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Form 10-K

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013

OR

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

Commission File Number 001-33520

COMSCORE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 54-1955550
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) Identification Number)

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Title of Each Class

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None

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes " No $\mathfrak b$

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes "No b

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer b Accelerated filer

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The aggregate market value of the registrant's voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant on June 28, 2013, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, was approximately \$869.2 million (based on the closing sales price of the registrant's common stock as reported by the NASDAQ Global Select Market on that date). Shares of the registrant's common stock held by each officer and director and each person who owns more than 10% or more of the outstanding common stock of the registrant have been excluded in that such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: As of February 14, 2014, there were 34,558,475 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Specified portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement with respect to its 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, anticipated to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days following the registrant's fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, are incorporated by reference in Part III of this annual report on Form 10-K.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" section in Item 7 of this report, and other materials accompanying this Annual Report on Form 10-K contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of and safe harbor provided by Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. We attempt, whenever possible, to identify these forward-looking statements by words such as "intends," "will," "plans," "anticipates," "expects," "may," "estimates," "believes," "should," "projects," or "continue," or the negative of those words an comparable words. Similarly, statements that describe our business strategy, goals, prospects, opportunities, outlook, objectives, plans or intentions are also forward-looking statements. These statements may relate to, but are not limited to, expectations of future operating results or financial performance, capital expenditures, introduction of new products, regulatory compliance, plans for growth, expected economic conditions, and future operations, as well as assumptions relating to the foregoing.

These statements are based on current expectations and assumptions regarding future events and business performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual events or results to be materially different from any future events or results expressed or implied by these statements. These factors include those set forth in the following discussion and within Item 1A "Risk Factors" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and elsewhere within this report.

You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. You should carefully review the risk factors described in other documents that we file from time to time with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. Except as required by applicable law, including the rules and regulations of the SEC, we do not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of any new information, future events or otherwise, other than through the filing of periodic reports in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Overview

We provide digital media analytics that enable our customers to make well-informed, data-driven decisions to effectively manage their business, build successful digital strategies and tactics, and optimize their marketing and advertising investments. We are a technology-driven company that measures what people do as they navigate the digital world across multiple technology platforms including personal computers, smartphones, tablets, televisions and interact with digital media, including Web sites, apps, video programming and advertising. We aspire to measure all digital interactions across all major digital platforms, at scale, on a global basis.

Our products and services provide customers with deep and actionable insight into consumer behavior including objective, detailed information about usage of digital content and advertising coupled with information on consumer demographic characteristics, attitudes, lifestyles and offline behavior. We are skilled in combining proprietary comScore data with our clients' own data, as well as data from partners, to provide uniquely valuable digital media analytics. We deliver on-demand and real-time products and services through a scalable Software-as-Service delivery model which supports both comScore branded products and also partner products integrating comScore data and services. During the year ended December 31, 2013, we provided service to approximately 2,400 customers worldwide with our broad geographic base of employees located in 31 locations in 23 countries. Effective March 1, 2014, Serge Matta, our President, will become our President and Chief Executive Officer, and will service as a director of the partners of directors and the partners of the following products are supposed of directors and the partners of the following products are supposed of directors and the partners of the following products are supposed of directors and the partners of the following products are supposed of directors and the partners of the following products are supposed of directors and the partners of the following products are supposed of the partners of the following products are supposed of the partners of the following products are supposed of the partners of the following products and actions are supposed of the partners of the

Effective March 1, 2014, Serge Matta, our President, will become our President and Chief Executive Officer, and will serve as a director on our board of directors; Magid Abraham, our current Chief Executive Officer, will continue as chairman of our board of directors and will serve as our Executive Chairman; and Gian Fulgoni, our current Executive Chairman, will continue as a director on our board of directors, and serve as Chairman Emeritus.

Our Opportunity

Consumer interactions with content, advertising, brands, and businesses are increasingly delivered in digital formats to a broadening range of digital devices, and our business is propelled by this global digital trend. Data about these interactions and the types of consumers who are doing the interacting provide a valuable source of business intelligence to a wide range of companies including content publishers, broadcasters, consumer brands, network operators, and advertising agencies. The radical expansion of consumer choice in both content and the devices on which they consume it has fragmented consumer audiences and attention. Succeeding in this dynamic and fragmented consumer marketplace requires trusted, neutral digital media analytics to measure and optimize investments in content, marketing, and advertising.

Continued growth in digital devices, consumer access and usage of digital content and services, and spending on digital advertising and marketing create the need for our business. Founded in 1999, our initial corporate focus was on providing audience measurement of PC-based Internet audiences through a large-scale panel of PC owners who opted to allow passive metering of their online activities on that PC. While our panel remains an important and unique asset, we have continually invested in new approaches to data collection through research and development and corporate acquisitions to bring innovative products to market which address the growing and evolving opportunity in digital media analytics.

Our investments and innovation have been timed to take advantage of emerging digital media trends. In 2008, we acquired mobile-focused measurement company M:Metrics, adding metered-smartphone panels to our data collection assets. In 2009, we expanded beyond panel-based data collection and began building the comScore Census NetworkTM of tagged Web sites and apps, providing a rich data complement to our person-centric panels. We accelerated the development and expanded the global footprint of the comScore Census Network with the acquisition of the Latin American analytics firm Certifica in 2009 and European analytics firm NedStat in 2010. In 2011, we acquired the ad verification company, AdXpose, to provide additional technology and talent required to provide real-time advertising analytics. In 2012, in partnership with Arbitron and ESPN, we initiated the first five-platform measurement effort, "Project Blueprint," to deliver digital media analytics across television, smartphone, tablet, PC, and

radio. Most recently in 2014, we entered into an strategic agreement with Google to enhance our real-time advertising analytics offerings, and to integrate such offerings into the DoubleClick advertising management platform. Our business leverages three interlinked trends in digital media consumption and monetization. The first is the rise of the multi-platform, cross-media consumer who interacts with digital content and advertising across multiple devices and platforms in different ways depending on the type of device, their demographic characteristics, geography, and time of day. The second is the rise of cross-media marketing campaigns which need to be calibrated to multi-platform consumer behavior. Brand marketers and their agencies for hire, need trusted digital media analytics to understand how best to reach targeted consumers in a fragmented digital landscape while content owners such as publishers and broadcasters need digital media analytics to

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understand how to best monetize their audience and assets. The third trend is the emergence of real-time buying and selling of digital advertising which requires that digital media analytics about audiences and advertising become embedded in the transactional infrastructure of the marketplace.

Digital Media Analytics

Traditional media research approaches have often relied on "single source" data collected exclusively from a panel of consumers under study-to provide insight. The fragmentation of media delivery platforms and consumer consumption of media in the digital age, requires a fundamentally different approach that first and foremost must reconcile and unify multiple data observations into a coherent set of digital media analytics. Our digital media analytics products and services are built on digital measurement and analytics platforms comprised of proprietary databases, internally developed software, and a computational infrastructure that measures, analyzes and reports on digital activity. With our technology, scale, analytical software sophistication, access to digital census data, our panel data and big data and research experience, we are uniquely positioned to identify critical trends and provide actionable insights to our customers.

Data Collection

Data collected through a variety of sources and means provides the inputs used to produce digital media analytics: We collect data from consumer panels of PC, tablet, and smartphone owners who have agreed to install passive metering software on their devices.

We collect data from our census network produced by comScore software code content owners have implemented on Web sites and in mobile applications.

We collect data from digital advertising campaigns which have incorporated comScore software code implemented by advertisers and agencies.

We conduct consumer surveys to gather information not easily obtainable through passive behavioral measurement and to enumerate populations under study.

Through partnerships:

We integrate set-top-box and third party panel data, for example television data from the Arbitron Personal People Meter panel, and

We integrate datasets with consumer demographic characteristics, attitudes, lifestyles and offline behavior.

Data Management

Integrating, managing, and analyzing very large quantities of data is a core competency. The comScore Census Network, just one of our data sources, generates more than 10 terabytes of new data each day from more than 50 billion daily tag events, which is roughly twice the number of internet page views each day in the United States. We have built a Big Data platform that provides us a significant scale and cost advantage and have architected our systems to protect consumer privacy and prevent data leakage. Our systems provide the flexibility for innovation in both data science and data delivery.

Data Science

Massive amounts of digital media data are useless unless that data can be transformed into meaningful and trusted digital media analytics. Among our innovations was the development of our Unified Digital MeasurementTM methodology which allows us to combine person-centric panel data with machine-generated census data. Our formidable technological and data science expertise allows us to "deduplicate" the multi-platform audience using mathematical and statistical techniques which have been developed and tested in our unique Big Data environment. Product Delivery

Our flexible system architecture allows us to deliver our data, products, and services through a scalable, Software-as-a-Service, or SaaS, delivery model. Each day our clients run more than more than 50 thousand reports through our platforms. With the exception of mobile operator enterprise solutions, which require on-premise deployment, all of our products and services are hosted and maintained by us, which significantly reduces the cost and complexity for our customers and provides significant operating efficiencies. We can quickly deploy or update our products with minimal lead time, which significantly enhances our customers' productivity. Our Web-based analysis

and reporting systems are used by thousands of active, unique users to produce more than several million reports each year.

In addition to delivery via our own Web-based systems, we also have the flexibility to provide our products and services in different formats depending on client needs. On request, we can make our data available via an application programming interface (API) to integrate directly into client systems. We also have integrated our products and services directly into partner systems, such as ad management platforms, to bring comScore data directly into existing client workflows.

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Products, Services, and Solutions

Our digital media analytics products are aimed primarily at content publishers, advertisers, advertising agencies and network operators. Although, we operate our business within one operating segment, we leverage our platforms to provide products organized around three major lines of business:

Audience Measurement Products measure the size, behavior and characteristics of online audiences across multiple platforms including PCs, tablets, smartphones, televisions, game consoles and other connected devices;

Advertising Products & Services provide end-to-end solutions for planning, optimization and evaluation of the effectiveness of digital advertising;

Enterprise Solutions enable customers to use digital media analytics to optimize their business and, in the case of mobile operators, provide comprehensive market intelligence, customer care, and network solutions.

Audience Measurement Products

Our audience measurement products provide independent, third-party measurement of the size, behavior and characteristics of Internet users across media types (video, mobile apps, Web sites) and multiple devices (including TVs, PCs, smartphones and tablets). Our core product offerings are built around our Media Metrix ® product, available in 44 markets globally (known in some markets as MMX). Our audience measurement products also include Video Metrix TMobile Metrix TMod Ad Metrix TMnd Ad Metrix T

Media Metrix [®] Multi-Platform (MMX MP) provides a comprehensive view of digital consumer behavior across desktop computers, smartphones and tablets and is available in the United States, the United Kingdom, and soon in additional global markets. We are currently developing cross-media measurement products which will provide a comprehensive view of television and video consumption across all major delivery platforms including TVs, tablets, smartphones and PCs.

We typically deliver our audience analytics products electronically in the form of weekly, monthly or quarterly subscription-based reports. Customers can access current and historical data and analyze this data 24/7 through our online portal, My Metrix.

Advertising Products & Services

Our advertising products combine the proprietary information gathered from our comScore Census Network with the vertical industry expertise of comScore analysts to deliver digital media analytics, including the measurement of online advertising effectiveness, customized for specific industries. Our advertising products include the AdEffx *Suite and Media Planner 2.0 *, *Which provide a solution for developing, executing and evaluating online advertising campaigns across multiple platforms, including television, Web (display and video) and mobile (smartphones and tablets). These products are typically delivered on a monthly, quarterly or ad hoc basis.

Our flagship advertising service is Validated Campaign Essentials (vCE). comScore vCE provides digital media analytics about validated impressions, ads that are actually seen, shown in safe content and delivered to the right target audience. vCE provides the option of real-time data delivery to allow advertisers to adjust their campaigns "on the fly," something that's not possible in traditional advertising mediums. In January 2014, we entered into a partnership agreement with Google to integrate vCE directly into the DoubleClick ad management platform, allowing DoubleClick customers to add vCE to their ad campaigns with a single click. While vCE provides key analytics about advertising campaigns to ad buyers, we also offer Validated Media Essentials (vME) to advertising sellers, allowing them to evaluate their advertising inventory and optimize their monetization strategy with metrics comparable to those used by ad buyers.

Enterprise Solutions

Our enterprise solutions include Digital Analytix (DAx), our SaaS-based product for digital media businesses, and Subscriber Analytix (SAx), our software platform tailored to the needs of mobile network operators.

Digital Analytix httegrates a client's digital media data from multiple sources including web, mobile, video and social media interactions and is further enhanced by comScore audience measurement data. A key advantage of DAx is its ability to leverage our data science methods to provide a unified view of multi-platform consumers across a client's digital media channels. Our data architecture provides clients with a flexible business intelligence tool for digital media analytics which can also be integrated with additional data from third party providers and internal systems used

for tasks such as customer relationship management (CRM). Customers can access DAx data sets and reports at any time via a secure online interface.

Our mobile operator solution suite connects mobile behavior, content merchandising, and device capabilities to provide comprehensive mobile market intelligence to mobile carriers worldwide. Our core software product, Subscriber Analytix, powered by XPLORE, provides mobile carriers with information on network optimization and capacity planning, customer experience, and market intelligence. Our SAx platform is designed to integrate data from multiple sources including web and

mobile interactions as well as customer relationship management, call center and back office systems. Customers can access our mobile and network data sets and reports anytime online via our software-based delivery platform which is typically deployed inside a mobile operator's infrastructure.

Customers

As of December 31, 2013, we had approximately 2,400 customers, including approximately 90 Fortune 500 companies. Our customers include Internet-based companies such as Microsoft, AOL, Google and Yahoo!, as well as market leading companies in a variety of industries, including Internet service providers, investment banks, creative media agencies, consumer banks, wireless carriers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, credit card issuers and consumer packaged goods companies.

One of our customers, Microsoft Corporation, accounted for approximately 7%, 8% and 10% of our revenues in the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively. No other customer accounted for more than 10% of our revenues during each of those periods.

