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**Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended  
September 30, 2014

OR

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

For the transition period from  
\_\_\_\_\_ to  
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Commission file number:  
000-22427

**HESKA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as  
specified in its charter)

Delaware 192527  
(State or Country of Incorporation)  
(State or Country of Employer Identification  
Number)

other  
jurisdiction  
of  
incorporation  
or  
organization)

3760  
Rocky  
Mountain  
Avenue  
80538  
Loveland,  
Colorado  
(Address  
of  
principal  
executive  
offices)

Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code: (970) 493-7272

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

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the  
registrant has submitted  
electronically and posted on its  
corporate Web site, if any, every  
Interactive Data File required to be  
submitted and posted pursuant to  
Rule 405 of Regulation S-T  
 (§232.405 of this chapter) during the  
preceding 12 months (or for such  
shorter period that the registrant was  
required to submit and post such  
files).

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the  
registrant is a large accelerated filer,  
an accelerated filer, a  
non-accelerated filer or a smaller

reporting company as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large

accelerated  
filer Accelerated filer [ ]

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not

check Smaller reporting company [X]

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company)

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

Yes [ ] No [X]

The number of shares of the Registrant's Public Common Stock outstanding at November 7, 2014

was 6,319,644.

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**HESKA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(amounts in thousands except shares and per share amounts)  
(unaudited)

**ASSETS**

	December 31, 2013	September 30, 2014
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$6,016	\$ 5,753
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$209 and \$270, respectively	11,409	12,818
Due from – related parties	1,200	908
Inventories, net	11,687	12,088
Deferred tax asset, current	2,156	2,137
Other current assets	1,443	1,066
Total current assets	33,911	34,770
Property and equipment, net	9,928	13,184
Note receivable – related party	1,407	1,451
Goodwill and other intangible assets	21,571	21,308
Deferred tax asset, net of current portion	26,358	25,821
Other long-term assets	378	550
Total assets	\$93,553	\$ 97,084

**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$4,448	\$4,662
Due to – related party	—	706
Accrued liabilities	4,420	4,675
Current portion of deferred revenue	3,908	4,994
Line of credit	4,798	1,844
Other short-term borrowings, including current portion of long-term note payable	132	159
Total current liabilities	17,706	17,040
Long-term note payable, net of current portion	369	243
Deferred revenue, net of current portion, and other	11,298	12,951
Total liabilities	29,373	30,234

Commitments and contingencies

Non-Controlling Interest	13,659	15,519
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Public Common Stock subject to redemption	3,405	—
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 2,500,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 7,500,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding	—	—
Public common stock, \$.01 par value, 7,500,000 shares authorized;		
5,845,931 and 6,302,521 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	58	63
Additional paid-in capital	217,588	221,331
Accumulated other comprehensive income	580	389
Accumulated deficit	(171,110)	(170,452)
Total stockholders' equity	47,116	51,331
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$93,553	\$ 97,084

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.



**HESKA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(in thousands, except per share amounts)  
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2013	2014	September 30, 2013	2014
Revenue, net:				
Core companion animal health	\$14,515	\$16,371	\$46,015	\$51,223
Other vaccines, pharmaceuticals and products	3,080	5,434	8,820	14,291
Total revenue, net	17,595	21,805	54,835	65,514
Cost of revenue	10,189	13,488	34,607	39,841
Gross profit	7,406	8,317	20,228	25,673
Operating expenses:				
Selling and marketing	4,591	4,716	14,554	14,413
Research and development	324	322	1,197	1,084
General and administrative	2,416	2,938	8,662	9,019
Total operating expenses	7,331	7,976	24,413	24,516
Operating income (loss)	75	341	(4,185)	1,157
Interest and other (income) expense, net	93	(40)	134	(31)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(18)	381	(4,319)	1,188
Income tax expense (benefit):				
Current tax expense	6	60	71	113
Deferred tax expense (benefit)	(6)	306	(1,553)	555
Total income tax expense (benefit)	—	366	(1,482)	668
Net income (loss)	\$(18)	\$15	\$(2,837)	\$520
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interest	(259)	(498)	(464)	(1,254)
Net income (loss) attributable to Heska Corporation	\$241	\$513	\$(2,373)	\$1,774
Basic net income (loss) per share attributable to Heska Corporation	\$0.04	\$0.09	\$(0.41)	\$0.30
Diluted net income (loss) per share attributable to Heska Corporation	\$0.04	\$0.08	\$(0.41)	\$0.28

Weighted average outstanding shares used to compute basic net income (loss)  
per share attributable to Heska Corporation

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	5,826	5,989	5,727	5,929
Weighted average outstanding shares used to compute diluted net income (loss) per share attributable to Heska Corporation	5,865	6,554	5,727	6,314

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**HESKA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2013	September 30, 2014
Net income (loss)	\$(18 )	\$ 15	\$ (2,837)	\$ 520
Other comprehensive income (expense):				
Minimum pension liability	—	6	—	—
Foreign currency translation	114	(258)	20	(188 )
Unrealized gain (loss) on available for sale investments	—	—	13	(2 )
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$96	\$ (237)	\$ (2,804)	\$ 330
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interest	\$(259)	\$(498)	\$(464)	\$(1,254)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Heska Corporation	\$355	\$ 261	\$ (2,340)	\$ 1,584



See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**HESKA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended	
	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$(2,837)	\$520
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,715	2,594
Deferred tax (benefit) expense	(1,553)	555
Stock-based compensation	315	1,147
Unrealized (gain) loss on foreign currency translation	13	(52)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	3,896	(1,408)
Inventories	(1,975)	(4,305)
Other current assets	(108)	345
Accounts payable	(1,545)	1,118
Accrued liabilities and other	935	377
Other non-current assets	—	(87)
Deferred revenue and other	(116)	2,801
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(1,260)	3,605
<b>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Investment in subsidiary	(3,019)	—
Purchase of property and equipment	(1,270)	(1,775)
Proceeds from disposition of property and equipment	5,020	6
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	731	(1,769)
<b>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	254	1,069
Repayments of line of credit borrowings, net	1,728	(2,954)
Repayments of other debt	(893)	(144)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,089	(2,029)
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	—	(70)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	560	(263)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	5,784	6,016
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$6,344	\$5,753
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>		
Cash paid for interest	\$61	\$68
Non-cash transfer of inventory to PP&E and other assets	\$2,363	\$3,881
Prepaid applied to acquisition of Heska Imaging	\$1,000	\$—

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## **HESKA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**

### **NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**September 30, 2014**

**(UNAUDITED)**

#### **1. ORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS**

Heska Corporation ("Heska" or the "Company") develops, manufactures, markets, sells and supports veterinary products. Heska's core focus is on the canine and feline companion animal health markets.

#### **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### *Basis of Presentation*

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and pursuant to the instructions to Form 10-Q and rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2014, the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2014, the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2014 and the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2014 are unaudited, but include, in the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) which the Company considers necessary for a fair presentation of its financial position, operating results and cash flows for the periods presented. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. Although the Company believes that the disclosures in these financial statements are adequate to make the information presented not misleading, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in complete financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC.

Results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results for any future interim period or for the entire year. The accompanying financial statements and related disclosures have been prepared with the presumption that users of the interim financial information have read or have access to the audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year. Accordingly, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and the related notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2013, included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 31, 2014.



*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenue and expense during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates are required when establishing the allowance for doubtful accounts and the provision for excess/obsolete inventory, in determining the period over which the Company's obligations are fulfilled under agreements to license product rights and/or technology rights, in determining the need for, and the amount of, a valuation allowance on certain deferred tax assets and in determining the need for, and the amount of, an accrued liability for future payments related to minimum purchase obligations the Company may make in order to maintain certain product rights.

*Inventories*

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out method. Inventory manufactured by the Company includes the cost of material, labor and overhead. If the cost of inventories exceeds estimated fair value, provisions are made to reduce the carrying value to estimated fair value.

Inventories, net consist of the following (in thousands):

	<b>December 31,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Raw materials	\$ 5,787	\$ 5,616
Work in process	2,920	2,800
Finished goods	4,784	5,096
Allowance for excess or obsolete inventory	(1,804 )	(1,424 )
	<b>\$ 11,687</b>	<b>\$ 12,088</b>

*Capitalized Software*

The Company capitalizes third-party software costs, where appropriate, and reports such capitalized costs, net of accumulated amortization, on the "property and equipment" line of its consolidated balance sheets. The Company had \$808 thousand and \$648 thousand of such capitalized costs, net of accumulated amortization, on the "property and equipment" line of its consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2013 and September 30, 2014, respectively. Capitalized software costs in a given year are reported on the "purchases of property and equipment" line item of the Company's consolidated statements of cash flows. The Company had \$458 thousand and \$31 thousand of capitalized software costs reported on the "purchases of property and equipment" line item of its consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and September 30, 2014, respectively.

