addition, we intend to organically add domestic branches on a more limited basis than in the past, while continuing to competitively price our money transfer services and pursue new revenue from other products.

We continue to anticipate slower revenue growth in the fourth quarter of our fiscal year 2007 compared to our fiscal year to date growth, primarily as a result of a highly competitive pricing environment. We believe that increased immigration legislation and improving Mexican employment options may be contributing to this environment.

In Europe, we ended our third fiscal quarter with 57 branch locations, compared to 36 locations as of February 28, 2006. For the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007, our European money transfer revenue grew 75% and 66%, respectively, with transaction growth of 77% and 81%, respectively. This growth is largely due to new branch locations compared to the prior year's comparable periods. We intend to continue expanding our presence in the European market.

For fiscal 2007, we expect annual percentage revenue growth in the low double digit percentage range for our money transfer segment.

Consolidated Operating Expenses

Cost of service increased by \$14.7 million or 17% to \$103.6 million for the three months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$88.9 million for the prior year's comparable period. As a percentage of revenue, cost of service increased to 39.8% of revenue for the three months ended February 28, 2007 from 39.5% for the prior year's comparable period.

Cost of service increased 14% to \$307.5 million for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$269.0 million for the prior year's comparable period. As a percentage of revenue, cost of service decreased to 39.4% of revenue for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 from 40.2% for the prior year's comparable period.

In the three months ended February 28, 2007, the increases in cost of service are primarily related to our new Asia-Pacific channel. As mentioned previously, expenses for transition services provided by HSBC to us are included in cost of service, and these expenses reflect the majority of our Asia-Pacific costs. Further, we expect our HSBC merchant acquiring acquisition to have a dilutive effect on our merchant services operating margin during fiscal 2007. These cost of service increases were partially offset by lower check guarantee loss reserves compared to the prior year's comparable period, primarily due to improvements in our risk detection and check collection efforts.

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In the nine months ended February 28, 2007, the decline in cost of service as a percentage of revenue is partially related to our revenue growth and the related economies of scale benefits. In addition, this decline is related to several cost factors, including savings from exiting our shared service agreement with our former parent company and a decline in year-over-year operating costs from our U.S. and Canadian customer service and back-office centers, including our Dallas facility that we closed in November 2005. In addition, as described in Note 1 in the notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements, during the quarter ended August 31, 2005, we recognized an impairment loss of \$2.2 million in connection with the MUZO trademark, which is included in cost of service in the accompanying unaudited consolidated statements of income for the nine months ended February 28, 2006.

Sales, general and administrative expenses increased by \$17.5 million or 20% to \$105.7 million in the three months ended February 28, 2007 from \$88.2 million in the prior year's comparable period. As a percentage of revenue, these expenses increased to 40.6% for the three months ended February 28, 2007 compared to 39.2% in the prior year's comparable period.

Sales, general and administrative expenses increased by \$57.1 million or 23% to \$306.9 million in the nine months ended February 28, 2007 from \$249.8 million in the prior year's comparable period. As a percentage of revenue, these expenses increased to 39.3% for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 compared to 37.3% in the prior year's comparable period.

The increases in sales, general and administrative expenses are primarily due to growth in commission payments to ISOs resulting from the increased revenue in this sales channel. The ISO channel generally has a dilutive effect on our operating margin compared to our other channels due to the ongoing commission payments to the ISOs. The ISO commission model differs from our other sales channels where the commissions are primarily paid for only a twelve-month period. The addition of our new Asia-Pacific channel also contributed to the increases in sales, general and administrative expenses due to the investment in the regional sales force and infrastructure.