Selling and Marketing

We sell the majority of our products through a direct sales force organized in teams focused on (1) new business development, (2) care, renewal, and new sales to existing clients, and (3) vertical specialists focused on selling into the consumer packaged goods, entertainment, financial services, media, pharmaceutical, retail, technology, telecommunications and travel industries. Our sales and account representatives receive a base salary and are eligible for bonuses or commissions based on performance.

Our marketing organization is composed of teams responsible for (1) corporate marketing and support, including digital marketing, marketing automation, brand and communication, (2) product marketing specialists with domain expertise about our audience, advertising, and enterprise offerings, and (3) regional marketers with responsibility for specific geographical markets. This matrixed organization allows us to both scale our efforts and retain flexibility to respond to market developments and new opportunities. A component of our marketing strategy focuses on driving comScore data and market insights into both general and industry-specific media outlets, building brand awareness on top of reporting about technology and media trends.

Privacy

We believe that a key factor differentiating our digital media analytics is our ability to track and analyze online usage behavior using the data collected from our panel. Since the founding of our company, we have endeavored to undertake such data collection and analysis responsibly and only with consumer permission. Participation in our research panel is voluntary. Our policies require that participants consent to our privacy and data security practices before our software collects information on the user's online activity. In addition, we provide panelists with multiple opportunities and methods to remove themselves from our panel. We try to limit the type of information that we collect by identifying and filtering certain personal information from the data collected. The collected data is secured using multiple layers of physical and digital security mechanisms. Moreover, we maintain a strict policy of not sharing comScore panelists' personally identifiable information with our customers. We also provide, and require that our partners provide, opt-out opportunities, for data collection through our tagging partners. We believe that these actions and policies are consistent with the AICPA/CICA WebTrust criteria for online privacy.

Technology and Infrastructure

Our technology and infrastructure is a competitive asset, as digital media analytics requires operation at a scale unprecedented in the media analytics industry. We operate one of the world's largest data collection platforms, gathering information from a diverse set of sources including our opt-in panels, our census network consisting of all calls from our tagging partners, and from third party sources such as mobile operators. Our operation leverages several distributed processing technologies, proprietary software and methodology, and operational control systems to process and publish our services in near-real time. Our technology infrastructure is operated in multiple, third-party Tier-1 co-location facilities (located in the United States and Europe). Our systems have multiple redundancies and are structured to ensure the continuation of business operations in the event of network failure or if one of our data centers has been rendered inoperable. As of December 31, 2013, our technology team (excluding employees devoted to research and development) was comprised of approximately 320 full-time employees working in different geographic

locations, who design, develop, maintain and operate our technology infrastructure. In addition, we may outsource discrete responsibilities to third parties who have undergone a comprehensive vetting and training process and are subject to confidentiality and intellectual property restrictions.

Research and Development

Our research and development efforts focus on extending core capabilities in data collection across all digital platforms, driving efficiency into data processing at scale, and developing and deploying new research methodologies. These efforts drive

both new product offerings and the extension of existing products to evolve with the digital media landscape and our customers' digital media analytics needs. As of December 31, 2013, we had approximately 250 full-time employees working on research and development activities (excluding employees on our technology team cited under "Technology and Infrastructure" above). In addition, we involve management and operations personnel in our research and development efforts. In 2013, 2012 and 2011, we spent \$41.0 million, \$34.0 million and \$34.1 million, respectively, on research and development.

Intellectual Property

We rely on a combination of patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret laws in the United States and other jurisdictions together with confidentiality procedures and contractual provisions to protect our proprietary technology and our brand. We seek patent protection on inventions that we consider important to the development of our business, and we have also acquired patent portfolios covering various aspects of our business. We control access to our proprietary technology and enter into confidentiality and invention assignment agreements with our employees and consultants and confidentiality agreements with other third parties.

Our success depends in part on our ability to develop patentable products and obtain, maintain and enforce patent and trade secret protection for our products, including successfully defending these patents against any third-party challenges, both in the United States and in other countries. We may be able to protect our technologies from unauthorized use by third parties to the extent that we own or have licensed valid and enforceable patents or trade secrets that cover them. However, the degree of future protection of our proprietary rights is uncertain because legal means afford only limited protection and may not adequately protect our rights or permit us to gain or keep our competitive advantage.

Our intellectual property portfolio currently includes approximately 32 U.S. patents and 29 international patents. In addition, we also currently have approximately 70 U.S. and international patent applications pending. However, patents may not be issued for any pending or future pending patent applications owned by or licensed to us, and claims allowed under any issued patent or future issued patent owned or licensed by us may be declared invalid or may not be sufficiently broad to protect our technologies. Any issued patents owned by or licensed to us now or in the future may be challenged, invalidated, held unenforceable or circumvented, and the rights under such patents may not provide us with the expected benefits. In addition, competitors may design around our technology or develop competing technologies. Intellectual property rights may also be unavailable or limited in some foreign countries, which could make it easier for competitors to capture or increase their market share with respect to related technologies.

Under current U.S. law, the statutory term for a patent is 20 years from its earliest effective filing date. Various circumstances, such as the provisions under U.S. patent law for patent term adjustment and patent term extension, may extend the duration of patents. Similarly, various circumstances may shorten the duration of patents, such as a change in U.S. law or a need or decision on our part to terminally disclaim a portion of the statutory term of any of these patents.

In addition to patent and trade secret protection, we also rely on several trademarks and service marks to protect our intellectual property assets. We are the owner of numerous trademarks and service marks and have applied for registration of our trademarks and service marks in the United States and in certain other countries to establish and protect our brand names as part of our intellectual property strategy. Some of our registered marks include comScore, Media Metrix, MyMetrix, and vCE.

For additional, important information related to our intellectual property, please review the information set forth in Part I, Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, "Risk Factors - Risks Related to Our Business and Our Technologies."

Competition

The market for digital marketing products is highly competitive and is evolving rapidly. We compete primarily with providers of digital media intelligence and related analytical products and services. We also compete with providers of marketing services and solutions, with full-service survey providers and with internal solutions developed by customers and potential customers. Our principal competitors include:

Analytical services companies that provide customers with detailed information of behavior on their own data, content, or web traffic, including Omniture (owned by Adobe), Coremetrics (owned by IBM), and WebTrends; and systems providers including Accenture, EMC, and Terradata;

Online advertising companies that provide measurement of online ad effectiveness and ad delivery used for billing purposes, including Nielsen, DoubleClick (owned by Google), Atlas (owned by Facebook), and Kantar (owned by WPP);

Large and small companies that create proprietary data and analysis of consumers' online behavior, including Nielsen, Effective Measures, Gemius, Compete Inc. (owned by WPP), Google, Inc., Hitwise (owned by Experian), Quantcast, and Visible Measures;

Companies that provide audience ratings for TV, radio and other media that have extended or may extend their current services, particularly in certain international markets, to the measurement of digital media, including Nielsen, Arbitron, Kantar, and Taylor Nelson Sofres (owned by WPP);

Full-service market research firms and survey providers that may measure online behavior and attitudes, including Harris Interactive (owned by Nielsen), Ipsos, Synnovate, GFK, Kantar (owned by WPP) and Nielsen;

Companies that provide behavioral, attitudinal and qualitative advertising effectiveness, including

Toluna/Nurago, Double Verify, MOAT, DataLogix, Context Web's Aperture, Ipsos OTX, Dynamic Logic, Insight Express and Marketing Evolution; and

Specialty information providers for certain industries that we serve, including Manhattan Research (healthcare) and The Now Factory (telecommunications).

Some of our current competitors have longer operating histories, access to larger customer bases and substantially greater resources than we do. As a result, these competitors may be able to devote greater resources to marketing and promotional campaigns, panel retention, panel development or development of systems and technologies than we can. In addition, some of our competitors may adopt more aggressive pricing policies or have started to provide some services at no cost. Furthermore, large software companies, Internet portals and database management companies may enter our market or enhance their current offerings, either by developing competing services or by acquiring our competitors, and could leverage their significant resources and pre-existing relationships with our current and potential customers.

We believe the principal competitive factors in our markets include the following:

the ability to provide analytics across multiple digital media platforms

the ability to provide actual and perceived high-quality, accurate and reliable data regarding Internet and other digital media audience behavior and activity in a timely manner, including the ability to maintain a large and statistically representative sample panel;

the ability to provide reliable and objective third party evidence that is widely accepted in the marketplace;

the ability to adapt product offerings to emerging digital media technologies and standards;

the breadth and depth of products and their flexibility and ease of use;

the availability of data across various industry verticals and geographic areas and expertise across these verticals and in these geographic areas;

the ability to offer survey-based information combined with digital media usage, eCommerce data and other online information collected from panelists;

the ability to offer high-quality analytical services based on Internet and other digital media audience measurement information;

the ability to offer products that meet the changing needs of customers and provide high-quality service; and the prices that are charged for products based on the perceived value delivered.

We believe that we compete favorably with our competitors on the basis of these factors. However, if we are unable to compete successfully against our current and future competitors, we may not be able to acquire and retain customers, and we may consequently experience a decline in revenues, reduced operating margins, loss of market share and diminished value from our products.

Government Regulation

Although we do not believe that significant existing laws or government regulations adversely impact us, our business could be affected by different interpretations or applications of existing laws or regulations, future laws or regulations, or actions by domestic or foreign regulatory agencies. For example, privacy concerns could lead to legislative, judicial and regulatory limitations on our ability to collect maintain and use information about Internet users in the United States and abroad. The costs of compliance with, and the other burdens imposed by, these and other laws or regulatory actions may prevent us from selling our products or increase the costs associated with selling our products, and may affect our ability to invest in or jointly develop products in the United States and in foreign jurisdictions. In addition, failure to comply with these and other laws and regulations may result in, among other things, administrative enforcement actions and fines, class action lawsuits and civil and criminal liability. State attorneys general,

governmental and nongovernmental entities and private persons may bring legal actions asserting that our methods of collecting, using and distributing Web site visitor information are illegal or improper, which could require us to spend significant time and resources defending these claims. The impact of any of these current or future laws or regulations could make it more difficult or expensive to attract or maintain panelists, particularly in affected jurisdictions, and could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Additionally, the adoption, modification or interpretation of laws or regulations relating to the Internet or our customers' digital operations could negatively affect the businesses of our customers and reduce their demand for our products. For

additional, important information related to government regulation of our business, please review the information set forth in Part I, Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10K, "Risk Factors - Risks Related to Our Business and Our Technologies."

Executive Officers of the Registrant

The following table sets forth the names and ages of our current executive officers⁽¹⁾:

Name	Age	Position
Magid M. Abraham, Ph.D.	55	Chief Executive Officer and Director
Gian M. Fulgoni	66	Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors
Kenneth J. Tarpey	61	Chief Financial Officer
Christiana L. Lin	44	EVP, General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer
Serge Matta	39	President
Cameron Meierhoefer	42	Chief Operating Officer

(1) Effective March 1, 2014, Serge Matta, our President, will become our President and Chief Executive Officer, and will serve as a director on our Board of Directors; Magid M. Abraham, Ph.D., our current Chief Executive Officer, will continue as chairman of our Board of Directors and will serve as our Executive Chairman; and Gian M. Fulgoni, our current Executive Chairman, will continue as a director on our Board of Directors, and serve as Chairman Emeritus

Magid M. Abraham, Ph.D. one of our co-founders, has served as our President, Chief Executive Officer and as a Director since September 1999. In 1995, Dr. Abraham founded Paragren Technologies, Inc., which specialized in delivering large scale Customer Relationship Marketing systems for strategic and target marketing, and served as its Chief Executive Officer from 1995 to 1999. Prior to founding Paragren, Dr. Abraham was employed by Information Resources, Inc. from 1985 until 1995, where he was President and Chief Operating Officer from 1993 to 1994 and later Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1994 until 1995. Dr. Abraham received a Ph.D. in Operations Research and an M.B.A. from MIT. He also holds an Engineering degree from the École Polytechnique in France. Gian M. Fulgoni, one of our co-founders, has served as our Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors since September 1999. Prior to co-founding comScore, Mr. Fulgoni was employed by Information Resources, Inc., where he served as President from 1981 to 1989, Chief Executive Officer from 1986 to 1998 and Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1991 until 1995. Mr. Fulgoni has served on the board of directors of PetMed Express, Inc., a NASDAQ-listed online retailer, since 2002 and previously served from August 1999 through November 2000. Mr. Fulgoni has also served on the board of directors of the Advertising Research Foundation, an industry research organization, since 2008. Mr. Fulgoni has served on the board of directors of InXpo, Inc., a provider of technology for virtual events, since 2005, the board of Dynamic Signal, Inc., an Internet marketing services company since 2010 and Prophet, Inc., a brand and marketing consulting company, since May 2010. He also served on the board of directors of Platinum Technology, Inc. from 1990 to 1999, U.S. Robotics, Inc. from 1991 to 1994, and Yesmail.com, Inc. from 1999 to 2000. Mr. Fulgoni holds an M.A. in Marketing from the University of Lancaster and a B.Sc. in Physics from the University of Manchester.

Kenneth J. Tarpey has served as our Chief Financial Officer since April 20, 2009. Prior to joining comScore, Mr. Tarpey was Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of Objectvideo, Inc., a Reston, Virginia-based provider of video surveillance software, from 2003 until April 2009. From 2002 until 2003, Mr. Tarpey was Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Ai Metrix, Inc., a Herndon, Virginia-based provider of network optimization software. From 1997 until 2001, Mr. Tarpey was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Proxicom, a NASDAQ-listed Internet business consulting and development company. Mr. Tarpey holds an M.B.A. from Babson College and a B.A. from College of the Holy Cross. Christiana L. Lin has served as our EVP, General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer since August 2009. Prior to that, she served as our Deputy General Counsel from February 2001 until March 2003, as our Corporate Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer from March 2003 until January 2006 and as our General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer from January 2009. Ms. Lin holds a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. in

Political Science from Yale University.