*Basic and Diluted Net Income (Loss) Per Share*

Basic net income (loss) per common share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. The weighted average number of common shares outstanding used to calculate basic net income per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 excluded unvested shares of

restricted common stock, which totaled 276,072 shares at September 30, 2014. Diluted net income (loss) per share is computed using the sum of the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding, and, if not anti-dilutive, the effect of outstanding common stock equivalents (such as stock options and warrants) determined using the treasury stock method.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and the three months ended September 30, 2013, the Company reported net income attributable to Heska Corporation and therefore, dilutive common stock equivalent securities, as computed using the treasury method (but excluding options to purchase fractional shares resulting from the Company's December 2010 1-for-10 reverse stock split), were added to basic weighted average shares outstanding for the period to derive the weighted average shares for diluted earnings per share calculation. Common stock equivalent securities, other than options to purchase fractional shares, that were anti-dilutive for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, and therefore excluded, were outstanding options to purchase 924,643, 140,758 and 273,572 shares of common stock, respectively. These securities are anti-dilutive primarily due to exercise prices greater than the average trading price of the Company's common stock during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and three months ended September 30, 2013.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company reported a net loss attributable to Heska Corporation and therefore all common stock equivalent securities would be anti-dilutive and were not included in the diluted earnings per share calculation for the period. Common stock equivalent securities other than options to purchase fractional shares that were anti-dilutive for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, and therefore excluded, were outstanding options to purchase 1,089,779 shares of common stock. These securities are anti-dilutive due to the Company's net loss attributable to Heska Corporation for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

### 3. ACQUISITION AND RELATED PARTY ITEMS

On February 24, 2013, the Company acquired a 54.6% interest in Cuattro Veterinary USA, LLC

("Cuattro Vet USA") for approximately \$7.6 million in cash and stock, including more than \$4 million in cash (the "Acquisition"). Immediately following and as a result of the transaction, former Cuattro Vet USA unit holders owned approximately 7.2% of the Company's Public Common Stock. The remaining minority position (45.4%) in Cuattro Vet USA is subject to purchase by Heska under performance-based puts and calls following calendar year 2015, 2016 and 2017. Should Heska undergo a change in control, as defined, prior to the end of 2017, Cuattro Vet USA minority unit holders will be entitled to sell their Cuattro Vet USA units to Heska at the highest call value they could have otherwise obtained.

Cuattro Vet USA was subsequently renamed Heska Imaging US, LLC ("Heska Imaging") and markets, sells and supports digital radiography and ultrasound products along with embedded software and support, data hosting and other services.

Shawna M. Wilson, Clint Roth, DVM, Steven M. Asakowicz, Rodney A. Lippincott, Kevin S. Wilson and Cuattro, LLC own approximately 29.75%, 8.39%, 4.09%, 3.07%, 0.05% and 0.05% of Heska Imaging, respectively. Kevin S. Wilson is the Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, a member of the Company's Board of Directors and the spouse of Shawna M. Wilson. Steven M. Asakowicz serves as Executive Vice President, Companion Animal Health Sales for the Company. Rodney A. Lippincott serves as Executive Vice President, Companion Animal Health Sales for the Company. Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and trusts for their children and family own a 100% interest in Cuattro, LLC. Cuattro, LLC owns a 100% interest in Cuattro Software, LLC. Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and trusts for their children and family own a majority interest in Cuattro Veterinary, LLC and Cuattro Medical, LLC.

Since January 1, 2014, Cuattro, LLC charged Heska Imaging \$7.3 million, primarily related to digital imaging products, for which there is an underlying supply contract with minimum purchase obligations, software and services as well as other operating expenses; Heska Corporation charged Heska Imaging \$2.9 million, primarily related to sales expenses; Heska Corporation charged Cuattro, LLC \$162 thousand, primarily related to facility usage and other services.

At September 30, 2014, Heska Imaging has a \$1.5 million note receivable, including accrued interest, from Cuattro Veterinary, LLC, which is due on March 15, 2016 and which is listed as "Note receivable – related party" on the Company's consolidated balance sheets; Heska Imaging had accounts receivable from Cuattro Software, LLC of \$880 thousand, which is included in "Due from – related parties" on the Company's consolidated balance sheets; Heska Corporation had net accounts receivable from Cuattro, LLC of \$28 thousand which is included in "Due from – related parties" on the Company's consolidated balance sheets; Heska Imaging had net accounts payable to Cuattro, LLC of \$706 thousand which is included in "Due to – related party" on the Company's consolidated balance sheets; Heska Corporation had accounts receivable from Heska Imaging of \$5.1 million, including accrued interest, which eliminated in consolidation of the Company's financial statements; all monies owed accrue interest at the same rate Heska Corporation pays under its credit and security agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo") once past due with the exception of the note receivable, which accrues at this rate to its maturity date.

The aggregate position in Heska Imaging of the unit holders who hold the 45.4% of Heska Imaging that Heska Corporation does not own (the "Put Value") is being accreted to its estimated redemption value in accordance with Heska Imaging's Amended and Restated Operating Agreement (the "Operating Agreement"). Since the Operating Agreement contains certain put rights that are out of the control of the Company, authoritative guidance requires the non-controlling interest, which includes the estimated values of such put rights, to be displayed outside of the equity section of the consolidated balance sheets. The adjustment to increase or decrease the Put Value to its expected redemption value and to estimate any distributions required under Heska Imaging's Operating Agreement to the unit holders who hold the 45.4% of Heska Imaging that Heska Corporation does not own (the "Imaging Minority") each reporting period is recorded to stockholders' equity in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The following unaudited pro forma financial information presents the combined results of the Company and Cuattro Vet USA as if the Acquisition had closed on January 1, 2012.

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013      2014</b>	
Revenue, net	\$54,835	\$65,514
Net income (loss) attributable to Heska Corporation	(2,373 )	1,774
Basic earnings (loss) per share attributable to Heska Corporation	\$(0.41 )	\$0.30
Diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to Heska Corporation	(0.41 )	0.28

#### **4. CAPITAL STOCK**

The fair value of each option grant was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, with the following weighted average assumptions for options granted in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2014.

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2013      2014</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013      2014</b>	
Risk-free interest rate	0.87%	1.24%	0.54%	1.07%
Expected lives	3.2 years	3.4 years	3.4 years	3.3 years
Expected volatility	44%	44%	51%	46%
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%	0%	0%

A summary of the Company's stock option plans, excluding options to purchase fractional shares resulting from the Company's December 2010 1-for-10 reverse stock split is as follows:

	<b>Year Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>December 31, 2013</b>		<b>September 30, 2014</b>	
	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>		<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>	
	<b>Options</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Options</b>	<b>Price</b>
Outstanding at beginning of period	1,245,161	\$ 11.054	1,321,232	\$ 10.386
Granted at market	275,654	\$ 7.532	32,000	\$ 11.202
Cancelled	(166,286 )	\$ 11.437	(217,666 )	\$ 17.819
Exercised	(33,297 )	\$ 6.488	(129,580 )	\$ 6.862
Outstanding at end of period	1,321,232	\$ 10.386	1,005,986	\$ 9.258
Exercisable at end of period	939,458	\$ 11.556	731,992	\$ 9.860

The estimated fair value of stock options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2014 was computed to be approximately \$206 thousand and \$117 thousand, respectively. The amount is amortized ratably over the vesting period of the options. The per share weighted average estimated fair value of options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2014 was computed to be approximately \$2.96 and \$3.68, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2014 was approximately \$42 thousand and \$516 thousand, respectively. The cash proceeds from options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2014 were approximately \$161 thousand and \$889 thousand, respectively.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding and exercisable at September 30, 2014, excluding outstanding options to purchase an aggregate of 39.6 fractional shares resulting from the Company's December 2010 1-for-10 reverse stock split with a weighted average remaining contractual life of 1.09 years, a weighted average exercise price of \$10.56 and exercise prices ranging from \$4.40 to \$22.50. The Company intends to issue whole shares only from option exercises.

Exercise Prices at	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
	Number of Options Outstanding at September 30, 2014	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life in Years	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Options Exercisable at September 30, 2014	Weighted Average Exercise Price	
\$ 2.70 - \$ 6.90	248,794	6.16	\$ 5.621	212,049	\$ 5.461	
\$ 6.91 - \$ 7.36	198,366	9.14	\$ 7.359	43,112	\$ 7.357	
\$ 7.37 - \$ 8.76	164,248	7.89	\$ 8.459	92,750	\$ 8.441	
\$ 8.77 - \$12.40	178,227	3.33	\$ 9.283	168,530	\$ 9.820	
\$12.41 - \$22.50	216,351	2.12	\$ 15.321	215,551	\$ 15.330	
\$ 2.70 - \$22.50	1,005,986	5.66	\$ 9.258	731,992	\$ 9.860	

As of September 30, 2014, there was approximately \$734 thousand of total unrecognized compensation cost related to outstanding stock options. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.8 years, with approximately \$108 thousand to be recognized in the three months ending December 31, 2014 and all the cost to be recognized as of September 2018, assuming all options vest according to the vesting schedules in place at September 30, 2014. As of September 30, 2014, the aggregate intrinsic value of outstanding options was approximately \$4.5 million and the aggregate intrinsic value of exercisable options was approximately \$3.0 million.