In addition, sales, general and administrative expenses increased for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007 compared to the prior year's comparable period as a result of our adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004): *Share-based Payment*, or FAS 123R, on June 1, 2006. For additional information concerning our adoption of FAS 123R and our share-based awards and options, you should refer to Notes 1 and 6 in the notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements. The total share-based compensation cost that has been included in sales, general and administrative expenses for our share-based awards and option plans was \$3.8 million and \$12.4 million for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007, respectively. The total share-based compensation cost that has been included in sales, general and administrative expenses for our share-based awards and option plans was \$1.0 million and \$1.9 million for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2006, respectively. During the three and nine months ended February 28, 2007, we recognized \$3.0 million and \$10.3 million, respectively, in incremental employee stock option expense as a result of our adoption of FAS 123R.

Operating Income and Operating Margin for Segments

For the purpose of discussing segment operations, we refer to operating income as calculated by subtracting segment direct expenses from segment revenue. Overhead and shared expenses, including share-based compensation costs, are not allocated to the segments' operations; they are reported in the caption Corporate. Similarly, references to operating margin regarding segment operations mean segment operating income divided by segment revenue.

Merchant Services Segment

Operating income in the merchant services segment increased 13% to \$62.0 million for the three months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$55.1 million in the prior year's comparable period. This change resulted in an operating margin of 27.1% for the three months ended February 28, 2007, compared to 28.1% in the prior year's comparable period.

Operating income in the merchant services segment increased \$28.7 million or 17% to \$196.3 million for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$167.6 million in the prior year's comparable period. The operating margin was 28.7% for both the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006.

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This operating margin decline for the three months ended February 28, 2007 is primarily due to the growth of our ISO channel and the addition of our new Asia-Pacific channel, partially offset by the favorable impact of the Canadian card association incentives and lower check guarantee loss reserves, as discussed above. Our operating margin was constant for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 due to the merchant services revenue growth and cost of service savings discussed above, offset by increases in ISO commission payments and the addition of our new Asia-Pacific channel. As a result of these factors, we are expecting fiscal 2007 total merchant services operating income margin in the 27.7% to 27.9% range.

Money Transfer Segment

Operating income in the money transfer segment decreased \$1.1 million or 33% to \$2.2 million for the three months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$3.3 million in the prior year's comparable period. This decrease resulted in an operating margin of 7.2% for the three months ended February 28, 2007, compared to 11.5% in the prior year's comparable period.

Operating income in the money transfer segment decreased \$1.1 million or 9% to \$11.0 million for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$12.1 million in the prior year's comparable period. This decrease resulted in an operating margin of 11.2% for the nine months ended February 28, 2007, compared to 14.1% in the prior year's comparable period.

This operating margin decline was primarily due to the increased price competition discussed above and our use of a fixed-cost, branch-owned model at the point of sale. As a result of our performance for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and continued pricing competition anticipated in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, we are expecting fiscal 2007 total money transfer operating income margin in the low double digit to low teen percentage range.

Corporate

Our corporate expenses primarily include costs associated with our Atlanta headquarters, insurance, employee incentive programs, board of directors' fees, and certain corporate staffing areas, including finance, accounting, legal, human resources, marketing, and executive. For fiscal 2007, corporate also includes expenses associated with our share-based compensation. Our corporate costs increased 28% to \$13.1 million for the three months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$10.3 million in the prior year's comparable period. Our corporate costs increased 38% to \$40.2 million for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$29.2 million in the prior year's comparable period. These increases are primarily due to share-based compensation costs related to our implementation of FAS 123R, as described above. For fiscal 2007, we expect corporate expenses of between \$53 million and \$54 million, including an estimated \$13 million in share-based compensation expenses, relating to the implementation of FAS 123R.

Consolidated Operating Income

Consolidated operating income increased \$3.1 million or 6% to \$51.2 million for the three months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$48.1 million in the prior year's comparable period. This change resulted in an operating margin of 19.7% for the three months ended February 28, 2007 compared to 21.4% in the prior year's comparable period.

Consolidated operating income increased \$18.3 million or 12% to \$167.0 million for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$148.7 million in the prior year's comparable period. This increase resulted in an operating margin of 21.4% for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 compared to 22.2% in the prior year's comparable period.