Serge Matta has served as the Company's President since June 2013. From March 2012 to June 2013, Mr. Matta served as President, Commercial Solutions. Prior to that, he served in various senior positions at the Company, including as President, Mobile and Operator Solutions, and as Executive Vice President, overseeing the Company's worldwide Telecommunications and Mobile practice. Prior to joining the Company in 2000, Mr. Matta held positions at MicroStrategy within the consulting group. Mr. Matta holds a B.S. degree in Finance from George Mason University and an M.B.A. from American University.

Cameron Meierhoefer has served as our Chief Operating Officer since March 5, 2012. Prior to that, he has held various senior positions at comScore, most recently he served as Executive Vice President of Custom Analytics from January 2009 to March 2012 and as Senior Vice President of Custom Analytics from January 2006 to January 2009. Prior to joining comScore in 2001, he helped build PC Data Online, a division of the market research firm PC Data Inc. Mr. Meierhoefer holds a B.S. from Columbia University and a M.S. from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Employees

As of December 31, 2013, we had 1,180 employees. None of our employees are represented by a labor union. We have experienced no work stoppages and believe that our employee relations are good.

Geographic Areas

Our primary geographic markets are the United States, Canada, Europe, Latin America and Asia. For information with respect to our geographic markets, see Note 14 to our Consolidated Financial Statements in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Company Information

We incorporated in August 1999 in Delaware. Our principal offices are located at 11950 Democracy Drive, Suite 600, Reston, Virginia 20190. Our telephone number is (703) 438-2000.

Available Information

We make our periodic and current reports along with amendments to such reports available, free of charge, on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Our website address is www.comscore.com and such reports are filed under "SEC Filings" on the Investor Relations portion of our website. Information contained on our Web site is not part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and is not incorporated in this Annual Report on Form 10-K by reference. Further, a copy of this annual report as well as our other periodic and current reports may be obtained from the SEC, located at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding our filings at www.sec.gov.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves a substantial risk of loss. You should carefully consider these risk factors, together with all of the other information included herewith, before you decide to purchase shares of our common stock. The occurrence of any of the following risks could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or operating results. In that case, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you may lose part or all of your investment.

Risks Related to Our Business and Our Technologies

We derive a significant portion of our revenues from sales of our subscription-based digital media analytics products. If our customers terminate or fail to renew their subscriptions, our business could suffer.

We currently derive a significant portion of our revenues from our subscription-based digital media analytics products. Subscription-based products accounted for 87% of our revenues during each of the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. Uncertain economic conditions or other factors, such as the failure or consolidation of large financial institutions, may cause certain customers to terminate or reduce their subscriptions. If our customers terminate their subscriptions for our products, do not renew their subscriptions, delay renewals of their subscriptions or renew on terms less favorable to us, our revenues could decline and our business could suffer.

Our customers have no obligation to renew after the expiration of their initial subscription period, which is typically one year, and we cannot be assured that current subscriptions will be renewed at the same or higher dollar amounts, if

at all. Some

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of our customers have elected not to renew their subscription agreements with us in the past. If we experience a change of control, as defined in such agreements, some of our customers also have the right to terminate their subscriptions. Moreover, some of our major customers have the right to cancel their subscription agreements without cause at any time. Moreover our new subscription products whose revenue are recognized based on impressions used, may be subject to higher fluctuations in revenue.

Given the current unpredictable economic conditions as well as our limited historical data with respect to rates of customer subscription renewals, and the usage volumes for our impression based products, we may have difficulty accurately predicting future customer renewal rates. Our customer renewal rates may decline or fluctuate as a result of a number of factors, including customer satisfaction or dissatisfaction with our products, the costs or functionality of our products, the prices or functionality of products offered by our competitors, the health of the digital advertising marketplace, mergers and acquisitions affecting our customer base, general economic conditions or reductions in our customers' spending levels. In this regard, we have seen a number of customers with weaker balance sheets choosing not to renew subscriptions with us during economic downturns.

Our quarterly results of operations may fluctuate in the future. As a result, we may fail to meet or exceed the expectations of securities analysts or investors, which could cause our stock price to decline.

Our quarterly results of operations may fluctuate as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are outside of our control. If our quarterly revenues or results of operations do not meet or exceed the expectations of securities analysts or investors, the price of our common stock could decline substantially. In addition to the other risk factors set forth in this "Risk Factors" section, factors that may cause fluctuations in our quarterly revenues or results of operations include: our ability to increase sales to existing customers and attract new customers;

our failure to accurately estimate or control costs — including those incurred as a result of investments, other business or product development initiatives, litigation, and the integration of acquisitions;

the timing of revenue recognition for usage-based or impression-based products;

the potential loss or reduction in spending by significant customers;

changes in our customers' subscription renewal behaviors and spending on projects;

the impact on our contract renewal rates, for both our subscription and project-based products, caused by our customers' budgetary constraints, competition, customer dissatisfaction, customer corporate restructuring or change in control, or our customers' actual or perceived lack of need for our products;

the timing of contract renewals, delivery of products and duration of contracts and the corresponding timing of revenue recognition as well as the effects of revenue derived from recently-acquired companies;

the mix of subscription-based versus project-based revenues;

the effect of revenues generated from significant one-time projects or the loss of such projects;

the timing and success of new product introductions by us or our competitors;

variations in the demand for our products and the implementation cycles of our products by our customers;

changes in our pricing and discounting policies or those of our competitors;

the challenges of persuading customers to switch from incumbent service providers;

the impact of our decision to discontinue certain products;

the amount and timing of capital expenditures and operating costs related to the maintenance and expansion of our operations and infrastructure;

our ability to estimate revenues and cash flows associated with business operations acquired by us;

the uncertainties associated with the integration of acquired new lines of business, and operations in countries in which we may have little or no previous experience;

service outages, other technical difficulties or security breaches;

4 imitations relating to the capacity of our networks, systems and processes;

maintaining appropriate staffing levels and capabilities relative to projected growth, or retaining key personnel as a result of the integration of recent acquisitions;

adverse judgments or settlements in legal disputes;

the cost and timing of organizational restructuring, in particular in international jurisdictions;

the extent to which certain expenses are more or less deductible for tax purposes, such as share-based compensation that fluctuates based on the timing of vesting and our stock price;

the timing of any additional reversal of our deferred tax valuation allowance;

adoption of new accounting pronouncements; and

general economic, political, industry and market conditions and those conditions specific to Internet usage and online businesses.

We believe that our quarterly revenues and results of operations on a year-over-year and sequential quarter-over-quarter basis may vary significantly in the future and that period-to-period comparisons of our operating results may not be meaningful. Investors are cautioned not to rely on the results of prior quarters as an indication of future performance.

Our business may be harmed if we deliver, or are perceived to deliver, inaccurate information to our customers, to the media or to the public generally.

If the information that we provide to our customers, to the media, or to the public is inaccurate, or perceived to be inaccurate, whether due to methodological approaches, errors, bias towards certain available data sources or partners, our brand may be harmed. The information that we collect or that is included in our databases and the statistical projections that we provide to our customers, to the media or to the public may contain or be perceived to contain inaccuracies. These projections may be viewed as an important measure for the success of certain businesses, especially those businesses with a large online presence. Any inaccuracy or perceived inaccuracy in the data reported by us about such businesses may potentially affect the market perception of such businesses and result in claims or litigation around the accuracy of our data, or the appropriateness of our methodology, may encourage aggressive action on the part of our competitors, and could harm our brand. Any dissatisfaction by our customers or the media with our digital media analytics, measurement or data collection and statistical projection methodologies, whether as a result of inaccuracies, perceived inaccuracies, or otherwise, could have an adverse effect on our ability to retain existing customers and attract new customers and could harm our brand. Additionally, we could be contractually required to pay damages, which could be substantial, to certain of our customers if the information we provide to them is found to be inaccurate. Any liability that we incur or any harm to our brand that we suffer because of actual or perceived irregularities or inaccuracies in the data we deliver to our customers could harm our business.

Material defects or errors in our data collection and analysis systems could damage our reputation, result in significant costs to us and impair our ability to sell our products.

Our data collection and analysis systems are complex and may contain material defects or errors. In addition, the large amount of data that we collect may make our data collection and analysis systems more susceptible to defects or errors. Moreover, as technology evolves across digital platforms, we may not be able to continue collection of certain data, due to technological, privacy or other reasons.

Our customers rely on our data collection and analysis software and systems to gain business intelligence or to gain a better understanding of their internal operations or performance. Any defect in our panelist data collection software, our census collection systems, our data collection capabilities, our enterprise focused software and systems, network systems, statistical projections or other methodologies could lead to consequences that could adversely impact operating results, including:

loss of customers;

damage to our brand;

lost or delayed market acceptance and sales of our products;

- interruptions in the availability of our
- products;

the incurrence of substantial costs to correct any material defect or error;

sales credits, refunds or liability to our customers;

diversion of development resources; and

increased warranty and insurance costs.

We may lose customers or be liable to certain customers if we provide poor service or if our products do not comply with our customer agreements.

Errors in our systems resulting from the large amount of data that we collect, store and manage could cause the information that we collect to be incomplete or to contain inaccuracies that our customers regard as significant. The failure or inability of our systems, networks and processes to adequately handle the data in a high quality and consistent manner could result in the loss of customers. In addition, we may be liable to certain of our customers for damages they may incur resulting from these events, such as loss of business, loss of future revenues, breach of contract or loss of goodwill to their business.

Our insurance policies may not cover any claim against us for loss of data, unauthorized use of data, improper access to data, inaccuracies in data or other indirect or consequential damages and defending a lawsuit, regardless of its merit, could be costly and divert management's attention. Adequate insurance coverage may not be available in the future on acceptable terms, or at all. Any such developments could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

If we are unable to provide cross-media analytics, or if our cross-media analytics are incomplete or inaccurate, our ability to grow or maintain our business may be harmed.

As the media and advertising industry looks to evaluate advertising campaigns across various forms of media, such as television, radio, online, and mobile, the ability to measure the combined size and composition of audiences across platforms is increasingly important and demanded. Companies who have historically held a dominant market position within individual media types: such as Nielsen in TV and, through its recent acquisition of Arbitron, in Radio; or MRI in magazine, are frequently relying on collaboration with partners in other media to measure multiple media platforms. We have entered into an agreement to acquire certain Arbitron panel data and technology, however, if such data and technology is not sufficiently maintained, we may suffer a reduction in the quality of our metrics. If we are unable to accurately measure or gain access to information or technology measuring a media component or type at all or on commercially reasonable terms, our ability to meet our customers' demands and our business and financial performance may be harmed. Furthermore, even if we do have access to cross-media data, if we have insufficient technology, methodology or source materials to parse the information across such media components to avoid duplications at all or in a cost-effective manner, our products may be inferior to other offerings, and we may be unable to meet our customers' demands. In which case, our business and financial performance may be harmed. In particular as mobile devices and technology continue to proliferate, gaining cost-effective access to mobile data will become increasingly critical, and the difficulty in accessing these forms of data will continue to grow. Our business may be harmed if we change our methodologies or the scope of information we collect. We have in the past and may in the future change our methodologies, the methodologies of companies we acquire, or the scope of information we collect. Such changes may result from identified deficiencies in current methodologies, development of more advanced methodologies, changes in our business plans, changes in technology used by websites, browsers, applications, servers, or media we measure, integration of acquired companies or expressed or perceived needs of our customers or potential customers. Any such changes or perceived changes, or our inability to accurately or adequately communicate to our customers and the media such changes and the potential implications of such changes on the data we have published or will publish in the future, may result in customer dissatisfaction, particularly if certain information is no longer collected or information collected in future periods is not comparable with information collected in prior periods. As a result of future methodology changes, some of our existing customers or customers of acquired entities may refuse to participate, or participate only in a limited fashion, and other customers may become dissatisfied as a result of changes in our methodology and decide not to continue purchasing their subscriptions or may decide to discontinue providing us with their web beacon or other server-side information. Such customers may elect to publicly air their dissatisfaction with the methodological changes made by us, thereby damaging our brand and harming our reputation. Additionally, we expect that we will need to further integrate new capabilities with our existing methodologies if we develop or acquire additional products or lines of business in the future. The resulting future changes to our methodologies, the information we collect, or the strategy we implement to collect and analyze information, such as the movement away from pure panel-centric measurement to a hybrid of panel- and site-centric measurement, may cause additional customer dissatisfaction and result in loss of customers. If we are not able to maintain panels of sufficient size and scope, or if the costs of maintaining our panels materially increase, our business could be harmed.