On March 26, 2014, the Company issued 63,572 shares to Robert B. Grieve, Ph.D., who is currently the Company's Executive Chair, pursuant to an employment agreement between Dr. Grieve and the Company effective as of March



26, 2014 (the "Grieve Employment Agreement"). The shares were issued in five tranches and are subject to time-based vesting and other provisions outlined in the Grieve Employment Agreement. All shares are to vest in full as of April 30, 2017.

On March 26, 2014, the Company issued 110,000 shares to Mr. Wilson pursuant to an employment agreement between Mr. Wilson and the Company effective as of March 26, 2014 (the "Wilson Employment Agreement"). The shares were issued in four equal tranches and are subject to time-based vesting and other provisions outlined in the Wilson Employment Agreement. The first tranche vested on September 26, 2014, and each of the three remaining tranches is to vest on the succeeding March 26 until all shares are vested in full as of March 26, 2017. On May 6, 2014, the Company issued an additional 130,000 shares to Mr. Wilson following a vote of approval on the issuance by the Company's stockholders. The shares were issued in ten equal tranches, five of which are subject to vesting based on the achievement of certain stock price targets as defined and further described in the Wilson Employment Agreement and five of which are subject to vesting based on certain "Adjusted EBITDA" targets as defined and further described in the Wilson Employment Agreement.

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The Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (the "Certificate of Incorporation"), places restrictions (the "Transfer Restrictions") on the transfer of the Company's stock that could adversely effect the Company's ability to utilize its domestic Federal Net Operating Loss Position. In particular, the Transfer Restrictions prevent the transfer of shares without the approval of the Company's Board of Directors if, as a consequence of such transfer, an individual, entity or groups of individuals or entities would become a 5-percent holder under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the related Treasury regulations, and also prevents any existing 5-percent holder from increasing his or her ownership position in the Company without the approval of the Company's Board of Directors. Any transfer of shares in violation of the Transfer Restrictions (a "Transfer Violation") shall be void *ab initio* under the Certificate of Incorporation, and the Company's Board of Directors has procedures under the Certificate of Incorporation to remedy a Transfer Violation including requiring the shares causing such Transfer Violation to be sold and any profit resulting from such sale to be transferred to a charitable entity chosen by the Company's Board of Directors in specified circumstances.

## **5. SEGMENT REPORTING**

The Company is comprised of two reportable segments, Core Companion Animal Health ("CCA") and Other Vaccines, Pharmaceuticals and Products ("OVP"). The CCA segment includes blood testing instruments and supplies, digital imaging products, software and services, and single use products and services such as in-clinic heartworm diagnostic tests, heartworm preventive products, allergy immunotherapy products and allergy testing. These products are sold directly by the Company as well as through other distribution relationships. CCA segment products manufactured at the Company's Des Moines, Iowa production facility included in our OVP segment's assets are transferred at cost and are not recorded as revenue for our OVP segment. The OVP segment includes private label vaccine and pharmaceutical production, primarily for cattle, but also for other animals including small mammals and horses. All OVP products are sold by third parties under third-party labels.

Summarized financial information concerning the Company's reportable segments is shown in the following table (in thousands):

	<b>Core Companion Animal Health</b>	<b>Other Vaccines, Pharmaceuticals and Products</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Nine Months Ended</b>			
<b>September 30, 2013:</b>			
Total revenue	\$46,015	\$8,820	\$54,835
Operating income (loss)	(4,565 )	380	(4,185 )
Interest expense	208	21	229
Total assets	78,419	12,014	90,433
Net assets	37,217	9,251	46,468
Capital expenditures	466	804	1,270
Depreciation and amortization	1,113	602	1,715
<b>Nine Months Ended</b>			
<b>September 30, 2014:</b>			
Total revenue	\$51,223	\$14,291	\$65,514
Operating income (loss)	(545 )	1,702	1,157
Interest expense	109	41	150
Total assets	82,294	14,790	97,084
Net assets	40,948	10,383	51,331
Capital expenditures	1,523	252	1,775
Depreciation and amortization	2,021	573	2,594

	<b>Core Companion Animal Health</b>	<b>Other Vaccines, Pharmaceuticals and Products</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Three Months Ended</b>			
<b>September 30, 2013:</b>			

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Total revenue	\$ 14,515	\$3,080	\$17,595
Operating income (loss)	(374 )	449	75
Interest expense	80	2	82
Total assets	78,419	12,014	90,433
Net assets	37,217	9,251	46,468
Capital expenditures	105	431	536
Depreciation and amortization	417	209	626

**Three Months Ended**

**September 30, 2014:**

Total revenue	\$ 16,371	\$5,434	\$21,805
Operating income (loss)	(280 )	621	341
Interest expense	35	13	48
Total assets	82,294	14,790	97,084
Net assets	40,948	10,383	51,331
Capital expenditures	189	48	237
Depreciation and amortization	790	187	977

**Item 2.**

**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 "Selected Consolidated Financial Data" and the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes included in Part I Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Such statements, which include statements concerning future revenue sources and concentration, gross profit margins, selling and marketing expenses, general and administrative expenses, research and development expenses, capital resources, capital expenditures and additional financings or borrowings, are subject to risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those discussed below and elsewhere in this Form 10-Q, particularly in Part II Item 1A. "Risk Factors," that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. The forward-looking statements set forth in this Form 10-Q are as of the close of business on November 7, 2014, and we do not intend to update this forward-looking information.

Overview

We develop, manufacture, market, sell and support veterinary products. Our business is comprised of two reportable segments, Core Companion Animal Health ("CCA"), which represented 80% of our revenue for the twelve months ended September 30, 2014 (which we define as "LTM") and Other Vaccines, Pharmaceuticals and Products ("OVP"), which represented 20% of LTM revenue.

The CCA segment includes, primarily for canine and feline use, blood testing instruments and supplies, digital imaging products, software and services, and single use products and services such as heartworm diagnostic tests, heartworm preventive products, allergy immunotherapy products and allergy testing.

Blood testing and other non-imaging instruments and supplies represented approximately 34% of our LTM revenue. Many products in this area involve placing an instrument in the field and generating future revenue from consumables, including items such as supplies and service, as that instrument is used. Approximately 29% of our LTM revenue resulted from the sale of such consumables to an installed base of instruments and approximately 5% of our LTM revenue was from hardware revenue. A loss of or disruption in supply of consumables we are selling to an installed base of instruments could substantially harm our business. All of our blood testing and other non-imaging instruments and supplies are supplied by third parties, who typically own the product rights and supply the product to us under marketing and/or distribution agreements. In many cases, we have collaborated with a third party to adapt a human instrument for veterinary use. Major products in this area include our chemistry instruments, our hematology instruments and our blood gas instruments and their affiliated operating consumables. Revenue from products in these three areas, including revenues from consumables, represented approximately 30% of our LTM revenue.

Imaging hardware, software and services represented approximately 15% of LTM revenue. Digital radiography is the largest product offering in this area, which also includes ultrasound instruments. Digital radiography solutions typically consist of a combination of hardware and software placed with a customer, often combined with an ongoing service and support contract. It has been our experience that most of the economic benefit is generated at the time of sale in this area, in contrast to the blood testing category discussed above where ongoing consumable revenue is often a larger component of economic value.

Other CCA revenue, including single use diagnostic and other tests, pharmaceuticals and biologicals as well as research and development, licensing and royalty revenue, represented approximately 31% of our LTM revenue. Since items in this area are often single use by their nature, our typical aim is to build customer satisfaction and loyalty for each product, generate repeat annual sales from existing customers and expand our customer base in the future. Products in this area are both supplied by third parties and provided by us. Major products and services in this area include our heartworm diagnostic tests, our heartworm preventives, our allergy test kits, our allergy immunotherapy and our allergy testing. Combined revenue from heartworm-related products and allergy-related products represented 28% of our LTM revenue.

We consider the CCA segment to be our core business and devote most of our management time and other resources to improving the prospects for this segment. Maintaining a continuing, reliable and economic supply of products we currently obtain from third parties is critical to our success in this area. Virtually all of our sales and marketing expenses occur in the CCA segment. The majority of our research and development spending is dedicated to this segment as well.