We expect a fiscal 2007 total company operating income margin of between 20.7% and 20.9%. This expected margin assumes an unfavorable impact from anticipated share-based compensation as discussed above, but it does not include the impact of potential restructuring and other charges relating to our St. Louis and Denver facility consolidation program, also as discussed above.

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Consolidated Other Income/Expense, Net

Interest and other income increased to \$2.3 million for the three months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$0.5 million in the prior year's comparable period. Interest and other income increased \$6.2 million to \$5.8 million for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 compared to an expense of \$0.4 million in the prior year's comparable period. This improvement is largely due to higher interest income due to higher cash balances and investment rates. During fiscal 2007, we expect approximately \$7.5 million to \$8.5 million in income from the net of our interest and other income and interest and other expense.

Minority Interest, Net of Tax

Minority interest, net of tax increased \$0.2 million or 8% to \$2.1 million for the three months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$1.9 million in the prior year's comparable period. Minority interest, net of tax increased 15% to \$7.2 million for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$6.3 million in the prior year's comparable period. These increases are due to our new HSBC merchant acquiring acquisition in the Asia-Pacific region. For fiscal 2007, we expect \$9 million to \$10 million in minority interest, net of tax.

Net Income

Net income increased \$4.2 million or 14% to \$34.3 million in the three months ended February 28, 2007 from \$30.1 million in the prior year's comparable period. This increase resulted in a \$0.06 increase in diluted earnings per share to \$0.42 in the three months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$0.36 in the prior year's comparable period.

Net income increased \$18.3 million or 20% to \$109.8 million in the nine months ended February 28, 2007 from \$91.5 million in the prior year's comparable period. This increase resulted in a \$0.22 increase in diluted earnings per share to \$1.34 in the nine months ended February 28, 2007 compared to \$1.12 in the prior year's comparable period.

Our effective tax rates, reflected as the provision for income taxes divided by income before income tax and minority interest, were 32.0% and 34.1% for the three months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and 32.3% and 34.1% for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The decrease is primarily due to tax planning initiatives and international growth. We anticipate our fiscal 2007 effective tax rate will be between 32.5% and 32.9%.

We expect diluted earnings per share to range from \$1.74 to \$1.76 for fiscal 2007, excluding the anticipated restructuring and other charges discussed above. This expected growth is unfavorably impacted by anticipated share-based compensation equivalent to \$0.11 in diluted earnings per share. Lastly, we expect 81.5 million to 82.5 million in average diluted shares outstanding for fiscal 2007.

With regard to our fiscal 2008, we have not completed our annual planning process and are not prepared to provide detailed expectations. On a preliminary basis, however, we expect that our diluted earnings per share may grow at a lower rate than our consolidated revenues, due to the factors discussed above.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash flow generated from operations provides us with a significant source of liquidity to meet our needs. At February 28, 2007, we had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$292.1 million. As of February 28, 2007, our cash and cash equivalents included \$108.1 million related to Merchant reserves. While this cash is not restricted and can be used in our general operations, we do not intend to use it, as we believe that designating this cash to collateralize Merchant reserves strengthens our fiduciary standing with our member sponsors and is in accordance with the guidelines set by the card associations. See *Cash and cash equivalents* under Note 1 in the notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements for additional details.

Net cash provided by operating activities decreased to \$163.9 million in the nine months ended February 28, 2007 from \$228.1 million in the prior year's comparable period. The decrease in cash flow provided by operations was primarily due to an increase in cash used in operating activities resulting from changes in working capital of \$76.3 million, partially offset by an increase in net income of \$18.3 million. This working capital change was primarily due to the change in net settlement processing assets and

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obligations of \$62.0 million, the change in prepaid expenses and other assets of \$14.1 million, and the change in income taxes payable of \$8.7 million, partially offset by an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$9.1 million.