We believe that the quality, size and scope of our Internet, mobile and cross-media user panels are critical to our business. There can be no assurance, however, that we will be able to maintain panels of sufficient size and scope to provide the quality of marketing intelligence that our customers demand from our products. We anticipate that the cost of panel recruitment will increase with the proliferation of proprietary and secure digital media platforms (whether

they be PC, mobile, tablet, or connected devices), and that the difficulty in collecting these forms of data will continue to grow. If we fail to maintain a panel of sufficient size and scope, including coverage of international markets and users of various forms of digital platforms, customers might decline to purchase our products or renew their subscriptions, our reputation could be damaged and our business could be materially and adversely affected. We expect that our panel costs may increase and may comprise a greater portion of our cost of revenues in the future. The costs associated with maintaining and improving the quality, size and scope of our panel are dependent on many factors, many of which are beyond our control, including the participation rate of potential panel members, the turnover among existing panel members and requirements for active participation of panel members, such as completing survey questionnaires. Concerns over the potential unauthorized disclosure of personal information or the

classification of our software as "spyware" or "adware" may cause existing panel members to uninstall our software or may discourage potential panel members from installing our software. To the extent we experience greater turnover, or churn, in our panel than we have historically experienced, these costs would increase more rapidly. We also have terminated and may in the future terminate relationships with service providers whose practices we believe may not comply with our privacy policies, and have removed and may in the future remove panel members obtained through such service providers. Such actions may result in increased costs for recruiting additional panel members. In addition, publishing content on the Internet and purchasing advertising space on Web sites may become more expensive or restrictive in the future, which could decrease the availability and increase the cost of advertising the incentives we offer to panel members. Furthermore, the difficulty of collecting data from the growing variety of digital platforms used by panel members, may require that we undertake significant hardware and software investments, as well as significant increases to our panel incentive and panel management costs. To the extent that such additional expenses are not accompanied by increased revenues, our operating margins may be reduced and our financial results could be adversely affected. Finally, we are currently subject to privacy and data security related claims by certain panel members in a pending class action lawsuit, and we may be so again in the future. The outcome of this litigation or the negative public reaction to the details of the litigation may make it difficult for us to attract and retain panel members. If we fail to respond to technological developments, our products may become obsolete or less competitive. Our future success will depend in part on our ability to modify or enhance our products to meet customer needs, to add functionality and to address technological advancements. For example, if certain handheld mobile devices become the primary mode of receiving content and conducting transactions on the Internet, and we are unable to adapt to collect information from such devices, then we would not be able to report on online activity. To remain competitive, we will need to develop new products that address these evolving technologies and standards across the universe of digital media — including television, Internet, radio and mobile usage. However, we may be unsuccessful in identifying new product opportunities or in developing or marketing new products in a timely or cost-effective manner. In addition, our product innovations may not achieve the market penetration or price levels necessary for profitability. If we are unable to develop enhancements to, and new features for, our existing methodologies or products or if we are unable to develop new products that keep pace with rapid technological developments or changing industry standards, our products may become obsolete, less marketable and less competitive, and our business will be harmed. Difficulties entering into arrangements with website owners, wireless communications operators and other entities supporting server- and census-based methodologies may negatively affect our methodologies and harm our business. We believe that our methodologies are enhanced by the ability to collect information using server-based web beacon information and other census-level approaches. There can be no assurance, however, that we will be able to maintain relationships with a sufficient number and scope of websites in order to provide the quality of marketing intelligence that our customers demand from our products. If we fail to continue to expand the scope of our server-based data collection approaches, customers might decline to purchase our products or renew their subscriptions, our reputation could be damaged and our business could be adversely affected.

If we are unable to sell additional products to our existing customers or attract new customers, our revenue growth will be adversely affected.

To increase our revenues, we believe we must sell additional products to existing customers, including existing customers of acquired businesses, and regularly add new customers. If our existing and prospective customers do not perceive our products to be of sufficient value and quality, we may not be able to increase sales to existing customers and attract new customers, or we may have difficulty retaining existing customers, and our operating results will be adversely affected.

If we are unable to effectively persuade prospective customers to buy our services in substitution for those of an incumbent service provider.

Some of our newer products and initiatives, require that we persuade prospective customers, or customers of our existing products, to buy our newer products in substitution for those of an incumbent service provider. In some instances, the prospective customer may have build their systems and processes around the incumbent's products. Persuading such prospective customers to switch service providers may be difficult and require longer sales cycles,

that will affect our ability to increase revenue in these areas. Moreover, the incumbent service provider may have the ability to significantly discount its services or enter into long-term agreements, which would further impede our ability to increase our revenues.

We may expand through investments in, acquisitions of, or the development of new products with assistance from other companies, any of which may not be successful and may divert our management's attention.

In recent years, we acquired M:Metrics, the Certifica group of companies located in Latin America, ARSgroup, Nexius, Nedstat and AdXpose. We also expect to continue to evaluate and enter into discussions regarding a wide array of potential strategic transactions, including acquiring complementary products, technologies or businesses. We also have entered into relationships with other businesses such as Google or Acxiom, in order to expand our product offerings. These relationships or transactions could involve preferred or exclusive licenses, discount pricing or investments in other businesses, or to expand our sales capabilities. These transactions could be material to our financial condition and results of operations, and though these transactions may provide additional benefits, they may not be profitable immediately or in the long term. Negotiating any such transactions could be time-consuming, difficult and expensive, and our ability to close these transactions may be subject to regulatory or other approvals and other conditions that are beyond our control. Consequently, we can make no assurances that any such transactions, investments or relationships, if undertaken and announced, would be completed.

An acquisition, investment or business relationship may result in unforeseen operating difficulties and expenditures. In particular, we may encounter difficulties assimilating or integrating the businesses, technologies, products, personnel or operations of the acquired companies, particularly if the key personnel of the acquired company choose not to be employed by us, and we may have difficulty retaining the customers of any acquired business due to changes in management and ownership. Acquisitions may also disrupt our ongoing business, divert our resources and require significant management attention that would otherwise be available for ongoing development of our business. Moreover, we cannot assure you that the anticipated benefits of any acquisition, investment or business relationship would be realized or that we would not be exposed to unknown liabilities. In connection with any such transaction, we may:

encounter difficulties retaining key employees of the acquired company or integrating diverse business cultures; issue additional equity securities that would dilute the common stock held by existing stockholders; incur large charges or substantial liabilities, including without limitation, liabilities associated with products or technologies accused or found to infringe third party intellectual property;

become subject to adverse tax consequences, substantial depreciation or deferred compensation charges; use cash that we may need in the future to operate our business;

enter new geographic markets that subject us to different laws and regulations that may have an adverse impact on our business:

experience difficulties effectively utilizing acquired assets;

encounter difficulties integrating the information and financial reporting systems of acquired foreign businesses, particularly those that operated under accounting principles other than those generally accepted in the United States prior to the acquisition by us; and

incur debt on terms unfavorable to us or that we are unable to repay.

The impact of any one or more of these factors could adversely affect our business or results of operations or cause the price of our common stock to decline substantially.

Following an acquisition of another business, we may also be required to defer the recognition of revenue that we receive from the sale of products that we acquired, or from the sale of bundles products that include products that we acquired. For instance, if we acquire a software company and are not able to establish vendor specific objective evidence, or VSOE, for any undelivered elements in the arrangement, we may be required to defer substantial portions of revenue. If we are unable to establish VSOE for transactions related to acquired products and services in future periods, we may be required to delay the recognition of current and future revenue sources. This may result in fluctuations in our operating results and may adversely affect both revenues and operating margins in a given period or periods.

Future acquisitions or dispositions could also result in dilutive issuances of our equity securities, the incurrence of debt, contingent liabilities, amortization expenses, or write-offs of goodwill, any of which could harm our financial condition. In addition, acquisitions will generally result in us recognizing significant amounts of intangible assets. If

we experience significant declines in operating results associated with past, of future, acquisitions, and the anticipated benefits of an acquisition is not expected to materialize, we may be required to perform impairment testing of our long-lived assets, and ultimately may be required to record an impairment charge.

Concern over spyware and privacy, including any violations of privacy laws, perceived misuse of personal information, or failure to adhere to the privacy commitments that we make, could cause public relations problems, regulatory scrutiny, and potential class action lawsuits and could impair our ability to recruit panelists or maintain panels of sufficient size and scope, which in turn could adversely affect our ability to provide our products. Any perception of our practices as an invasion of privacy, whether legal or illegal, may subject us to public criticism, regulatory scrutiny, and potential class action lawsuits. Media coverage and public discourse initiated by lawmakers and regulators have increased the sensitivity of consumers to the collection or use of personal information and online usage information, especially through the use of third party cookies, and the possibility of an unauthorized use or disclosure of this information may create negative public reaction related to our business practices. A shift in public acceptance of measurement technologies such as third party cookies may have a chilling effect on businesses that collect or use online usage information generally or substantially increase the cost of maintaining a business that collects or uses online usage information, increase regulatory scrutiny and increase the potential of class action lawsuits. In response to marketplace concerns about the usage of third party cookies and web beacons to track user behaviors, the major browsers have enabled features that allow the user to limit the collection of certain data. We actively seek to prevent the inclusion of our cookies and beacons on the lists of companies whose activities are automatically blocked without prior individual review of those cookies and beacons by the end user. Additionally, public concern has grown regarding certain kinds of downloadable software known as "spyware" and "adware." These concerns might cause users to refrain from downloading software from the Internet, including our proprietary technology, if they inaccurately believe our software is "spyware" or "adware." This could make it difficult to recruit additional panelists or maintain a panel of sufficient size and scope to provide meaningful marketing intelligence. In response to general spyware and adware concerns in the marketplace, numerous programs are available, many of which are available for free, and that claim to identify, remove or block such software or activity. Some anti-spyware programs have in the past identified, and may in the future identify, our software as spyware or potential spyware applications. We actively seek to prevent the inclusion of our software on lists of spyware applications or potential spyware applications and apply best industry practices for obtaining appropriate consent from panelists, protect the privacy and confidentiality of our panelist data, and comply with existing privacy laws. However, to the extent that we are not successful, and anti-spyware programs classify our software as spyware, a potential spyware application, or third party service providers fail to comply with our privacy or data security requirements, our brand may be harmed and users may refrain from downloading these programs, may uninstall our software or pursue actions against us for damages. For example, we received notice in August 2011 that two individuals, filing individually and on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals, filed a lawsuit against us in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, alleging among other things, violations by us of the Stored Communications Act, the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act as well as unjust enrichment. The complaint seeks unspecified damages, including statutory damages per violation and punitive damages, injunctive relief and reasonable attorneys' fees of the plaintiffs. Based on an initial review of these claims, we believe that these claims are without merit, and we intend to vigorously protect and defend ourselves. In October 2012, the plaintiffs filed an amended complaint, which, among other things, removed the claim relating to alleged violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act. The court has ruled on certification of the class, and discovery has been completed, with trial anticiapted in the middle of 2014. Any resulting reputational harm, potential claims asserted against us or decrease in the size or scope of our panel could reduce the demand for our products, increase the cost of recruiting panelists, adversely affect our ability to provide our products to our customers or result in additional costs in the form of settlement, judgments, restrictions on our business or diversion of resources to address and defend the claims. Any of these adverse effects could harm our business and our operating results.

Domestic or foreign laws, regulations or enforcement actions may limit our ability to collect and use information about Internet users or restrict or prohibit our product offerings, causing a decrease in the value of our products and an adverse impact on the sales of our products.

Our business could be adversely impacted by existing or future laws or regulations of, or actions by, domestic or foreign regulatory agencies. For example, privacy concerns could lead to legislative, judicial and regulatory limitations on our ability to collect, maintain and use information about Internet users in the United States and abroad. Various state legislatures have enacted legislation designed to protect Internet users' privacy, for example, by prohibiting spyware. In recent years, similar legislation has been proposed in other states and at the federal level and has been enacted in foreign countries, most notably by the European Union, which adopted a privacy directive regulating the collection of personally identifiable information online and more recently, restricting the use of cookies without opt-in consent by the user. Recently, the U.S. Congress and regulators have expressed concern over the collection of Internet usage information, which started as part of a larger initiative to regulate online behavioral advertising, but which has expanded in scope to a general concern over online tracking. A similar concern has been raised by regulatory agencies in Europe. In addition, U.S. and European lawmakers and regulators have expressed concern over the use of third party cookies or web beacons to understand Internet usage. Additionally, the European Commission has issued a new directive requiring the regulation of cookies throughout the European Union, which will likely lead to the introduction of additional regulations that may vary from country to country. These laws and regulations, if drafted or

interpreted broadly, could be deemed to apply to the technology we use, and could restrict our information collection methods, and the collection methods of third parties from whom we may obtain data, or decrease the amount and utility of the information that we would be permitted to collect. Even if such laws and regulations are not enacted, lawmakers and regulators may publicly call into question the collection and use of Internet or mobile usage data and may affect vendors and customers' willingness to do business with us. In addition, our ability to conduct business in certain foreign jurisdictions, including China, is restricted by the laws, regulations and agency actions of those jurisdictions. The costs of compliance with, and the other burdens imposed by, these and other laws or regulatory actions may prevent us from selling our products or increase the costs associated with selling our products, and may affect our ability to invest in or jointly develop products in the United States and in foreign jurisdictions. In addition, failure to comply with these and other laws and regulations may result in, among other things, administrative enforcement actions and fines, class action lawsuits and civil and criminal liability. State attorneys general, governmental and non-governmental entities and private persons may bring legal actions asserting that our methods of collecting, using and distributing Web site visitor information are illegal or improper, which could require us to spend significant time and resources defending these claims. For example, some companies that collect, use and distribute Web site visitor information have been the subject of governmental investigations and class-action lawsuits. Any such regulatory or civil action that is brought against us, even if unsuccessful, may distract our management's attention, divert our resources, negatively affect our public image or reputation among our panelists and customers and harm our business.

The impact of any of these current or future laws or regulations could make it more difficult or expensive to attract or maintain panelists, particularly in affected jurisdictions, and could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Any unauthorized disclosure or theft of private information we gather could harm our business.

Unauthorized disclosure of personally identifiable information regarding Web site visitors, whether through breach of our secure network by an unauthorized party, employee theft or misuse, or otherwise, could harm our business. If there were an inadvertent disclosure of personally identifiable information, or customer confidential information, or if a third party were to gain unauthorized access to the personally identifiable or customer confidential information we possess, our operations could be seriously disrupted and we could be subject to claims or litigation arising from damages suffered by panel members or pursuant to the agreements with our customers. In addition, we could incur significant costs in complying with the multitude of state, federal and foreign laws regarding the unauthorized disclosure of personal information. Finally, any perceived or actual unauthorized disclosure of the information we collect could harm our reputation, substantially impair our ability to attract and retain panelists and have an adverse impact on our business.

The success of our business depends in large part on our ability to protect and enforce our intellectual property rights. We rely on a combination of patent, copyright, service mark, trademark and trade secret laws, as well as confidentiality procedures and contractual restrictions, to establish and protect our proprietary rights, all of which provide only limited protection. In addition, where we determine necessary, we pursue enforcement of our intellectual property rights. Such enforcement action may cause us to incur costs, distract the attention of management, and result in unfavorable public opinion or outcomes that are not in our favor, each of which could adversely affect our brand, business and results of operations. While we have filed a number of patent applications and own approximately 60 issued patents worldwide, we cannot assure you that any additional patents will be issued with respect to any of our pending or future patent applications, nor can we assure you that any patent issued to us will provide adequate protection, or that any patents issued to us will not be challenged, invalidated, circumvented, or held to be unenforceable in actions against alleged infringers. Also, we cannot assure you that any future trademark or service mark registrations will be issued with respect to pending or future applications or that any of our registered trademarks and service marks will be enforceable or provide adequate protection of our proprietary rights. Furthermore, adequate (or any) patent, trademark, service mark, copyright and trade secret protection may not be available in every country in which our services are available.