All our CCA products are ultimately sold primarily to or through veterinarians. In many cases, veterinarians will mark up their costs to the end user. The acceptance of our products by veterinarians is critical to our success. CCA products are sold directly to end users by us as well as through distribution relationships, such as our corporate agreement with Merck Animal Health, the sale of kits to conduct blood testing to third-party veterinary diagnostic laboratories and independent third-party distributors. Revenue from direct sales and distribution relationships represented approximately 71% and 29%, respectively, of CCA LTM revenue.

We intend to sustain profitability over the long term through a combination of revenue growth, gross margin improvement and expense control. Accordingly, we closely monitor revenue growth trends in our CCA segment. LTM revenue in this segment increased 5% as compared to pro forma revenue for the twelve months ended September 30, 2013 assuming we had consolidated Heska Imaging for the entire period.

The OVP segment includes our 168,000 square foot USDA- and FDA-licensed production facility in Des Moines, Iowa. We view this facility as an asset which could allow us to control our cost of goods on any pharmaceuticals and vaccines that we may commercialize in the future. We have increased integration of this facility with our operations elsewhere. For example, virtually all our U.S. inventory, excluding Heska Imaging, is now stored at this facility and related fulfillment logistics are managed there. CCA segment products manufactured at this facility are transferred at cost and are not recorded as revenue for our OVP segment. We view OVP reported revenue as revenue primarily to cover the overhead costs of the facility and to generate incremental cash flow to fund our CCA segment.

Our OVP segment includes private label vaccine and pharmaceutical production, primarily for cattle but also for other animals such as small mammals. All OVP products are sold by third parties under third-party labels.

We have an agreement for the production of certain bovine vaccines which was assigned by a previous distributor, Agri Laboratories, Ltd., ("AgriLabs") to, and assumed by, Eli Lilly and Company ("Eli Lilly") acting through its Elanco Animal Health division ("Elanco") in November 2013, for the marketing and sale of certain of these vaccines which AgriLabs sold primarily under the TitaniumÒ and MasterGuardÒ brands. This agreement has historically generated a significant portion of our OVP segment's revenue. Our OVP segment also produces vaccines and pharmaceuticals for other third parties.



## Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon the consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the periods. These estimates are based on historical experience and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. We have identified those critical accounting policies used in reporting our financial position and results of operations based upon a consideration of those accounting policies that involve the most complex or subjective decisions or assessment. We consider the following to be our critical policies.

### Revenue Recognition

We generate our revenue through the sale of products, as well as through licensing of technology product rights, royalties and sponsored research and development. Our policy is to recognize revenue when the applicable revenue recognition criteria have been met, which generally include the following:

- Persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists;
- Delivery has occurred or services rendered;
- Price is fixed or determinable; and
- Collectability is reasonably assured.

Revenue from the sale of products is recognized after both the goods are shipped to the customer and acceptance has been received, if required, with an appropriate provision for estimated returns and allowances. We do not permit general returns of products sold. Certain of our products have expiration dates. Our policy is to exchange certain outdated, expired product with the same product. We record an accrual for the estimated cost of replacing the expired product expected to be returned in the future, based on our historical experience, adjusted for any known factors that reasonably could be expected to change historical patterns, such as regulatory actions which allow us to extend the shelf lives of our products. Revenue from both direct sales to veterinarians and sales to independent third-party distributors are generally recognized when goods are shipped. Our products are shipped complete and ready to use by the customer. The terms of the customer arrangements generally pass title and risk of ownership to the customer at the time of shipment. Certain customer arrangements provide for acceptance provisions. Revenue for these arrangements is not recognized until the acceptance has been received or the acceptance period has lapsed. We reduce our revenue by the estimated cost of any rebates, allowances or similar programs, which are used as promotional programs.

Recording revenue from the sale of products involves the use of estimates and management judgment. We must make a determination at the time of sale whether the customer has the ability to make payments in accordance with arrangements. While we do utilize past payment history, and, to the extent available for new customers, public credit

information in making our assessment, the determination of whether collectability is reasonably assured is ultimately a judgment decision that must be made by management. We must also make estimates regarding our future obligation relating to returns, rebates, allowances and similar other programs.

License revenue under arrangements to sell or license product rights or technology rights is recognized as obligations under the agreement are satisfied, which generally occurs over a period of time. Generally, licensing revenue is deferred and recognized over the estimated life of the related agreements, products, patents or technology. Nonrefundable licensing fees, marketing rights and milestone payments received under contractual arrangements are deferred and recognized over the remaining contractual term using the straight-line method.

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Recording revenue from license arrangements involves the use of estimates. The primary estimate made by management is determining the useful life of the related agreement, product, patent or technology. We evaluate all of our licensing arrangements by estimating the useful life of either the product or the technology, the length of the agreement or the legal patent life and defer the revenue for recognition over the appropriate period.

We may enter into arrangements that include multiple elements. Such arrangements may include the licensing of technology and manufacturing of product. In these situations we must determine whether the various elements meet the criteria to be accounted for as separate elements. If the elements cannot be separated, revenue is recognized once revenue recognition criteria for the entire arrangement have been met or over the period that the Company's obligations to the customer are fulfilled, as appropriate. If the elements are determined to be separable, the revenue is allocated to the separate elements based on relative fair value and recognized separately for each element when the applicable revenue recognition criteria have been met, subject to revenue deferred estimated to be sufficient to cover the cost of servicing such revenue. In accounting for these multiple element arrangements, we must make determinations about whether elements can be accounted for separately and make estimates regarding their relative fair values.

### **Allowance for Doubtful Accounts**

We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts receivable based on client-specific allowances, as well as a general allowance. Specific allowances are maintained for clients which are determined to have a high degree of collectability risk based on such factors, among others, as: (i) the aging of the accounts receivable balance; (ii) the client's past payment history; (iii) a deterioration in the client's financial condition, evidenced by weak financial condition and/or continued poor operating results, reduced credit ratings, and/or a bankruptcy filing. In addition to the specific allowance, the Company maintains a general allowance for credit risk in its accounts receivable which is not covered by a specific allowance. The general allowance is established based on such factors, among others, as: (i) the total balance of the outstanding accounts receivable, including considerations of the aging categories of those accounts receivable; (ii) past history of uncollectable accounts receivable write-offs; and (iii) the overall creditworthiness of the client base. A considerable amount of judgment is required in assessing the realizability of accounts receivable. Should any of the factors considered in determining the adequacy of the overall allowance change, an adjustment to the provision for doubtful accounts receivable may be necessary.

### **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, cost being determined on the first-in, first-out method. Inventories are written down if the estimated net realizable value of an inventory item is less than its recorded value. We review the carrying cost of our inventories by product each quarter to determine the adequacy of our reserves for excess/obsolescence inventory. In accounting for inventories we must make estimates regarding the estimated net realizable value of our inventory. This estimate is based, in part, on our forecasts of future sales and shelf life of product.

### **Deferred Tax Assets – Valuation Allowance**

Our deferred tax assets, such as a domestic Net Operating Loss ("NOL"), are reduced by an offsetting valuation allowance based on judgmental assessment of available evidence if we are unable to conclude that it is more likely than not that some or all of the related deferred tax assets will be realized. If we are able to conclude it is more likely than not that we will realize a future benefit from a deferred tax asset, we will reduce the related valuation allowance by an amount equal to the estimated quantity of income taxes we would pay in cash if we were not to utilize the deferred tax asset in the future. The first time this occurs in a given jurisdiction, it will result in a net deferred tax asset on our consolidated balance sheets and an income tax benefit of equal magnitude in our statement of operations in the period we make the determination. In future periods, we will then recognize as income tax expense the estimated quantity of income taxes we would have paid in cash

had we not utilized the related deferred tax asset. The corresponding journal entry will be a reduction of our deferred tax asset. If there is a change regarding our tax position in the future, we will make a corresponding adjustment to the related valuation allowance. For example, if we were to conclude we were not more likely than not to utilize deferred tax assets recognized on our consolidated balance sheets, we would increase the valuation allowance affiliated with these deferred tax assets and recognize an income tax expense of an equal magnitude in our statement of operations. If we were to experience a loss before income taxes in 2014, we expect we would conclude we were not more likely than not to utilize deferred tax assets recognized on our consolidated balance sheets, increase our valuation allowance affiliated with these deferred tax assets to an amount equal to the deferred tax assets and recognize an income tax expense of equal magnitude in our statement of operations.

## Results of Operations

### *Revenue*

Total revenue was \$65.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of 19% as compared to \$54.8 million in the corresponding period in 2013. Total revenue was \$21.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, a 24% increase as compared to the corresponding period in 2013.