The change in net settlement processing assets and obligations relates to timing differences, primarily relating to the merchant reserves held as collateral, and certain changes in settlement processing transactions in Canada. During the nine months ended February 28, 2006, we migrated a large portion of our Canadian Visa merchant portfolio away from same day value, which served to lower our settlement processing assets and caused a one-time cash inflow. Same day value is the practice of giving merchants value for credit card transactions on the date of the applicable sale even though we receive the corresponding settlement funds from Visa Canada/International at a later date. See *Settlement processing assets and obligations* under Note 1 in the notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements for additional details.

The change in prepaid expenses and other assets is related to the timing and amounts of pre-payments, in addition to in-transit foreign currency inventory relating to our money transfer segment. The change in income taxes payable is attributed to the timing and amount of estimated tax payments this year compared to last year. The change in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is due to timing differences related to payments versus accruals, primarily ISO commissions, year-end bonus accruals, employee benefit payments, obligations to purchase foreign currencies, and third party processing charges.

Net cash used in investing activities increased \$82.3 million to \$103.5 million in the nine months ended February 28, 2007 from \$21.2 million in the prior year's comparable period due to the increase in business acquisition activities in the nine months ended February 28, 2007. Business acquisition activity in the nine months ended February 28, 2007 required \$80.2 million for the HSBC merchant acquiring acquisition, the Diginet acquisition, and the acquisition of money transfer branches. Business acquisition activity in the nine months ended February 28, 2006 required \$3.4 million, relating to the acquisition of money transfer branches.

Capital expenditures increased \$5.4 million to \$23.2 million in the nine months ended February 28, 2007 from \$17.8 million in the prior year's comparable period. These expenditures primarily relate to software and infrastructure, including our planned consolidation of our two U.S. platforms and the platform operated by our former parent company to a single platform. We completed the relocation of our data center from our former parent's facility to our own facility during fiscal 2006. The capital expenditures for the nine months ended February 28, 2007 also included DoEx branch expansion and Canadian merchant terminal spending.

In the nine months ended February 28, 2007, \$9.8 million, net was provided by financing activities compared to \$53.4 million, net used in financing activities in the prior year's comparable period. The decrease in cash used in financing activities was primarily due to lower repayments on our Canadian and U.S. Credit Facilities, as we had no borrowings as of May 31, 2006 and February 28, 2007.

We believe that our current level of cash and borrowing capacity under our lines of credit described below, together with future cash flows from operations, are sufficient to meet the needs of our existing operations and planned requirements for the foreseeable future. As of February 28, 2007, we do not have any material capital commitments, other than commitments under operating leases and planned expansions.

We regularly evaluate cash requirements for current operations, commitments, development activities and acquisitions, and we may elect to raise additional funds for these purposes in the future, either through the issuance of debt, equity or otherwise. Our current cash flow strategy is to pay off debt, if any, to make planned capital investments in our business, to pursue acquisitions that meet our growth strategies, to pay dividends and repurchase our shares at the discretion of our board of directors, to collateralize our Merchant reserves, and to invest excess cash in high-quality, short-term marketable securities.

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Credit Facilities

On November 16, 2006, we entered into a five year, \$350 million unsecured revolving credit facility agreement with a syndicate of U.S. banks, which we refer to as our U.S. Credit Facility. The credit agreement contains certain financial and non-financial covenants and events of default customary for financings of this nature. We complied with these covenants as of February 28, 2007. The facility expires in November 2011, and borrowings bear a variable interest rate based on a market short-term floating rate plus a margin that varies according to our leverage position.

In addition, the U.S. Credit Facility allows us to expand the facility size to \$700 million by requesting additional commitments from existing or new lenders. We plan to use the U.S. Credit Facility to fund future strategic acquisitions, to provide a source of working capital, and for general corporate purposes. As of February 28, 2007, we had no borrowings outstanding on our U.S. Credit Facility. As of May 31, 2006, we had no borrowings on our former U.S. credit facility, which we terminated on November 16, 2006 in conjunction with our entry into the U.S. Credit Facility.