We endeavor to enter into agreements with our employees and contractors and with parties with whom we do business in order to limit access to and disclosure of our proprietary information. We cannot be certain that the steps we have taken will prevent unauthorized use of our technology or the reverse engineering of our technology. Moreover, third parties might independently develop technologies that are competitive to ours or that infringe upon our intellectual property. In addition, the legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of intellectual property rights in Internet-related industries are uncertain and still evolving, both in the United States and in other countries. The protection of our intellectual property rights may depend on our legal actions against any infringers being successful. We cannot be sure any such actions will be successful, and any such action may be expensive and divert considerable attention of our management team from the normal operation of our business.

An assertion from a third party that we are infringing its intellectual property, whether such assertions are valid or not, could subject us to costly and time-consuming litigation or expensive licenses.

The Internet, mobile media, software and technology industries are characterized by the existence of a large number of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets and by frequent litigation based on allegations of infringement or other violations of intellectual property rights, domestically or internationally. As we grow and face increasing competition, the probability that one or more third parties will make intellectual property rights claims against us increases. In such cases, our technologies may be found to infringe on the intellectual property rights of others. Additionally, many of our subscription agreements may require us to indemnify our customers for third-party intellectual property infringement claims, which would increase our costs if we have to defend such claims and may require that we pay damages and provide alternative services if there were an adverse ruling in any such claims. Intellectual property claims could harm our relationships with our customers, deter future customers from subscribing to our products or expose us to litigation, which could be expensive and divert considerable attention of our management team from the normal operation of our business. Even if we are not a party to any litigation between a customer and a third party, an adverse outcome in any such litigation could make it more difficult for us to defend against intellectual property claims by the third party in any subsequent litigation in which we are a named party. Any of these results could adversely affect our brand, business and results of operations.

With respect to any intellectual property rights claim against us or our customers, we may have to pay damages or stop using technology found to be in violation of a third party's rights. We may have to seek a license for the technology, which may not be available on reasonable terms or at all, may significantly increase our operating expenses or may significantly restrict our business activities in one or more respects. We may also be required to develop alternative non-infringing technology, which could require significant effort and expense. Any of these outcomes could adversely affect our business and results of operations. Even if we prove successful in defending ourselves against such claims, we may incur substantial expenses and the active defense of such claims may divert considerable attention of our management team from the normal operation of our business.

The market for digital media analytics is developing, and if it does not develop, or develops more slowly than expected, our business will be harmed.

The market for digital media analytics products is still developing, and it is uncertain whether these products will maintain high levels of demand and increased market acceptance. Our success will depend to a substantial extent on the willingness of companies to increase their use of such products and to continue use of such products on a long-term basis. Factors that may affect market acceptance include:

the reliability of digital media analytics products;

public concern regarding privacy and data security;

decisions of our customers and potential customers to develop digital media analytics internally rather than purchasing such products from third-party suppliers like us;

decisions by industry associations in the United States or in other countries that result in association-directed awards, on behalf of their members, of digital measurement contracts to one or a limited number of competitive vendors;

the ability to maintain high levels of customer satisfaction; and

the rate of growth in eCommerce, online advertising and digital media.

The market for our products may not develop further, or may develop more slowly than we expect or may even contract, all of which could adversely affect our business and operating results.

Because our long-term success depends, in part, on our ability to expand the sales of our products to customers located outside of the United States, our business will become increasingly susceptible to risks associated with international operations.

In recent years, we acquired various businesses with substantial presence or clientele in multiple Latin American, European, Asian and Middle Eastern countries. Prior to these acquisitions, we otherwise had limited experience operating in markets outside of the United States. Our inexperience in operating our business outside of the United States may increase the risk that the international expansion efforts in which we are engaged will not be successful. In addition, conducting international operations subjects us to risks that we have not generally faced in the United States.

These risks include:

recruitment and maintenance of a sufficiently large and representative panel both globally and in certain countries; expanding the adoption of our server- or census-based web beacon data collection in international countries; different customer needs and buying behavior than we are accustomed to in the United States;

difficulties and expenses associated with tailoring our products to local markets, including their translation into foreign languages;

difficulties in staffing and managing international operations — including complex and costly hiring, disciplinary, and termination requirements;

longer accounts receivable payment cycles and difficulties in collecting accounts receivable;

potentially adverse tax consequences, including the complexities of foreign value-added taxes and restrictions on the repatriation of earnings;

reduced or varied protection for intellectual property rights in some countries;

the burdens of complying with a wide variety of foreign laws and regulations;

fluctuations in currency exchange rates;

increased accounting and reporting burdens and complexities; and

political, social and economic instability abroad, terrorist attacks and security concerns.

Additionally, operating in international markets requires significant management attention and financial resources. We cannot be certain that the investments and additional resources required to establish and maintain operations in other countries will hold their value or produce desired levels of revenues or profitability. We cannot be certain that we will be able to maintain and increase the size of the Internet user panel that we currently have in various countries, that we will be able to recruit a representative sample for our audience measurement products, or that we will be able to enter into arrangements with a sufficient number of website owners to allow us to collect server-based information for inclusion in our digital media analytics products. In addition, there can be no assurance that Internet usage and eCommerce will continue to grow in international markets. In addition, governmental authorities in various countries have different views regarding regulatory oversight of the Internet. For example, the Chinese government has taken steps in the past to restrict the content available to Internet users in China.

The impact of any one or more of these risks could negatively affect or delay our plans to expand our international business and, consequently, our future operating results.

If the digitally-based or cross-platform focused advertising and eCommerce markets develop more slowly than we expect, our business will suffer.

Our future success will depend on continued growth in the use of the digitally based advertising, a cross-platform focus to buying advertisement campaigns, a continued increase in eCommerce spending and the proliferation of the Internet across platforms, including mobile and connected devices, for a wide variety of consumer activities. These markets are evolving rapidly, and it is not certain that their current growth trends will continue.

The adoption of advertising across digital platforms, particularly by advertisers that have historically relied on traditional offline media, requires the acceptance of new approaches to conducting business and a willingness to invest in such new approaches. Moreover the decision to adopt a cross-platform approach to buying advertisement campaigns, requires a change to buying approaches and a willingness to adopt new data analytics to assist in evaluating such approaches, by advertisement buyers who traditionally focus on buying advertising campaigns through one medium. Advertisers may perceive such new approaches to advertising or understanding advertising to be less effective than traditional methods for marketing their products. They may also be unwilling to pay premium rates for advertising that is targeted at specific segments of validated uses based on their demographic profile or Internet behavior across digital media platforms. The digital media advertising and eCommerce markets may also be adversely affected by privacy issues relating to such targeted advertising, including that which makes use of personalized information, or online behavioral information. Furthermore, merchants using new digital media platforms may not be able to establish digital commerce models that are cost effective and may not learn how to effectively compete with other established Web sites or offline merchants. In addition, consumers may not continue to shift their spending on goods and services from offline outlets to other forms of digital media. As a result, growth in the use of digital media for eCommerce may not continue at a rapid rate, or digital media may not be adopted as a medium of commerce by a broad base of customers or companies worldwide. Because of the foregoing factors, among others, the market for cross-platform-focused digital media advertising and eCommerce, may not continue to grow at significant rates. If these markets do not continue to develop, or if they develop more slowly than expected, our business may suffer.

Our growth depends upon our ability to retain existing large customers and add new large customers; however, to the extent we are not successful in doing so, our ability to maintain profitability and positive cash flow may be impaired. Our success depends in part on our ability to sell our products to large customers and on the renewal of the subscriptions of those customers in subsequent years. For the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, we derived approximately

21%, 22% and 26%, respectively, of our total revenues from our top 10 customers. Uncertain economic conditions or other factors, such as the failure or consolidation of large customer companies, or internal reorganization or changes in focus, may cause certain large customers to terminate or reduce their subscriptions. Moreover, certain recently acquired companies, have revenues highly concentrated in a few large customers. The loss of any one or more of those customers could decrease our revenues and harm our current and future operating results. The addition of new large customers or increases in sales to existing large customers may require particularly long implementation periods and other significant upfront costs, which may adversely affect our profitability. To compete effectively, we have in the past been, and may in the future be, forced to offer significant discounts to maintain existing customers or acquire other large customers. In addition, we may be forced to reduce or withdraw from our relationships with certain existing customers or refrain from acquiring certain new customers in order to acquire or maintain relationships with important large customers. As a result, new large customers or increased usage of our products by large customers may cause our profits to decline and our ability to sell our products to other customers could be adversely affected. We derive a significant portion of our revenues from a single customer, Microsoft Corporation. For example, during the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, we derived approximately 7%, 8% and 10%, respectively, of our total revenues from Microsoft. If Microsoft were to cease or substantially reduce its use of our products, our revenues and earnings might decline.

As our international operations grow, changes in foreign currencies could have an increased effect on our operating results.

We operate in several countries in South America, including Brazil, Chile and Argentina as well as countries in Europe and the United Kingdom. As such, a portion of our revenues and expenses from business operations in foreign countries are derived from transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of our operations in those countries. As such, we have exposure to adverse changes in exchange rates associated with revenues and operating expenses of our foreign operations, but we do not currently enter into any hedging instruments that hedge foreign currency exchange rate risk. As we grow our international operations, and acquire companies with established business in international regions, our exposure to foreign currency risk could become more significant. For example, at the beginning of 2013, the U.S. Dollar to euro exchange rate was approximately \$1.00 to €0.76. However, during 2013, the U.S. Dollar to euro exchange rate dropped as low as \$1.00 to €0.72 and rose as high as \$1.00 to €0.78. During the year ended December 31, 2013, the average U.S. Dollar to euro exchange rate was approximately \$1.00 to €0.75. There can be no guarantee that exchange rates will remain constant over the long-term. In addition to the impact from the U.S. Dollar to euro exchange rate movements, we are also impacted by movements in the exchange rates between the U.S. Dollar and various South American currencies as well as the Pound Sterling.

Conditions and changes in the national and global economic environment may adversely affect our business and financial results.

Adverse economic conditions in markets in which we operate can harm our business. If the economies of the United States and other countries continue to experience prolonged global market uncertainty, customers may delay or reduce their purchases of digital media analytics products and services. In recent years, economic conditions in the countries in which we operate and sell products have been negative, and global financial markets have experienced significant volatility stemming from a multitude of factors, including adverse credit conditions impacted by concerns about the credit worthiness of U.S. treasury securities, the subprime-mortgage crisis, slower economic activity, inflation and deflation, decreased consumer confidence, increased unemployment, reduced corporate profits and capital spending, adverse business conditions, liquidity and other factors. Notwithstanding certain signs of economic recovery in recent periods, economic growth was slow in 2013 with and may continue to stagnate into 2014 in the U.S. and internationally, particularly in view of recent economic turmoil in Europe, increasing energy costs, Federal government budget uncertainties in the United States and increased concerns about economic slowdown in Asia, particularly in China. During challenging economic times, and in tight credit markets, many customers have and may continue to delay or reduce spending. Additionally, some of our customers may be unable to fully pay for purchases or may discontinue their businesses, resulting in the incurrence of uncollectible receivables for us. This could result in reductions in our sales, longer sales cycles, difficulties in collection of accounts receivable, slower adoption of new

technologies and increased price competition. This downturn may also impact our available resources for financing new and existing operations. If global economic and market conditions, or economic conditions in the United States or other key markets begin to deteriorate, we may experience a material and adverse impact on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Changes and instability in the national and global political environments may adversely affect our business and financial results.

Recent turmoil in the political environment in many parts of the world, including terrorist activities, military actions, political unrest and increases in energy costs due to instability in oil-producing regions may continue to put pressure on global

economic conditions. If global economic and market conditions, or economic conditions in the United States or other key markets further deteriorate, we may experience material impacts on our business, operating results, and financial condition.

The market for digital marketing products is highly competitive, and if we cannot compete effectively, our revenues will decline and our business will be harmed.

The market for digital marketing products is highly competitive and is evolving rapidly. We compete primarily with providers of digital media intelligence and related analytical products and services. We also compete with providers of marketing services and solutions, with full-service survey providers and with internal solutions developed by customers and potential customers. Our principal competitors include:

analytical services companies that provide customers with detailed information of behavior on their own data, content, or web traffic, including Omniture (owned by Adobe), Coremetrics (owned by IBM), and WebTrends; and systems providers including Accenture, EMC, and Terradata;

online advertising companies that provide measurement of online ad effectiveness and ad delivery used for billing purposes, including Nielsen, DoubleClick (owned by Google), Atlas (owned by Microsoft), and Kantar (owned by WPP);

large and small companies that create proprietary data and analysis of consumers' online behavior, including Nielsen, Effective Measures, Gemius, Compete Inc. (owned by WPP), Google, Inc., Hitwise (owned by Experian), Quantcast, and Visible Measures;

companies that provide audience ratings for TV, radio and other media that have extended or may extend their current services, particularly in certain international markets, to the measurement of digital media, including Nielsen, Arbitron (owned by Nielsen), Kantar, Rentrack and Taylor Nelson Sofres (owned by WPP);

full-service market research firms and survey providers that may measure online behavior and attitudes, including Harris Interactive, Ipsos, Synnovate, GFK, Kantar (owned by WPP) and Nielsen;

companies that provide behavioral, attitudinal and qualitative advertising effectiveness, including

Toluna/Nurago, Double Verify, MOAT, DataLogix, Context Web's Aperture, Ipsos OTX, Dynamic Logic, Insight Express and Marketing Evolution; and

specialty information providers for certain industries that we serve, including Manhattan Research (healthcare) and The Now Factory (telecommunications).