Revenue from our CCA segment was \$51.2 million, including \$7.6 million recognized from Heska Imaging, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of 11% as compared to \$46.0 million, including \$6.7 million recognized from Heska Imaging, for the corresponding period in 2013. Key factors in the increase were greater revenue from our instrument consumables, and our heartworm preventive in the United States. Revenue from our CCA segment was \$16.4 million, including \$2.3 million recognized from Heska Imaging, for the three months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of 13% as compared to \$14.5 million, including \$2.1 million recognized from Heska Imaging, for the corresponding period in 2013. A key factor in the change was greater revenue from our instrument consumables.

Revenue from our OVP segment was \$14.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of 62% as compared to \$8.8 million in the corresponding period in 2013. Revenue from our OVP segment was \$5.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of 76% as compared to \$3.1 million in the corresponding period in 2013. The largest factor in the increase in both cases was greater revenue from the contract Elanco Animal Health assumed from AgriLabs in 2013.

### *Cost of Revenue*

Cost of revenue totaled \$39.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to \$34.6 million for the corresponding period in 2013. Gross profit was \$25.7 million, including \$1.5 million recognized from Heska Imaging, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 as compared to \$20.2 million, including \$2.1 million

recognized from Heska Imaging, in the prior year period, an increase of \$5.4 million. Gross Margin, i.e. gross profit divided by total revenue, increased to 39.2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 from 36.9% in the prior year period. At September 30, 2013, we recognized a reserve (the "Roche Reserve") related to an anticipated agreement (the "Roche Agreement") with Roche Diagnostics Corporation ("Roche") related to our previous blood gas instrument offering under which we would be relieved of any minimum purchase obligations other than the Roche Agreement and Roche would be obligated to supply us with consumables and spare parts for a shortened period of time. The Roche Reserve recognized as of September 30, 2013 was \$1.1 million, as follows: \$600 thousand recognized in cost of revenue related to required purchase of new instruments under the Roche Agreement, \$168 thousand recognized in cost of revenue related to instruments already in inventory and accelerated depreciation on service units, \$13 thousand recognized in sales and marketing expenses related to accelerated depreciation on demonstration units, \$99 thousand recognized in research and development expenses related to the purchase of research and development equipment required under the Roche Agreement we would not have otherwise purchased and \$243 thousand recognized in general and administrative expenses related to other anticipated costs related to the Roche Agreement. In addition, at September 30, 2013, we recognized a reserve (the "SpotChem Reserve") related to consumable and accessory inventory which we did not expect to sell. The SpotChem Reserve recognized as of

September 30, 2013 was \$453 thousand, was recognized in cost of revenue and the related inventory was for use in a previously sold chemistry instrument. The Roche Reserve and the SpotChem Reserve were key factors in the increase in Gross Margin for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 as compared to the prior year period.

Cost of revenue totaled \$13.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 an increase of \$3.3 million or 32% as compared to \$10.2 million for the corresponding period in 2013. Gross profit increased by \$911 thousand to \$8.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, including \$381 thousand recognized from Heska Imaging from \$7.4 million, including \$726 thousand recognized from Heska Imaging, in the prior year period. Gross Margin decreased to 38.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2014 from 42.1% in the prior year period. A greater relative mix of revenue from our OVP segment, which tends to be a lower margin area than our CCA segment, and lower Gross Margin related to Heska Imaging were contributing factors to the decline.

### *Operating Expenses*

Total operating expenses increased slightly to \$24.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 from \$24.4 million in the prior year period. Total operating expenses increased 9% to \$8.0 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014 from \$7.3 million in the prior year period.

Selling and marketing expenses were \$14.4 million, including \$3.3 million recognized from Heska Imaging, in the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to \$14.6 million, including \$2.1 million recognized from Heska Imaging, in the nine months ended September 30, 2013, a year-over-year decline of 1%. Lower advertising and promotional expenses was a key factor in the change. Selling and marketing expenses were \$4.7 million, including \$1.2 million recognized from Heska Imaging in the three months ended September 30, 2014, a 3% increase as compared to \$4.6 million in the corresponding period in 2013, which included \$905 thousand from Heska Imaging. Increased sales and marketing expenses related to Heska Imaging where expenses related to placements have increased, somewhat offset by lower advertising and promotional expenses, was a key factor in the change.

Research and development expenses were \$1.1 million, including \$205 thousand in expense recognized from Heska Imaging in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 as compared to \$1.2 million, including \$115 thousand recognized from Heska Imaging, in the corresponding period in 2013, a 9% decline. Factors in the change include a reserve for equipment that had been previously used in a project that was discontinued and expenses related to the Roche Reserve in the 2013 period, which did not recur in the 2014 period. This was somewhat offset by increased expenses recognized from Heska Imaging in the 2014 period as compared to the 2013 period. Research and development expenses were \$322 thousand, including \$67 thousand recognized from Heska Imaging in the three months ended September 30, 2014, a slight decrease as compared to \$324 thousand, including \$49 thousand recognized from Heska Imaging, in the corresponding period in 2013. A decline in product development-related expenses in the 2014 period as compared to the 2013 period was a factor in the change.

General and administrative expenses were \$9.0 million, including \$714 thousand recognized from Heska Imaging, in the nine months ended September 30, 2014, up 4% from \$8.7 million, including \$815 thousand recognized from Heska Imaging, in the prior year period. General and administrative expenses were \$2.9 million and included approximately \$190 thousand in expense from Heska Imaging in the three months ended September 30, 2014, up 22% from \$2.4 million, including \$305 thousand recognized from Heska Imaging, in the prior year period. In both cases, increased non-cash compensation expense related to new employment agreements for our Chief Executive Officer and our Executive Chair which were signed in March 2014, were key factors in the change.



***Interest and Other (Income) Expense, Net***

In the nine months ended September 30, 2014, this line item was a \$31 thousand income as opposed to \$134 thousand in expense in the prior year period. Lower net interest expense recognized in the 2014 period was a factor in the change. This line item was represented by \$40 thousand of income in the three months ended September 30, 2014, an improvement of \$133 thousand as compared to \$93 thousand of expense in the prior year period. Currency gains in the 2014 period as opposed to currency losses in the prior year period were a factor in the change.

**Income Tax Expense**

We recognized \$668 thousand net income tax expense in the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as opposed to a tax benefit of \$1.5 million in the prior year period. We recognized an income tax expense of \$366 thousand in the three months ended September 30, 2014, a \$366 thousand increase as compared to no net income tax expense in the prior year period.

Current tax expense was \$113 thousand in the nine months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of \$42 thousand as compared to \$71 thousand in the nine months ended September 30, 2013. Current tax expense was \$60 thousand in the three months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of \$54 thousand as compared to \$6 thousand in the prior year period. An improvement in income before income taxes was a factor in the increase in both cases.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, deferred tax expense was \$555 thousand, a \$2.1 million change from \$1.6 million in deferred tax benefit in the nine months ended September 30, 2013. For the three months ended September 30, 2014, deferred tax expense was \$306 thousand, a \$312 thousand change from \$6 thousand in deferred tax benefit in the prior year period. In both cases, the change is due to income before income taxes in the 2014 period as opposed to a loss before income taxes in the 2013 period.

**Net Income (Loss)**

Net income was \$520 thousand in the nine months ended September 30, 2014, an improvement of approximately \$3.4 million compared to a net loss of \$2.8 million in the prior year period. Net income was \$15 thousand in the three months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of approximately \$33 thousand compared to a \$18 thousand net loss in the prior year period. In both cases, greater revenue was a key factor in the change.

**Net Income (Loss) attributable to Heska Corporation**

Net income attributable to Heska Corporation was \$1.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of approximately \$4.1 million compared to \$2.4 million net loss attributable to Heska Corporation in the prior year period. Net income attributable to Heska Corporation was \$513 thousand in the three months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of approximately \$272 thousand compared to \$241 thousand net income in the prior year period. The difference between this line item and "Net Income (Loss)" above is the net income or loss attributable to the minority interest in Heska Imaging, which was a net loss of \$1.3 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and a net loss of \$498 thousand in the three months ended September 30, 2014 compared to a net loss of \$464 thousand in the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and a net loss of \$259 thousand in the three months ended September 30, 2013.

### *Liquidity and Capital Resources*

We have incurred net cumulative negative cash flow from operations since our inception in 1988. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we had net income of \$520 thousand. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, our operations provided cash of approximately \$3.6 million. At September 30, 2014, we had \$5.8 million of cash and cash equivalents, \$17.7 million of working capital, and \$1.8 million of outstanding borrowings under our revolving line of credit, discussed below.

Net cash provided by operating activities was approximately \$3.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 as compared to \$1.3 million of cash used by operating activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2013, a change of approximately \$4.9 million. Key factors in the change were a \$5.5 million dollar improvement in net income and tax expense, a \$3.0 million milestone payment received in the 2014 period but not the 2013 period and \$2.1 million in greater cash provided by accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the 2014 period related to payment timing, somewhat offset by \$5.3 million more cash used by accounts receivable related to greater revenue in the 2014 period and \$2.3 million in greater cash used in inventory in the 2014 period, some of which related to inventory transferred to property, plant and equipment as rental units.