On November 16, 2006, we entered into an amended credit facility, which we refer to as our Canadian Credit Facility, with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, or CIBC, as administrative agent and lender. The Canadian Credit Facility is an uncommitted facility which consists of a line of credit of \$25 million Canadian, or \$22 million U.S. based on the February 28, 2007 exchange rate. In addition, the Canadian Credit Facility allows us to expand the size of the uncommitted facility to \$50 million Canadian during the peak holiday season and does not have a fixed term. The Canadian Credit Facility has a variable interest rate based on the Canadian dollar London Interbank Offered Rate plus a margin.

The Canadian Credit Facility allows us to provide certain Canadian merchants with same day value for their Visa credit card deposits. Same day value is the practice of giving merchants value for credit card transactions on the date of the applicable sale even though we receive the corresponding settlement funds from Visa Canada/International at a later date. The amounts borrowed under the Canadian Credit Facility are restricted in use to pay Canadian Visa merchants and such amounts are generally received from Visa Canada/International on the following day.

Our obligations under the Canadian Credit Facility are secured by a first priority security interest in the members' accounts receivable from Visa Canada/International and Interac Associates for our transactions processed through the CIBC Visa BIN and Interac debit network, the bank accounts in which the settlement funds are deposited, and by guarantees from certain of our subsidiaries. These guarantees are subordinate to any guarantees granted by such subsidiaries under our U.S. Credit Facility. The Canadian Credit Facility also contains certain financial and non-financial covenants and events of default customary for financings of this nature. We complied with these covenants as of February 28, 2007. As of both February 28, 2007 and May 31, 2006, we had no borrowings outstanding on our Canadian Credit Facility.

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Critical Accounting Estimates

In applying the accounting policies that we use to prepare our consolidated financial statements, we necessarily make accounting estimates that affect our reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Some of these accounting estimates require us to make assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time we make the accounting estimates. We base these assumptions and the resulting estimates on historical information and other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, and we evaluate these assumptions and estimates on an ongoing basis; however, in many instances we reasonably could have used different accounting estimates, and in other instances changes in our accounting estimates are reasonably likely to occur from period to period, with the result in each case being a material change in the financial statement presentation of our financial condition or results of operations. We refer to accounting estimates of this type as critical accounting estimates.

Accounting estimates necessarily require subjective determinations about future events and conditions. During the three months ended February 28, 2007, we have not adopted any new critical accounting policies, have not changed any critical accounting policies and have not changed the application of any critical accounting policies from May 31, 2006 other than the adoption of an accelerated method of amortization on a prospective basis for our significant customer-related intangible assets. See Note 1 of our notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements for further discussion. You should read the Critical Accounting Estimates in Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Item 1A Risk Factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 31, 2006 and Note 1 of our notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements in this Form 10-Q.

Special Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

We believe that it is important to communicate our plans and expectations about the future to our shareholders and to the public. Investors are cautioned that some of the statements we use in this report, and in some of the documents we incorporate by reference in this report, contain forward-looking statements and are made pursuant to the safe-harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties, are predictive in nature, and depend upon or refer to future events or conditions. You can sometimes identify forward-looking statements by our use of the words believes, anticipates, expects, intends, plans and similar expressions. Actual events or results might differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in these forward-looking statements.

Although we believe that the plans and expectations reflected in or suggested by our forward-looking statements are reasonable, those statements are based on a number of assumptions, estimates, projections or plans that are inherently subject to significant risks, uncertainties, and contingencies that are subject to change. Accordingly, we cannot guarantee you that our plans and expectations will be achieved. Our actual revenues, revenue growth and margins, other results of operation and shareholder values could differ materially from those anticipated in our forward-looking statements as a result of many known and unknown factors. We advise you to review the risk factors presented in Item 1A Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2006 for information on those matters which could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and should not be relied upon as representing our plans and expectations as of any subsequent date. While we may elect to update or revise forward-looking statements at some time in the future, we specifically disclaim any obligation to release publicly the results of any revisions to our forward-looking statements. You are advised, however, to consult any further disclosures we make in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and in our press releases.