Some of our current competitors have longer operating histories, access to larger customer bases and substantially greater resources than we do. As a result, these competitors may be able to devote greater resources to marketing and promotional campaigns, panel retention, panel development or development of systems and technologies than we can. In addition, some of our competitors may adopt more aggressive pricing policies or have started to provide some services at no cost. Furthermore, large software companies, Internet portals and database management companies may enter our market or enhance their current offerings, either by developing competing services or by acquiring our competitors, and could leverage their significant resources and pre-existing relationships with our current and potential customers. Finally, consolidation of our competitors could make it difficult for us to compete effectively. If we are unable to compete successfully against our current and future competitors, we may not be able to retain and acquire customers, and we may consequently experience a decline in revenues, reduced operating margins, loss of market share and diminished value from our products.

We may encounter difficulties managing our growth and costs, which could adversely affect our results of operations. We have experienced significant growth over the past several years in the U.S. and internationally. We have substantially expanded our overall business, customer base, headcount, data collection and processing infrastructure and operating procedures as our business has grown through both organic growth and acquisitions. We increased our total number of full time employees to 1,180 employees as of December 31, 2013 from 588 employees as of December 31, 2008. As a result of downward adjustments to compensation and reductions in our workforce made in recent periods, however, we may encounter decreased employee morale and increased employee turnover. Moreover, as a result of acquisition integration initiatives, we may reduce the workforce of an acquired company or reassign personnel. Such actions may expose us to disruption by dissatisfied employees or employee-related claims, including

without limitation, claims by terminated employees that believe they are owed more compensation than we believe these employees are due under our compensation and benefit plans, or claims maintained internationally in jurisdictions whose laws and procedures differ from those in the United States. In addition, during this same period, we made substantial investments in our network infrastructure operations as a result of our growth and the growth of our panel, and we have also undertaken certain strategic acquisitions.

We believe that we will need to continue to effectively manage and expand our organization, operations and facilities in order to accommodate potential future growth or acquisitions and to successfully integrate acquired businesses. If we continue

to grow, either organically or through acquired businesses, our current systems and facilities may not be adequate. Our need to effectively manage our operations and cost structure requires that we continue to assess and improve our operational, financial and management controls, reporting systems and procedures. For example, we may be required to enter into leases for additional facilities or commit to significant investments in the build out of current or new facilities to support our growth. If we are unable to effectively forecast our facilities needs or if we are unable to sublease or terminate leases for unused space, we may experience increased unexpected costs. If we are not able to efficiently and effectively manage our cost structure or are unable to find appropriate space to support our needs, our business may be impaired.

Failure to effectively expand our sales and marketing capabilities could harm our ability to increase our customer base and achieve broader market acceptance of our products.

Increasing our customer base and achieving broader market acceptance of our products will depend to a significant extent on our ability to expand our sales and marketing operations. We expect to continue to rely on our direct sales force to obtain new customers. We may expand or enhance our direct sales force both domestically and internationally. We believe that there is significant competition for direct sales personnel with the sales skills and technical knowledge that we require. Our ability to achieve significant growth in revenues in the future will depend, in large part, on our success in recruiting, training and retaining sufficient numbers of direct sales personnel, and our ability to cross train our existing sales force with the sales forces of acquired businesses so that the sales personnel have the necessary information and ability to sell or develop sales prospects for both our products and the products of recently-acquired companies. In general, new hires require significant training and substantial experience before becoming productive. Our recent hires and planned hires may not become as productive as we require, and we may be unable to hire or retain sufficient numbers of qualified individuals in the future in the markets where we currently operate or where we seek to conduct business. Our business will be seriously harmed if the efforts to expand our sales and marketing capabilities are not successful or if they do not generate a sufficient increase in revenues. If we fail to develop our brand, our business may suffer.

We believe that building and maintaining awareness of comScore and our portfolio of products in a cost-effective manner is critical to achieving widespread acceptance of our current and future products and is an important element in attracting new customers. We will also need to carefully manage the brands used by recently acquired businesses as we integrate such businesses into our own. We rely on our relationships with the media and the exposure we receive from numerous citations of our data by media outlets to build brand awareness and credibility among our customers and the marketplace. Furthermore, we believe that brand recognition will become more important for us as competition in our market increases. Our brand's success will depend on the effectiveness of our marketing efforts and on our ability to provide reliable and valuable products to our customers at competitive prices. Our brand marketing activities may not yield increased revenues, and even if they do, any increased revenues may not offset the expenses we incur in attempting to build our brand. If we fail to successfully market our brand, we may fail to attract new customers, retain existing customers or attract media coverage to the extent necessary to realize a sufficient return on our brand-building efforts, and our business and results of operations could suffer.

We have a history of significant net losses, may incur significant net losses in the future and may not achieve profitability.

Although we have generated profits in prior periods, we incurred net losses of \$2.3 million, \$11.8 million, and \$15.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively. As such we cannot assure you that we will be able to achieve, sustain or increase profitability in the future, particularly if we engage in additional acquisition activity as we did in 2011 and 2010. As of December 31, 2013, we had an accumulated deficit of \$83.2 million. Because a large portion of our costs are fixed, we may not be able to reduce our expenses in response to any decrease in our revenues, which would adversely affect our operating results. In addition, we expect operating expenses to increase as we implement certain growth initiatives, which include, among other things, the development of new products, expansion of our infrastructure, plans for international expansion and general and administrative expenses associated with being a public company. If our revenues do not increase to offset these expected increases in costs and operating expenses, our operating results would be materially and adversely affected. If we continue to incur

significant net losses, we may not be able to realize certain deferred tax assets associated with our net operating loss carryforwards. As of December 31, 2013, we estimate our federal and state net operating loss carryforwards for tax purposes are approximately \$37.2 million and \$38.3 million, respectively. You should not consider our revenue growth in recent periods as indicative of our future performance, as our operating results for future periods are subject to numerous uncertainties.

We have limited experience with respect to our pricing model, and if the fees we charge for our products are unacceptable to our customers, our revenues and operating results will be harmed.

We have limited experience in determining the fees that our existing and potential customers will find acceptable for our products, the products of companies that we recently acquired, and any potential products that are developed as a result of the

integration of our company with acquired companies. The majority of our customers purchase specifically tailored subscription packages that are priced in the aggregate. Due to the level of customization of such subscription packages, the pricing of contracts or individual product components of such packages may not be readily comparable across customers or periods. Existing and potential customers may have difficulty assessing the value of our products and services when comparing it to competing products and services. As the market for our products matures, or as new competitors introduce new products or services that compete with ours, we may be unable to renew our agreements with existing customers or attract new customers with the fees we have historically charged. As a result, it is possible that future competitive dynamics in our market as well as global economic pressures may require us to reduce our fees, which could have an adverse effect on our revenues, profitability and operating results. We depend on third parties for data that is critical to our business, and our business could suffer if we cannot continue to obtain data from these suppliers.

We rely on third-party data sources for information regarding certain digital activities such as television viewing and mobile usage, as well as for information about offline activities of and demographic information regarding our panelists. The availability and accuracy of this data is important to the continuation and development of our cross-media products, products that use server- or census-based information as part of the research methodology, and products that link online and offline activity. If this information is not available to us at commercially reasonable terms, or is found to be inaccurate, it could harm our reputation, business and financial performance.

System failures or delays in the operation of our computer and communications systems may harm our business. Our success depends on the efficient and uninterrupted operation of our computer and communications systems and the third-party data centers we use. Our ability to collect and report accurate data may be interrupted by a number of factors, including our inability to access the Internet, the failure of our network or software systems, computer viruses, security breaches or variability in user traffic on customer Web sites. A failure of our network or data gathering procedures could impede the processing of data, cause the corruption or loss of data or prevent the timely delivery of our products.

In the future, we may need to expand our network and systems at a more rapid pace than we have in the past. Our network or systems may not be capable of meeting the demand for increased capacity, or we may incur additional unanticipated expenses to accommodate these capacity demands. In addition, we may lose valuable data, be unable to obtain or provide data on a timely basis or our network may temporarily shut down if we fail to adequately expand or maintain our network capabilities to meet future requirements. Any lapse in our ability to collect or transmit data may decrease the value of our products and prevent us from providing the data requested by our customers. Any disruption in our network processing or loss of Internet user data may damage our reputation and result in the loss of customers, and our business and results of operations could be adversely affected.

We rely on a small number of third-party service providers to host and deliver our products, and any interruptions or delays in services from these third parties could impair the delivery of our products and harm our business. We host our products and serve all of our customers from data center facilities located throughout the United States and Europe. While we operate our equipment inside these facilities, we do not control the operation of these facilities, and, depending on service level requirements, we may not continue to operate or maintain redundant data center facilities for all of our products or for all of our data, which could increase our vulnerability. These facilities are vulnerable to damage or interruption from earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, fires, power loss, telecommunications failures and similar events. They are also subject to break-ins, computer viruses, sabotage, intentional acts of vandalism and other misconduct. A natural disaster or an act of terrorism, a decision to close the facilities without adequate notice or other unanticipated problems could result in lengthy interruptions in availability of our products. We may also encounter capacity limitations at our third-party data centers. Additionally, our data center facility agreements are of limited durations, and our data center facilities have no obligation to renew their agreements with us on commercially reasonable terms, if at all. Our agreements for our various data center facilities expire at various dates through December 2017. We believe that we have good relationships with our data center facility vendors and believe that we will be able to renew, or find alternative data center facilities, at commercially reasonable terms. Although we are not substantially dependent on our data center facilities because of planned redundancies, and

although we currently are able to migrate to alternative data centers, such a migration may result in an interruption or delay in service. If we are unable to renew our agreements with the owners of the facilities on commercially reasonable terms, or if we migrate to a new data center, we may experience delays in delivering our products until an agreement with another data center facility can be arranged or the migration to a new facility is completed. We currently leverage a large content delivery network, or CDN, to provide services that allow us to offer a more efficient tagging methodology for certain subscription based measurement and analytics product offerings. If that service faced

unplanned outage or the service became immediately unavailable, an alternate CDN provider or additional capacity in our data centers would need to be established to support the large volume of tag requests that we currently manage which would either require additional investments in equipment and facilities or a transition plan. This could unexpectedly raise the costs and could contribute to delays or losses in tag data that could affect the quality and reputation of our Media Metrix 360 data products.

Further, we depend on access to the Internet through third-party bandwidth providers to operate our business. If we lose the services of one or more of our bandwidth providers for any reason, we could experience disruption in the delivery of our products or be required to retain the services of a replacement bandwidth provider. It may be difficult for us to replace any lost bandwidth on commercially reasonable terms, or at all, due to the large amount of bandwidth our operations require.

Our operations also rely heavily on the availability of electrical power and cooling capacity, which are also supplied by third-party providers. If we or the third-party data center operators that we use to deliver our products were to experience a major power outage or if the cost of electrical power increases significantly, our operations and profitability would be harmed. If we or the third-party data centers that we use were to experience a major power outage, we would have to rely on back-up generators, which may not function properly, and their supply may be inadequate. Such a power outage could result in the disruption of our business. Additionally, if our current facilities fail to have sufficient cooling capacity or availability of electrical power, we would need to find alternative facilities. Any errors, defects, disruptions or other performance problems with our products caused by third parties could harm our reputation and may damage our business. Interruptions in the availability of our products may reduce our revenues due to increased turnaround time to complete projects, cause us to issue credits to customers, cause customers to terminate their subscription and project agreements or adversely affect our renewal rates. Our business would be harmed if our customers or potential customers believe our products are unreliable.

Laws related to the regulation of the Internet could adversely affect our business.

Laws and regulations that apply to communications and commerce over the Internet are becoming more prevalent. In particular, the growth and development of the market for eCommerce has prompted calls for more stringent tax, consumer protection and privacy laws in the United States and abroad that may impose additional burdens on companies conducting business online. The adoption, modification or interpretation of laws or regulations relating to the Internet or our customers' digital operations could negatively affect the businesses of our customers and reduce their demand for our products. Even if such laws and regulations are not enacted, lawmakers and regulators may publicly call into question the collection and use of Internet or mobile usage data and may affect vendors and customers' willingness to do business with us.

Taxing authorities may successfully assert that we should have collected or in the future should collect sales and use, value added or similar taxes, and we could be subject to liability with respect to past or future sales, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

We do not collect sales and use, value added and similar taxes in all jurisdictions in which we have sales. Sales and use, value added and similar tax laws and rates vary greatly by jurisdiction. Certain jurisdictions in which we do not collect such taxes may assert that such taxes are applicable, which could result in tax assessments, penalties and interest, and we may be required to collect such taxes in the future. Such tax assessments, penalties and interest or future requirements may adversely affect the results of our operations.

If we fail to respond to evolving industry standards, our products may become obsolete or less competitive. The market for our products is characterized by rapid technological advances, changes in customer requirements, changes in protocols and evolving industry standards. For example, industry associations such as the Advertising Research Foundation, the Council of American Survey Research Organizations, the Internet Advertising Bureau, or IAB, and the Media Rating Council have independently initiated efforts to either review online market research methodologies or to develop minimum standards for online market research. In April 2011, comScore Direct was accredited by the Media Rating Council. Any standards adopted by U.S or internationally based industry associations may lead to costly changes to our procedures and methodologies. As a result, the cost of developing our digital media analytics products could increase. If we do not adhere to standards prescribed by the IAB or other industry

associations, our customers could choose to purchase products from competing companies that meet such standards. Furthermore, industry associations based in countries outside of the United States often endorse certain vendors or methodologies. If our methodologies fail to receive an endorsement from an important industry association located in a foreign country, advertising agencies, media companies and advertisers in that country may not purchase our products. As a result, our efforts to further expand internationally could be adversely affected.

The success of our business depends on the continued growth of the Internet as a medium for commerce, content, advertising and communications.