Net cash flows used in investing activities were \$1.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014, a decrease of approximately \$2.5 million as compared to \$731 thousand provided during the nine months ended September 30, 2013. The largest difference related to \$5.0 million less in cash provided by proceeds from disposition of property and equipment, primarily due to the sale of property, including non-core vaccine-related intellectual property, which occurred in the 2013 period but not the 2014 period. This was somewhat offset by \$3.0 million in cash paid in the 2013 period as part of the purchase of Heska Imaging which did not recur in the 2014 period. This also was somewhat offset by a \$505 thousand dollar increase in the purchase of property and equipment in the 2014 period as compared to the 2013 period. An increase in the purchase of property and equipment at Heska Imaging related to demonstration and loaner equipment in the 2014 period as compared to the 2013 period was a factor in the increase in the purchase of property and equipment.

Net cash flows used in financing activities were \$2.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2014, a \$3.1 million change as compared to \$1.1 million provided by financing activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2013. The largest factor in the change related to our line of credit, where we repaid \$3.0 million in the 2014 period as opposed to borrowing \$1.7 million in the 2013 period, an increase in cash used of \$4.7 million. This was somewhat offset by a \$815 thousand increase in cash provided from the issuance of common stock related to greater proceeds from stock option exercises and employee stock purchase plan proceeds in the 2014 period as compared to the 2013 period and a \$749 thousand decrease in cash used to repay other debt obligations.

At September 30, 2014, Heska Corporation had accounts receivable from Heska Imaging of \$5.1 million, including accrued interest, which eliminates upon consolidation of our financial statements. These monies accrue interest at the same interest rate as Heska Corporation pays under its asset-based revolving line of credit with Wells Fargo once past due.

At September 30, 2014, we had an account receivable from Cuattro Software, LLC of \$880 thousand and net accounts receivable from Cuattro, LLC of \$28 thousand. These items are included on our consolidated balance sheets in "due from – related parties" as Kevin S. Wilson, our Chief Executive Officer and President, Mrs. Wilson and trusts for their children and family hold a 100% interest in Cuattro, LLC and Cuattro, LLC owns a 100% interest in Cuattro Software, LLC. All monies owed are to accrue interest at the same interest rate the Company pays under its credit and security agreement with Wells Fargo once past due. At September 30, 2014, Heska Imaging had net accounts payable

to Cuattro, LLC of \$706 thousand which is included on our consolidated balance sheets in "due to – related party" due to the ownership position of Kevin S. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and trusts for their children and family in Cuattro, LLC.

At September 30, 2014, we had a \$1.5 million note receivable, including accrued interest, from Cuattro Veterinary, LLC. The note is to pay interest at the same interest rate as Heska Corporation pays under its asset-based revolving line of credit with Wells Fargo and is due on March 15, 2016. Cuattro Veterinary, LLC sells the same digital radiography solutions outside the United States that Heska Imaging sells in the United States. The note is listed on our balance sheet as a "note receivable – related party" as Kevin S. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and trusts for their children and family hold a majority interest in Cuattro Veterinary, LLC. This note was held by Heska Imaging at the time of our acquisition of Heska Imaging on February 24, 2013.

At September 30, 2014, we had a \$15.0 million asset-based revolving line of credit with Wells Fargo which had a maturity date of December 31, 2015 as part of our credit and security agreement with Wells Fargo. At September 30, 2014, we had \$1.8 million in outstanding borrowings under this line of credit. Our ability to borrow under this facility varies based upon available cash, eligible accounts receivable and eligible inventory. On September 30, 2014, interest on borrowings due was to be charged at a stated rate of three month LIBOR plus 3.75% and payable monthly. We are required to comply with various financial and non-financial covenants, and we have made various representations and warranties under our agreement with Wells Fargo. Additional requirements include covenants for minimum capital monthly, minimum net income quarterly and capital expenditure monthly. Failure to comply with any of the covenants, representations or warranties could result in our being in default on the loan and could cause all outstanding amounts payable to Wells Fargo to become immediately due and payable or impact our ability to borrow under the agreement. We were in compliance with all financial covenants as of September 30, 2014. We failed to comply with the net income covenant as of June 30, 2013, for which we obtained a waiver and subsequently negotiated new covenants as well as an extension of our asset-based revolving line of credit with Wells Fargo to December 31, 2015. At September 30, 2014, we had \$7.1 million of borrowing capacity based upon eligible accounts receivable and eligible inventory under our revolving line of credit.

At September 30, 2014, we had other borrowings outstanding totaling \$402 thousand, all of which were obligations of a Heska Imaging loan from De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc. ("DLL"). The note bears an interest rate of 6% and is due in equal monthly payments, including principal and interest, of \$13 thousand through June 2017. The note may be prepaid prior to maturity, but is subject to a surcharge in such a circumstance. \$159 thousand of principal associated with this note is listed as short term on our balance sheet as it is due within a year.

At September 30, 2014, our consolidated balance sheets included \$15.5 million in non-controlling interest. This represents the value of the aggregate position in Heska Imaging of the Imaging Minority. We estimated a weighted average valuation for this position and are accreting to this value over a three year period using a weighted average cost of capital of 18.65%. The cost of capital assumptions was provided to us by a third party with expertise in estimating such items. The accretion is to be recorded as a credit which will tend to increase this entry over time, with the corresponding debit to directly reduce additional paid-in-capital as we have an accumulated deficit. We intend to evaluate the value of this position every reporting period and adjust our accretion accordingly if necessary.

At December 31, 2013, our consolidated balance sheets included \$3.4 million in Public Common Stock subject to redemption. This represents the shares of stock we issued to acquire our position in Heska Imaging, which may have been used to meet the purchase obligation if a Cuattro 18-month Call Option had been exercised under the Operating Agreement of Heska Imaging. The Imaging Minority agreed to waive this 18-month Call Option, effective May 6, 2014, and, accordingly, these shares are no longer reported as "Public Common Stock subject to redemption" as of that date. The corresponding credit as of May 6, 2014 increased our additional paid-in capital.

Our financial plan for 2014 indicates that our available cash and cash equivalents, together with cash from operations and borrowings expected to be available under our revolving line of credit, will be sufficient to fund our operations through 2014 and into 2015. However, our actual results may differ from this plan, and we may be required to consider alternative strategies. We may be required to raise additional capital in the future. If necessary, we expect to raise these additional funds through the increased sale of customer leases, the sale of equity securities or the issuance

of new term debt secured by the same assets as the term loans which were fully repaid in 2010. There is no guarantee that additional capital will be available from these sources on acceptable terms, if at all, and certain of these sources may require approval by existing lenders. See "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of this Form 10-Q for a discussion of some of the factors that affect our capital raising alternatives.

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Under the Operating Agreement, should Heska Imaging meet certain performance criteria, the Imaging Minority has been granted a put option to sell us some or all of the Imaging Minority's remaining 45.4% position in Heska Imaging following the audit of our financial statements in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Furthermore, should Heska Imaging meet certain performance criteria, and the Imaging Minority fail to exercise an applicable put to sell us all of the Imaging Minority's position in Heska Imaging following the audit of our financial statements in 2015, 2016 and 2017, we would have a call option to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Imaging Minority's position in Heska Imaging.

We believe it is likely that Heska Imaging will meet the required performance criteria in 2015 to exercise a put following our 2015 audit. In this case, the Imaging Minority would be granted a put following our 2015 audit which could require us to deliver up to \$17.0 million, as well as 25% of Heska Imaging's cash, to purchase the 45.4% of Heska Imaging we do not own. If this put is not exercised in full and Heska Imaging meets the required performance criteria for its 2015 highest strike put in 2015, we would have a call option to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Imaging Minority's position in Heska Imaging for \$19.6 million, as well as 25% of Heska Imaging's cash. In both cases, while we have the right to deliver up to 55% of the consideration in our Public Common Stock under certain circumstances, such stock is to be valued based on 90% of market value (the "Delivery Stock Value") and is limited to approximately 650 thousand shares in any case. If the Delivery Stock Value is less than the market value of our stock at the time of the Acquisition, we do not have the right to deliver any Public Common Stock as consideration. If Heska Imaging meets the required performance criteria for its 2015 highest strike put in 2015, we anticipate that either the Imaging Minority will exercise its put or we will desire to exercise our call, or perhaps both, following our 2015 audit in 2016. While we intend to meet any related payment obligation with funds provided by our ongoing operations and assets, likely supplemented by debt financing and potentially with equity financing, there can be no assurance our results will unfold according to our expectations. This potential payment obligation in 2016 is an important consideration for us in our cash management decisions.