Where to Find More Information

We file annual and quarterly reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may read and print materials that we have filed with the SEC from its website at www.sec.gov. In addition, certain of our SEC filings, including our annual reports on Form 10-K, our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K can be viewed and printed from the investor information section of our website at www.globalpaymentsinc.com free of charge. Certain materials relating to our corporate governance are also available in the investor information section of our website, including the charters for our audit, compensation and nominating/corporate governance committees, our code of ethics and our corporate

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governance guidelines. Copies of our filings and specified exhibits and these corporate governance materials are also available, free of charge, by writing or calling us using the address or phone number on the cover of this Form 10-Q.

Our SEC filings may also be viewed and copied at the following SEC public reference room, and at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, where our common stock is quoted under the symbol GPN.

SEC Public Reference Room

100 F Street, N.E.

Washington, DC 20549

(You may call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room.)

New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

20 Broad Street

New York, NY 10005

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to market risk related to changes in interest rates on our cash investments and debt. We invest our excess cash in highly liquid short-term investments. These investments are not held for trading or other speculative purposes. Interest rates on our lines of credit are based on market rates and fluctuate accordingly. Under our current policies, we do not use interest rate derivative instruments to manage exposure to interest rate changes and believe the market risk arising from investment instruments and debt to be minimal.

Although the majority of our operations are conducted in U.S. dollars, some of our operations are conducted in Euros and the various currencies of the Asia-Pacific region, Canada, Central and Eastern Europe, and Central and South America. Consequently, a portion of our revenues and expenses may be affected by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. We are also affected by fluctuations in exchange rates on assets and liabilities related to our foreign operations. We have not hedged our translation risk on foreign currency exposure. For the nine months ended February 28, 2007, foreign currency exposures increased our revenues by \$11.6 million over the comparable period in the prior year. For the nine months ended February 28, 2007, foreign currency exposures increased our net income by \$3.5 million over the comparable period in the prior year, calculated by applying our consolidated effective income tax rate for the appropriate period.

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2006 contains additional information regarding our exposure to market risk.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of February 28, 2007, management carried out, under the supervision and with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in applicable rules and forms. Based upon that evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of February 28, 2007, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2007, we completed the purchase of a fifty-six percent ownership interest in the merchant acquiring business of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, or HSBC. This business provides card payment processing services to merchants in the Asia-Pacific region. The business includes HSBC's payment processing operations in the following ten countries and territories: Brunei, China, Hong Kong, India, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Taiwan. We intend to integrate the payment processing operations and related support services into our own operations. HSBC will continue to provide these operations and services to the business under a transition services agreement until the integration efforts are completed, which we expect will be completed in 2010. Until we can

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integrate the business financial reporting function into our own, we will rely on HSBC to provide financial data for the business for purposes of drafting our consolidated financial statements.

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Accordingly, our internal controls over financial reporting could be materially affected, or are reasonably likely to be materially affected, by HSBC's internal controls and procedures. In order to mitigate this risk, we have implemented internal controls over financial reporting which monitor the financial data being provided by HSBC. We are still assessing whether this acquired business will be included in our report on internal control over financial reporting as of May 31, 2007.

There have been no significant changes during the third quarter of fiscal 2007 to our internal controls over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, these controls.

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PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits

List of Exhibits

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Global Payments Inc., filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 31, 2001, File No. 001-16111, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 3.2 Fourth Amended and Restated By-laws of Global Payments Inc., filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q dated August 31, 2003, File No. 001-16111, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of CEO
- 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of CFO
- 32.1 CEO and CFO Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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Signatures

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

Date: April 6, 2007

Global Payments Inc.
(Registrant)

/s/ Joseph C. Hyde
Joseph C. Hyde
Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 6, 2007

/s/ Martin A. Picciano
Martin A. Picciano
Chief Accounting Officer