Expansion in the sales of our products depends on the continued acceptance of the digital media as a platform for commerce, content, advertising and communications. The use of the digital media as a medium for commerce, content, advertising and communications could be adversely impacted by delays in the development or adoption of new standards and protocols to handle increased demands of digital media activity, security, reliability, cost, ease-of-use, accessibility and quality-of-service. The performance of the Internet and its acceptance as a medium for commerce, content, advertising and communications has been harmed by viruses, worms, and similar malicious programs, and the Internet has experienced a variety of outages and other delays as a result of damage to portions of its infrastructure. If for any reason digital media does not remain a medium for widespread commerce, content, advertising and communications, the demand for our products would be significantly reduced, which would harm our business.

We rely on our management team and may need additional personnel to grow our business; the loss of one or more key employees or the inability to attract and retain qualified personnel could harm our business.

Our success and future growth depends to a significant degree on the skills and continued services of our management team, including our founders, Magid M. Abraham, Ph.D. and Gian M. Fulgoni, and our management team. Our future success also depends on our ability to retain, attract and motivate highly skilled technical, managerial, marketing and customer service personnel, including members of our management team. All of our employees work for us on an at-will basis. We plan to hire additional personnel in all areas of our business, particularly for our sales, marketing and technology development areas, both domestically and internationally, which will likely increase our recruiting and hiring costs. Competition for these types of personnel is intense, particularly in the Internet and software industries. As a result, we may be unable to successfully attract or retain qualified personnel. Our inability to retain and attract the necessary personnel could adversely affect our business.

Changes in, or interpretations of, accounting rules and regulations, could result in unfavorable accounting charges. Accounting methods and policies, including policies governing revenue recognition, expenses and accounting for stock options are continually subject to review, interpretation, and guidance from relevant accounting authorities, including the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, and the SEC. Changes to, or interpretations of, accounting methods or policies in the future may require us to reclassify, restate or otherwise change or revise our financial statements.

Investors could lose confidence in our financial reports, and our business and stock price may be adversely affected, if our internal control over financial reporting is found by management or by our independent registered public accounting firm not to be adequate or if we disclose significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in those controls. Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires us to include a report on our internal control over financial reporting in our Annual Report on Form 10-K. That report includes management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the end the fiscal year. Additionally, our independent registered public accounting firm is required to issue a report on their evaluation of the operating effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting.

We continue to evaluate our existing internal controls against the standards adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or PCAOB. During the course of our ongoing evaluation of our internal controls, we have in the past identified, and may in the future identify, areas requiring improvement, and may have to design enhanced processes and controls to address issues identified through this review. Remedying any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses that we or our independent registered public accounting firm may identify could require us to incur significant costs and expend significant time and management resources. We cannot assure you that any of the measures we may implement to remedy any such deficiencies will effectively mitigate or remedy such deficiencies. Further, if we are not able to complete the assessment under Section 404 in a timely manner or to remedy any identified material weaknesses, we and our independent registered public accounting firm would be unable to conclude that our internal control over financial reporting is effective at the required reporting deadlines. If our internal control over financial reporting is found by management or by our independent registered public accountant

to not be adequate or if we disclose significant existing or potential deficiencies or material weaknesses in those controls, investors could lose confidence in our financial reports, we could be subject to sanctions or investigations by The NASDAQ Global Market, the Securities and Exchange Commission or other regulatory authorities and our stock price could be adversely affected.

In future periods, we may upgrade our financial reporting systems and implement new information technology systems to better manage our business, streamline our financial reporting and enhance our existing internal controls. We may experience difficulties if we transition to new or upgraded systems, including loss of data and decreases in productivity as our personnel become familiar with new systems. In addition, we expect that our existing management information systems may require

modification and refinement as we grow and our business needs change. Any modifications could prolong difficulties we experience with systems transitions, and we may not always employ the most efficient or effective systems for our purposes. If upgrades cost more or take longer than we anticipate, our operating results could be adversely affected. Moreover, if we experience difficulties in implementing new or upgraded information systems or experience system failures, or if we are unable to successfully modify our management information systems to respond to changes in our business needs, our ability to timely and effectively process analyze and prepare financial statements could be adversely affected.

A determination that there is a significant deficiency or material weakness in the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting could also reduce our ability to obtain financing or could increase the cost of any financing we obtain and require additional expenditures to comply with applicable requirements.

Our net operating loss carryforwards may expire unutilized or underutilized, which could prevent us from offsetting future taxable income.

We have previously experienced "changes in control" that have triggered the limitations of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code on a portion of our net operating loss carryforwards. As a result, we may be limited in the amount of net operating loss carryforwards that we can use in the future to offset taxable income for U.S. Federal income tax purposes.

As of December 31, 2013, we estimate our federal and state net operating loss carryforwards for tax purposes are approximately \$37.2 million and \$38.3 million, respectively. These net operating loss carryforwards will begin to expire in 2022 for federal income tax reporting purposes and in 2014 for state income tax reporting purposes. In addition, at December 31, 2013 we estimate our aggregate net operating loss carryforwards for tax purposes related to our foreign subsidiaries are \$20.8 million, which began to expire in 2017.

We apply a valuation allowance to certain deferred tax assets when management does not believe that it is more-likely-than-not that they will be realized. In assessing the need for any valuation allowances, we consider the reversal of existing temporary differences associated with deferred tax assets and liabilities, future taxable income, tax planning strategies and historical and future pre-tax book income (as adjusted for permanent differences between financial and tax accounting items) in order to determine if it is more likely than not that the deferred tax asset will be realized. For example, we have had several recent years of pre-tax losses, and further losses may present evidence that our net operating loss carryforwards may not be realized in future periods.

As of December 31, 2013, we had a valuation allowance related to the deferred tax assets of the foreign subsidiaries (primarily net operating loss carryforwards) that are either loss companies or are in their start-up phases, including entities in Spain and the Czech Republic, and the deferred tax asset related to certain state net operating loss carryforwards. Management will continue to evaluate the deferred tax position of our U.S. and foreign companies to determine the appropriate level of valuation allowance required against our deferred tax assets.

Restrictive Covenants in the Agreements Governing Our Current and Future Indebtedness Could Restrict Our Operating Flexibility.

The agreements governing our existing debt, and debt we may incur in the future, contain, or may contain, affirmative and negative covenants that materially limit our ability to take certain actions, including our ability to incur debt, pay dividends and repurchase stock, make certain investments and other payments, enter into certain mergers and consolidations, and encumber and dispose of assets. Credit market turmoil, adverse events affecting our business or industry, the tightening of lending standards or other factors could negatively impact our ability to obtain future financing or to refinance our outstanding indebtedness on terms acceptable to us or at all.

Our Ability To Draw On Our Loan Facility May Be Adversely Affected by Conditions in the U.S. and International Capital Markets.

If financial institutions that have extended credit to us are adversely affected by the conditions of the U.S. and international capital and credit markets, they may be unable to fund borrowings under credit commitments to us. For example, we currently have a \$100.0 million revolving line of credit, with a \$10.0 million sublimit for standby letters of credit with several banks (the "Lenders") with Bank of America as administrative agent and lead lender. As of December 31, 2013, no amounts are outstanding under the terms of our revolving credit facility. If the Lenders are

adversely affected by capital and credit market conditions and are unable to make loans to us when requested, there could be a corresponding adverse impact on our financial condition and our ability to borrow additional funds, if needed, for working capital and general corporate purposes.

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We may require additional capital to support business growth, and this capital may not be available on acceptable terms or at all.

We intend to continue to make investments to support our business growth and may require additional funds to respond to business challenges, including the need to develop new products or enhance our existing products, enhance our operating infrastructure and acquire complementary businesses and technologies.

Accordingly, we may need to engage in equity or debt financings to secure additional funds. If we raise additional funds through further issuances of equity or convertible debt securities, our existing stockholders could suffer significant dilution, and any new equity securities we issue could have rights, preferences and privileges superior to those of holders of our common stock. Any debt financing secured by us in the future could include restrictive covenants relating to our capital raising activities and other financial and operational matters, which may make it more difficult for us to obtain additional capital and to pursue business opportunities, including potential acquisitions. In addition, we may not be able to obtain additional financing on terms favorable to us or at all. If we are unable to obtain adequate financing or financing on terms satisfactory to us when we require it, our ability to continue to support our business growth and to respond to business challenges could be significantly limited. In addition, the terms of any additional equity or debt issuances may adversely affect the value and price of our common stock. Risks Related to the Securities Market and Ownership of our Common Stock

The trading price of our common stock may be subject to significant fluctuations and volatility, and our new stockholders may be unable to resell their shares at a profit.

The stock markets, in general, and the markets for technology stocks in particular, have experienced high levels of volatility. The market for technology stocks has been extremely volatile and frequently reaches levels that bear no relationship to the past or present operating performance of those companies. These broad market fluctuations may adversely affect the trading price of our common stock. In addition, the trading price of our common stock has been subject to significant fluctuations and may continue to fluctuate or decline.

The price of our common stock in the market may be higher or lower than the price you pay, depending on many factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be related to our operating performance. It is possible that, in future quarters, our operating results may be below the expectations of analysts or investors. As a result of these and other factors, the price of our common stock may decline, possibly materially. These fluctuations could cause you to lose all or part of your investment in our common stock. Factors that could cause fluctuations in the trading price of our common stock include the following:

price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market from time to time;

volatility in the market price and trading volume of technology companies and of companies in our industry;

actual or anticipated changes or fluctuations in our operating results;

actual or anticipated changes in expectations regarding our performance by investors or securities analysts;

the failure of securities analysts to cover our common stock or changes in financial estimates by analysts;

actual or anticipated developments in our competitors' businesses or the competitive landscape;

actual or perceived inaccuracies in, or dissatisfaction with, information we provide to our customers or the media;

ditigation involving us, our industry or both;

regulatory developments;

privacy and security concerns, including public perception of our practices as an invasion of privacy;

general economic conditions and trends;

major catastrophic events;

sales of large blocks of our stock;

the timing and success of new product introductions or upgrades by us or our competitors;

changes in our pricing policies or payment terms or those of our competitors;

concerns relating to the security of our network and systems;

our ability to expand our operations, domestically and internationally, and the amount and timing of expenditures related to this expansion; or

departures of key personnel.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been brought against that company. If our stock price is volatile, we may become the target of securities litigation,

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which could result in substantial costs and divert our management's attention and resources from our business. In addition, volatility, lack of positive performance in our stock price or changes to our overall compensation program, including our equity incentive program, may adversely affect our ability to retain key employees.

We cannot assure you that a market will continue to develop or exist for our common stock or what the market price of our common stock will be.

We cannot assure you that a public trading market for our common stock will continue to develop or be sustained. If a market is not sustained, it may be difficult for you to sell your shares of common stock at an attractive price or at all. We cannot predict the prices at which our common stock will trade.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about our business or if they issue an adverse or misleading opinion regarding our stock, our stock price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our common stock will be influenced by the research and reports that industry or securities analysts publish about us or our business. If any of the analysts who cover us issue an adverse or misleading opinion regarding our stock, our stock price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our company or fail to publish reports on us regularly, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause our stock price or trading volume to decline.

Future sales of shares by existing stockholders or new issuances of securities by us could cause our stock price to decline.

If we or our existing stockholders sell, or indicate an intention to sell, substantial amounts of our common stock or other securities in the public market, the trading price of our common stock could decline. Sales of substantial amounts of shares of our common stock or other securities by us or our existing stockholders could lower the market price of our common stock and impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of new securities in the future at a time and price that we deem appropriate.

We have incurred and will continue to incur increased costs and demands upon management as a result of complying with the laws and regulations affecting a public company, which could adversely affect our operating results. As a public company, we have incurred and will continue to incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we would not otherwise incur if we were a private company. In addition, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, as well as rules implemented by the Securities and Exchange Commission and The NASDAQ Stock Market, requires certain corporate governance practices for public companies. Our management and other personnel devote a substantial amount of time to public reporting requirements and corporate governance. These rules and regulations have significantly increased our legal and financial compliance costs and made some activities more time-consuming and costly. We also have incurred additional costs associated with our public company reporting requirements. If these costs do not continue to be offset by increased revenues and improved financial performance, our operating results would be adversely affected. These rules and regulations also make it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage if these costs continue to rise. As a result, it may be more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified people to serve on our board of directors or as executive officers.

Provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws and under Delaware law might discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our company or changes in our management and, therefore, depress the trading price of our common stock.

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could depress the trading price of our common stock by acting to discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our company or changes in our management that the stockholders of our company may deem advantageous. These provisions:

provide for a classified board of directors so that not all members of our board of directors are elected at one time; authorize "blank check" preferred stock that our board of directors could issue to increase the number of outstanding shares to discourage a takeover attempt;

prohibit stockholder action by written consent, which means that all stockholder actions must be taken at a meeting of our stockholders;

prohibit stockholders from calling a special meeting of our stockholders; provide that the board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter or repeal our bylaws; and

provide for advance notice requirements for nominations for elections to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at stockholder meetings.

Additionally, we are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any of a broad range of business combinations with any "interested" stockholder for a period of three years following the date on which the stockholder became an "interested" stockholder and which may discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our company.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

Our corporate headquarters and executive offices are located in Reston, Virginia, where we occupy approximately 96,000 square feet of office space under a lease that initially expires in 2022, although we have an option to extend until up to 2032, subject to certain conditions. We also lease space in various locations throughout the United States, North America, South America, Europe, and Asia for sales and other personnel. If we require additional space, we believe that we would be able to obtain such space on commercially reasonable terms.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In addition to the following matters, we may, from time to time, become a party to a variety of legal proceedings that arise in the normal course of our business. While the results of such normal course legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that, based on current knowledge, the final outcome of the current pending matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. We are otherwise not presently a party to any pending legal proceedings the outcome of which we believe, if determined adversely to us, would individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse impact on our consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position. Regardless of the outcome, legal proceedings can have an adverse effect on us because of defense costs, diversion of management resources and other factors. Privacy Class Action Litigation

On August 23, 2011, we received notice that Mike Harris and Jeff Dunstan, individually and on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals, filed a lawsuit against us in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, alleging, among other things, violations by us of the Stored Communications Act, the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act as well as unjust enrichment. The complaint seeks unspecified damages, including statutory damages per violation and punitive damages, injunctive relief and reasonable attorneys' fees of the plaintiffs. Based on a review of these claims, we believe that they are without merit, and we intend to vigorously protect and defend ourselves. In October 2012, the plaintiffs filed an amended complaint which, among other things, removed the claim relating to alleged violations of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act. The court has certified a class, with trial expected in the second quarter of 2014.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

None

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK

Our common stock has been traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "SCOR" since our initial public offering in June 2007. The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices of our common stock for each period indicated and are as reported by the NASDAQ Global Market.