We would consider acquisitions if we felt they were consistent with our strategic direction. We paid \$1.6 million in dividends in 2012, and while we may consider paying dividends again in the long term, we do not anticipate the payment of any further dividends for the foreseeable future. We conducted an odd lot tender offer in 2012 which could have led to the repurchase of approximately \$400 thousand of our stock if all eligible holders had chosen to participate, and while we may consider stock repurchase alternatives in an opportunistic manner or in the long term, we do not anticipate the implementation of any stock repurchase programs for the foreseeable future.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

None.

### **Item 3.**

### **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

Market risk represents the risk of loss that may impact the financial position, results of operations or cash flows due to adverse changes in financial and commodity market prices and rates. We are exposed to market risk in the areas of changes in United States and foreign interest rates and changes in foreign currency exchange rates as measured against the United States dollar and against other foreign currencies. These exposures are directly related to our normal operating and funding activities.

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## Interest Rate Risk

At September 30, 2014, there was \$1.8 million in debt outstanding on our line of credit with Wells Fargo. We also had approximately \$5.8 million of cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2014, the majority of which was invested in liquid accounts. We had no interest rate hedge transactions in place on September 30, 2014. We completed an interest rate risk sensitivity analysis based on the above and an assumed one percentage point increase/decrease in interest rates. If market rates increase/decrease by one percentage point and such changes were reflected in all our investments, we would experience a decrease/increase in annual net interest expense of approximately \$39 thousand based on our outstanding balances as of September 30, 2014.

## Foreign Currency Risk

Our investment in foreign assets consists primarily of our investment in our Swiss subsidiary. Foreign currency risk may impact our results of operations. In cases where we purchase inventory in one currency and sell corresponding products in another, our gross margin percentage is typically at risk based on foreign currency exchange rates. In addition, in cases where we may be generating operating income in foreign currencies, the magnitude of such operating income when translated into U.S. dollars will be at risk based on foreign currency exchange rates. Our agreements with suppliers and customers vary significantly in regard to the existence and extent of currency adjustment and other currency risk sharing provisions. We had no foreign currency hedge transactions in place on September 30, 2014.

We have a wholly-owned subsidiary in Switzerland which uses the Swiss Franc as its functional currency. We purchase inventory in foreign currencies, primarily Euros, and sell corresponding products in U.S. dollars. We also sell products in foreign currencies, primarily Euros and Japanese Yen, where our inventory costs are largely in U.S. dollars. Based on our results of operations for the twelve months ended September 30, 2014, if foreign currency exchange rates were to strengthen/weaken by 25% against the dollar, we would expect a resulting loss/gain in income before income taxes of approximately \$236 thousand, if all other currencies were to strengthen/weaken by 25% against the Swiss Franc, we would expect a resulting gain/loss in income before income taxes of approximately \$42 thousand and if all other currencies were to strengthen/weaken by 25% against the Euro, we would expect a resulting loss/gain in income before income taxes of approximately \$324 thousand.

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### CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

*(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* Our management, with the participation of our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act, as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on this evaluation, our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to

our management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

*(b) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting.* There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we may be involved in litigation relating to claims arising out of our operations. As of September 30, 2014, we were not a party to any legal proceedings that are expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or operating results.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Our future operating results may vary substantially from period to period due to a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control. The following discussion highlights some of these factors and the possible impact of these factors on future results of operations. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks or uncertainties not presently known to us or that we deem to be currently immaterial also may impair our business operations. If any of the following factors actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be harmed. In that case, the price of our Public Common Stock could decline and you could experience losses on your investment.

*Our February 2013 acquisition of a 54.6% majority interest in Cuattro Veterinary USA, LLC, which has been renamed Heska Imaging US, LLC, is subject to various puts and calls and other provisions which could be detrimental to the interests of our shareholders.*

Under the Heska Imaging Operating Agreement, should Heska Imaging meet certain performance criteria, the Imaging Minority has been granted a put option to sell us some or all of the Imaging Minority's position in Heska Imaging following the audit of our financial statements for 2015, 2016 and 2017. Based on Heska Imaging's current ownership position, this put option could require us to deliver either up to \$17.0 million following calendar year 2015, \$25.5 million following calendar year 2016 or \$36.9 million following calendar year 2017 - as well as 25% of Heska Imaging's cash (any applicable payment in aggregate to be defined as the "Put Payment") to acquire the outstanding minority interest in Heska Imaging. While we have the right to deliver up to 55% of the consideration in our Public Common Stock under certain circumstances, such stock is to be valued based on 90% of market value (the "Delivery Stock Value") and is limited to approximately 650 thousand shares in any case. If the Delivery Stock Value is less than the market value of our Public Common Stock at the time of the Acquisition, we do not have the right to deliver any Public Common Stock as consideration. Cash required under any Put Payment could put a significant strain on our financial position or require us to raise additional capital. There is no guarantee that additional capital will be available in such a circumstance on reasonable terms, if at all. We may be unable to obtain debt financing, the public markets may be unreceptive to equity financing and we may not be able to obtain financing from other alternative sources, such as private equity. Any debt financing, if available, may include restrictive covenants and high interest rates and any equity financing would likely be dilutive to stockholders in this scenario. If additional funds are required

and are not available, it would likely have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and our ability to continue as a going concern.

Under the Operating Agreement, should Heska Imaging meet certain performance criteria, and the Imaging Minority fail to exercise an applicable put to sell us all of the Imaging Minority's position in Heska Imaging following the audit of our financial statements for 2015, 2016 and 2017, we would have a call option to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Imaging Minority's position in Heska Imaging. Based on Heska Imaging's current ownership position, exercising this call option could require us to deliver up to \$19.6 million following calendar year 2015, \$29.4 million following calendar year 2016 or \$42.4 million following calendar year 2017 - as well as 25% of Heska Imaging's cash (any applicable payment in aggregate to be defined as the "Call Payment") to acquire the outstanding minority interest in Heska Imaging. While we have the right to deliver up to 55% of the consideration in our Public Common Stock under certain circumstances, such stock is to be valued based on 90% of market value (the "Delivery Stock Value") and is limited to approximately 650 thousand shares in any case. If the Delivery Stock Value is less than the market value of our stock at the time of the Acquisition, we do not have the right to deliver any Public Common Stock as consideration. If we believe it is desirable to exercise any one of these calls, cash required under the Call Payment could put a significant strain on our financial position or require us to raise additional capital. There is no guarantee that

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additional capital will be available in such a circumstance on reasonable terms, if at all. If we believe it is desirable to exercise any such call, determine we are unable to economically finance the Call Payment and do not exercise the call as a result, we could be subject to a more expensive Put Payment less than a year in the future. In this circumstance, unless there is a significant change in our financial position or market conditions, such a Put Payment could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and our ability to continue as a going concern.

Under and as defined in the Operating Agreement, should we undergo a change in control prior to the end of 2017, the Imaging Minority will be entitled to sell their Heska Imaging units to us for cash at the highest call value they otherwise could have obtained (the "Change in Control Payment"). If Heska Imaging meets certain minimum performance criteria, this will be \$42.4 million as well as 25% of Heska Imaging's cash until at least the end of 2015. The Change in Control Payment may materially decrease the interest of third parties in acquiring the Company or a majority of the Company's shares, which could otherwise have occurred at a significant premium to the Company's then current market price for the benefit of some or all of our shareholders. This could make some investors less likely to buy and hold our stock.

Under the terms of the Operating Agreement, Heska Imaging will be managed by a three-person board of managers, two of which are to be appointed by Heska Corporation and one of which is to be appointed by Kevin S. Wilson, a founder of Heska Imaging who has also been Heska Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and President since March 31, 2014. The current board of managers consists of Robert B. Grieve, Ph.D., Heska Corporation's Executive Chair, Mr. Wilson and Jason A. Napolitano, Heska Corporation's Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary. Until the earlier of (1) our acquiring 100% of the units of Heska Imaging pursuant to the puts and/or calls discussed above or (2) the sixth anniversary of the Acquisition, Heska Imaging may only take the following actions, among others, by unanimous consent of the board of managers: (i) issue securities, (ii) incur, guarantee, prepay, refinance, renew, modify or extend debt, (iii) enter into material contracts, (iv) hire or terminate an officer or amend the terms of their employment, (v) make a distribution other than a tax or liquidation distribution, (vi) enter into a material acquisition or disposition arrangement or a merger, (vii) lease or acquire an interest in real property, (viii) convert or reorganize Heska Imaging, or (ix) amend its certificate of formation or the Heska Imaging Agreement. This unanimous consent provision may hinder our ability to optimize the value of its investment in Heska Imaging in certain circumstances.