	2013		2012	
Fiscal Period	High	Low	High	Low
First Quarter	\$17.44	\$13.98	\$23.68	\$20.61
Second Quarter	\$24.39	\$15.67	\$21.48	\$15.86
Third Quarter	\$29.79	\$24.63	\$17.15	\$12.21
Fourth Quarter	\$29.09	\$25.83	\$16.26	\$12.41

HOLDERS

As of February 14, 2014 there were 94 stockholders of record of our common stock, although we believe that there may be a significantly larger number of beneficial owners of our common stock. We derived the number of stockholders by reviewing the listing of outstanding common stock recorded by our transfer agent as of February 14, 2014.

STOCK PERFORMANCE GRAPH

The following graph compares the cumulative total stockholder return on our common stock between December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2013 to the cumulative total returns of the NASDAQ Composite Index and NASDAQ Computer Index over the same period. This graph assumes the investment of \$100 at the closing price of the markets on December 31, 2008 in our common stock, the NASDAQ Composite Index and the NASDAQ Computer Index, and assumes the reinvestment of dividends, if any. We have never paid dividends on our common stock and have no present plans to do so.

The comparisons shown in the following graph are based upon historical data. We caution that the stock price performance shown in the graph below is not necessarily indicative of, nor is it intended to forecast, the potential future performance of our common stock.

COMPARISON OF CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN* among comScore, Inc., The NASDAQ Composite Index and The NASDAQ Computer Index

The preceding Stock Performance Graph is not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be incorporated by reference in any of our filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

DIVIDEND POLICY

Since our inception, we have not declared or paid any cash dividends. We currently expect to retain cash generated from operations for use in the operation and expansion of our business and therefore do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. There is no restriction to pay dividends under our current credit agreement. EOUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The information required by this item regarding equity compensation plans is set forth in Part III, Item 12 "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters" of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

On June 3, 2013 the Company announced that its board of directors had approved the repurchase of up to \$50 million of the Company's common stock. Such repurchases may be made from time to time subject to pre-determined price and volume guidelines established by the Company's board of directors.

^{* \$100} invested upon market close of the NASDAQ Global Market on December 31, 2008, including reinvestment of dividends.

Share repurchase activity under our share repurchase program for each of the three months ended December 31, 2013, was as follows:

Fiscal Period	Total Number of Shares Purchase	Average Price Per Share (or Unit)	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	(or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (in millions)
October 1 - October 31, 2013	40,000	\$26.91	40,000	\$48,430
November 1 - November 30, 2013	300,000	\$27.25	300,000	40,268
December 1 - December 31, 2013	120,000	\$28.03	120,000	36,910
Total	460,000		460,000	\$36,910

Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities during the Three Months Ended December 31, 2013 None.

Use of Proceeds from Sale of Registered Equity Securities

Not applicable.

PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY THE ISSUER AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS

During the three months ended December 31, 2013, we repurchased the following shares of common stock in connection with certain restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards issued under our Equity Incentive Plans:

	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased(1)	Share (or Unit)	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
October 1 - October 31, 2013	18,464	\$16.95	_	_
November 1 - November 30, 2013	21,944	\$16.22	_	_
December 1 - December 31, 2013	635	\$ —	_	_
Total	41,043		_	

⁽¹⁾ The shares included in the table above were repurchased either in connection with (i) our exercise of the repurchase right afforded to us in connection with certain employee restricted stock awards or (ii) the forfeiture of shares by an employee as payment of the minimum statutory withholding taxes due upon the vesting of certain employee restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards.

Maximum Number

(i) For the three months ended December 31, 2013, the shares repurchased in connection with our exercise of the repurchase right afforded to us upon the cessation of employment consisted of the following:

	Total Number of	Average Price
	Shares Purchased	Per Share
October 1 - October 31, 2013	6,750	\$
November 1 - November 30, 2013	9,005	\$ —
December 1 - December 31, 2013	635	\$ —
Total	16,390	

(ii) The shares we repurchased in connection with the payment of minimum statutory withholding taxes due upon the vesting of certain restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards were repurchased at the then current fair market value of the shares. For the three months ended December 31, 2013, these shares consisted of the following:

	Total Number of Average	
	Shares Purchased	Per Share
October 1 - October 31, 2013	11,714	\$26.72
November 1 - November 30, 2013	12,939	\$27.50
December 1 - December 31, 2013	_	\$ —
Total	24,653	

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected consolidated financial data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included elsewhere in this report. The selected data in this section is not intended to replace the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated statements of operations data and the consolidated statements of cash flows data for each of the three years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 as well as the consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 are derived from and should be read together with our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing in this report. The consolidated statements of operations data and the consolidated statements of cash flows data for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 as well as the consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements not included in this report. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for future periods.

	Year Ended I 2013	De	2012	s, e	2011 except share a	nd j	2010 per share data)	2009	
Consolidated Statement of										
Operations Data:										
Revenues	\$286,860		\$255,193		\$232,392		\$174,999		\$127,740	
Cost of revenues (1)	89,963		86,379		75,103		51,953		38,730	
Selling and marketing (1)	99,947		91,849		78,289		59,641		41,954	
Research and development (1)	41,025		33,994		34,050		26,377		17,827	
General and administrative (1)	46,449		38,134		48,514		33,953		18,232	
Amortization of intangible assets	7,957		9,289		9,301		4,534		1,457	
Impairment of intangible assets	_		3,349				_		_	
Gain on asset disposition	(214)	_							
Settlement of litigation	(1,360)	_		5,175		_		_	
Total expenses from operations	283,767		262,994		250,432		176,458		118,200	
Income (loss) from operations	3,093		(7,801)	(18,040)	(1,459)	9,540	
Interest and other (expense)	(938	`	(870)	(525)	53		410	
income, net	(936)	(870)	(323	,	33		410	
Loss from foreign currency	(62	`	(744	`	(410)	(347	`	(132	`
transactions	(02)	(744)	(410	,	(347)	(132)
Gain on sale of marketable					211				89	
securities			_		211		_		09	
Income (loss) before income	2,093		(9,415	`	(18,764	`	(1,753	`	9,907	
taxes	2,093		(9,413)	(10,704	,	(1,733	,	9,907	
(Provision) benefit for income	(4,426)	(2,374)	2,974		177		(5,938	`
taxes	(4,420	,	(2,374	,	2,974		1 / /		(3,936)
Net (loss) income	\$(2,333)	\$(11,789)	\$(15,790)	\$(1,576)	\$3,969	
Net (loss) income per common										
share:										
Basic	\$(0.07)	\$(0.35)	\$(0.49)	\$(0.05)	\$0.13	
Diluted	\$(0.07)	\$(0.35)	\$(0.49)	\$(0.05)	\$0.13	
Weighted-average number of										
shares used in per share										
calculations:										
Basic	34,443,126		33,244,798		32,289,877		31,070,018		30,014,085	
Diluted	34,443,126		33,244,798		32,289,877		31,070,018		30,970,642	
(1) Amortization of stock-based	compensation	is	included in th	ne l	ine items abo	ve a	as follows			
Cost of revenues	\$3,346		\$2,481		\$1,976		\$1,494		\$1,186	
Selling and marketing	\$11,062		\$12,283		\$8,512		\$6,217		\$4,617	
Research and development	\$3,021		\$1,919		\$1,988		\$1,868		\$1,111	
General and administrative	\$9,606		\$8,213		\$8,784		\$8,195		\$2,942	
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	December 31	•			
	2013	2012	2011	2010 (In thousands)	2009
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:					
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	\$67,795	\$61,764	\$38,071	\$ 33,736	\$88,117
Total current assets	\$178,799	\$148,929	\$126,509	\$ 103,097	\$136,419
Total assets	\$363,413	\$336,485	\$320,057	\$ 283,079	\$217,539
Total current liabilities	\$134,973	\$121,306	\$112,390	\$ 97,228	\$59,409
Equipment loan and capital lease obligations, long-term	\$13,330	\$6,478	\$6,676	\$ 7,959	\$674
Stockholders' equity	\$198,802	\$195,643	\$190,567	\$ 165,832	\$147,939
	Year Ended I	December 31,			
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
				(In thousands)	
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Data:					
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$44,574	\$44,872	\$26,750	\$ 25,410	\$25,031
Depreciation and amortization	\$24,734	\$23,448	\$22,653	\$ 12,956	\$8,001
Capital expenditures	\$4,597	\$7,590	\$7,235	\$ 5,119	\$6,472

Please see "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" under Part II, Item 7 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion of key accounting changes which occurred during the years covered in the above table. Additional information regarding business combinations and dispositions for the relevant periods above may be found in the notes accompanying our consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes to those statements included elsewhere in Part II Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. In addition to historical financial information, the following discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Our actual results and timing of selected events may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors, including those discussed under Item 1A, "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. See also "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" at the beginning of this Form 10-K.

Overview

We provide digital media analytics that enable our customers to make well-informed, data-driven decisions to effectively manage their business, build successful digital strategies and tactics, and optimize their marketing and advertising investments. We are a technology-driven company that measures what people do as they navigate the digital world across multiple technology platforms including personal computers, smartphones, tablets, televisions and interact with digital media, including Web sites, apps, video programming and advertising. We aspire to measure all digital interactions across all major digital platforms, at scale, on a global basis.

Our products and services provide customers with deep and actionable insight into consumer behavior including objective, detailed information about consumer usage of digital content and advertising coupled with information on consumer demographic characteristics, attitudes, lifestyles and offline behavior. We are skilled in combining proprietary comScore data with our clients' own data, as well as data from partners, to provide uniquely valuable digital media analytics. We deliver on-demand and real-time products and services through a scalable

Software-as-Service delivery model which supports both comScore-branded products and also partner products integrating comScore data and services. During the year ended December 31, 2013, we provided service to approximately 2,400 customers worldwide with our broad geographic base of employees located in 31 locations in 23 countries.

Key Metrics

	Year ended December,					
	2013		2012	2011		
	(dollars in thousands)					
Revenue	\$286,860		\$255,193	\$232,292		
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$60,071		\$42,801	\$47,096		
Adjusted EBITDA Margin*	21	%	17	% 20	%	

Adjusted EBITDA is not calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. A reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure to the most directly comparable GAAP-based measure along with a summary of the definition and its material limitation are included in the section titled "-Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

We monitor the key financial and operating metrics set forth in the preceding table to help us evaluate trends and measure the effectiveness and efficiency of our operations. We discuss our revenue in the section titled "Our Revenues" and "Results of Operations" and Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin in the section titled "Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To provide investors with additional information regarding our financial results, we have disclosed these adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin, which are both non-GAAP financial measures.

We present these non-GAAP financial measures because they are key measures used by our management and board of directors to understand and evaluate our core operating performance and trends. We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors.

We define adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) plus; amortization of intangible assets, impairment of intangible assets, stock-based compensation, costs related to acquisitions, restructuring and other non-recurring items, settlement of litigation, gain on ARS disposition, pro-forma adjustment to exclude the non-Health Copy-Testing and Configuration Manager products and deferred tax provision, current cash tax provision, depreciation, and interest expense (income), net. Adjusted EBITDA margin is the quotient of Adjusted EBITDA divided by total revenue.

Our use of these non-GAAP financial measures has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider them in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. These limitations are:

although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated may have to be replaced in the future, and adjusted EBITDA does not reflect cash capital expenditure requirements for such replacements or for new capital expenditure requirements;

- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;
- adjusted EBITDA does not consider the impact of equity-based compensation;
- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect tax payments that may represent a reduction in cash available to us; and other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate adjusted EBITDA differently, which reduces its usefulness as a comparative measure.

Because of these and other limitations, you should consider adjusted EBITDA alongside other GAAP-based financial performance measures, including various cash flow metrics, net income (loss) and our other GAAP financial results. Management addresses the inherent limitations associated with using adjusted EBITDA through disclosure of such limitations, presentation of our financial statements in accordance with GAAP and reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to the most directly comparable GAAP measure, net income (loss). Further, management also reviews GAAP measures, and evaluates individual measures that are not included in adjusted EBITDA such as our level of capital expenditures and interest expense, among other items.

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The following table presents a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to net loss, the most comparable GAAP measure, for each of the periods identified:

	Year ended December,					
	2013		2012		2011	
	(dollars in th					
Net loss	(2,333)	(11,789)	(15,790)
Amortization of intangible assets	7,957		9,289		9,301	
Impairment of intangible assets			3,349			
Stock-based compensation	27,035		24,896		21,260	
Costs related to acquisitions, restructuring and othe non-recurring items	^r 7,015		1,437		3,405	
Settlement of litigation	(1,360)			5,175	
Gain on ARS disposition	(214)				
Adjustment to exclude non-Health Copy-Testing and Configuration Manager products	(170)	(1,572)	(3,070)
Deferred tax provision	2,381		896		(4,356)
Current cash tax provision	2,045		1,478		1,382	
Depreciation	16,777		14,159		13,352	
Interest expense (income), net	938		658		(525)
Adjusted EBITDA	60,071		42,801		30,134	
Adjusted EBITDA margin(1)	21	%	17	%	14	%