Mr. Wilson's employment agreement with us acknowledges that Mr. Wilson has business interests in Cuattro, LLC, Cuattro Software, LLC, Cuattro Medical, LLC and Cuattro Veterinary, LLC which may require a portion of his time, resources and attention in his working hours. If Mr. Wilson is distracted by these or other business interests, he may not contribute as much as he otherwise would have to enhancing our business, to the detriment of our shareholder value. Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and trusts for their children and family own a majority interest in Cuattro Veterinary, LLC and Cuattro Medical, LLC. In addition, including shares held by Mrs. Wilson and by trusts for the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's children and family, Mr. Wilson also owns a 100% interest in Cuattro, LLC, the largest supplier to Heska Imaging. Cuattro, LLC owns a 100% interest in Cuattro Software, LLC. While the terms of both the Amended and Restated Master License Agreement and the Supply Agreement between Heska Imaging and Cuattro, LLC were negotiated at arm's length as part of the Acquisition, Mr. Wilson has an interest in these agreements and any time and resources devoted to monitoring and overseeing this relationship may prevent us from deploying such time and resources on more productive matters.

Since January 1, 2014, Cuattro, LLC charged Heska Imaging \$7.3 million, primarily related to digital imaging products, for which there is an underlying supply contract with minimum purchase obligations, software and services as well as other operating expenses provided for under a license agreement and a supply agreement, respectively; Heska Corporation charged Heska Imaging \$2.9 million, primarily related to sales expenses; Heska Corporation net charged Cuattro, LLC \$162 thousand, primarily related to facility usage and other services.

At September 30, 2014, Heska Imaging had a \$1.5 million note receivable, including accrued interest, from Cuattro Veterinary, LLC, which is due on March 15, 2016; Heska Imaging had accounts receivable from Cuattro Software, LLC of \$880 thousand; Heska Corporation had accounts receivable from Heska Imaging of \$5.1 million, including accrued interest; Heska Corporation had net accounts receivable from Cuattro, LLC of \$28 thousand; Cuattro, LLC had net accounts receivable from Heska Imaging of \$706 thousand. All monies owed accrue interest at the same interest rate Heska Corporation pays under its credit and security agreement with Wells Fargo once past due with the exception of the note receivable, which accrues at this rate to its maturity date.

Mrs. Wilson, Clint Roth, DVM, Mr. Asakowicz, Mr. Lippincott, Mr. Wilson and Cuattro, LLC own approximately 29.75%, 8.39%, 4.09%, 3.07%, 0.05% and 0.05% of Heska Imaging, respectively, each are a member of Heska Imaging, and each have an interest in the puts and calls discussed above. If Mr. Wilson, Mr. Asakowicz or Mr. Lippincott is distracted by these holdings or interests, they may not contribute as much as they otherwise would have to enhancing our business, to the detriment of our shareholder value. While the Operating Agreement was negotiated at arm's length as part of the Acquisition, and requires that none of the members shall cause Heska Imaging to operate its business in any manner other than the ordinary course of business, any time and resources devoted to monitoring and overseeing this relationship may prevent us from deploying such time and resources on more productive matters.

In addition, like any acquisition, if Heska Imaging significantly underperforms our financial expectations, it may serve to diminish rather than enhance shareholder value.

***The loss of significant customers who, for example, are historically large purchasers or who are considered leaders in their field could damage our business and financial results.***

Revenue from Merck & Co., Inc. ("Merck") entities, including Merck Animal Health, represented approximately 13% of our consolidated revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, as well as 12% and 11% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively. Revenue from Elanco represented approximately 12% and 16% of our consolidated revenue for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2014, respectively. No other single customer accounted for more than 10% of our consolidated revenue for the nine months and three months ended September 30, 2014 and the nine months and three months ended September 30, 2013. Elanco accounted for approximately 24% of our consolidated accounts receivable at September 30, 2014. No other single customer accounted for more than 10% of our consolidated accounts receivable at September 30, 2014. No customer accounted for more than 10% of our consolidated accounts receivable at September 30, 2013.

The loss of significant customers who, for example, are historically large purchasers or who are considered leaders in their field could damage our business and financial results.

***We have historically not consistently generated positive cash flow from operations, may need additional capital and any required capital may not be available on reasonable terms or at all.***

If our actual performance deviates from our operating plan, we may be required to raise additional capital in the future. If necessary, we expect to raise these additional funds by borrowing under our revolving line of credit, the increased sale of customer leases, the sale of equity securities or the issuance of new term debt secured by the same assets as the term loans which we fully repaid in 2010. There is no guarantee that additional capital will be available from these sources on reasonable terms, if at all, and certain of these sources may require approval by existing lenders. Funds we expect to be available under our existing revolving line of credit may not be available and other lenders could refuse to provide us with additional debt financing. Financial institutions and other potentially interested parties may not be interested in purchasing our customer leases on economic terms, or at all. The public markets may be unreceptive to equity financings and we may not be able to obtain additional private equity or debt financing. Any equity financing would likely be dilutive to stockholders and additional debt financing, if available, may include restrictive covenants and increased interest rates that would limit our currently planned operations and strategies. We believe the credit markets are particularly restrictive and it may be more difficult to obtain funding versus recent history. Furthermore, even if additional capital is available, it may not be of the magnitude required to meet our needs under these or other scenarios. If

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additional funds are required and are not available, it would likely have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and our ability to continue as a going concern.

*We may be unable to market and sell our products successfully.*

We may not develop and maintain marketing and/or sales capabilities successfully, and we may not be able to make arrangements with third parties to perform these activities on satisfactory terms. If our marketing and sales strategy is unsuccessful, our ability to sell our products will be negatively impacted and our revenues will decrease. This could result in the loss of distribution rights for products or failure to gain access to new products and could cause damage to our reputation and adversely affect our business and future prospects.

The market for companion animal healthcare products is highly fragmented. Because our CCA proprietary products are generally available only to veterinarians or by prescription and our medical instruments require technical training to operate, we ultimately sell all our CCA products primarily to or through veterinarians. The acceptance of our products by veterinarians is critical to our success. Changes in our ability to obtain or maintain such acceptance or changes in veterinary medical practice could significantly decrease our anticipated sales. As the vast majority of cash flow to veterinarians ultimately is funded by pet owners without private insurance or government support, our business may be more susceptible to severe economic downturns than other health care businesses which rely less on individual consumers.

We recently have entered into agreements with independent third party distributors, including Butler Animal Health Supply, LLC d/b/a Henry Schein Animal Health ("Henry Schein"), which we expect to market and sell our products to a greater degree than in the recent past. Our agreement with Henry Schein prohibits us from selling our chemistry blood testing products and our hematology blood testing products to an independent third party distributor other than Henry Schein. Independent third-party distributors may be effective in increasing sales of our products to veterinarians, although we would expect a corresponding lower gross margin as such distributors typically buy products from us at a discount to end user prices. It is possible new or existing independent third-party distributors could cannibalize our direct sales efforts and lower our total gross margin. For us to be effective when working with an independent third-party distributor, the distributor must agree to market and/or sell our products and we must provide proper economic incentives to the distributor as well as contend effectively for the time, energy and focus of the employees of such distributor given other products the distributor may be carrying, potentially including those of our competitors. If we fail to be effective with new or existing independent third-party distributors, our financial performance may suffer.

*If the third parties to whom we granted substantial marketing rights for certain of our existing products or future products under development are not successful in marketing those products, then our sales and financial position may suffer.*

Our agreements with our corporate marketing partners generally contain no or small minimum purchase requirements in order for them to maintain their exclusive marketing rights. We are party to an agreement with Merck Animal

Health, which grants Merck Animal Health exclusive distribution and marketing rights for our canine heartworm preventive product, TRI-HEART Plus Chewable Tablets, ultimately sold to or through veterinarians in the United States and Canada. Novartis Agro K.K., Tokyo ("Novartis Japan") markets and distributes our SOLO STEP CH heartworm test in Japan under an exclusive arrangement. AgriLabs had the non-exclusive right to sell certain of our produced bovine vaccines in the United States, Africa and Mexico and has historically generated the majority of our sales of those vaccines in those territories under an agreement which was assigned to and assumed by Eli Lilly acting through Elanco in November 2013. One or more of these marketing partners may not devote sufficient resources to marketing our products and our sales and financial position could suffer significantly as a result. Revenue from Merck entities, including Merck Animal Health, represented 14% of our LTM revenue. If Merck Animal Health personnel fail to market, sell and support our heartworm preventive sufficiently, our sales could decline significantly. Furthermore, there may be nothing to prevent these partners from pursuing alternative technologies or products that may compete with our products in current or future agreements, including as part of mergers, acquisitions or divestitures. For example, we believe a unit of Merck has obtained FDA approval for a canine heartworm preventive product with additional claims compared with our TRI-HEART Plus Chewable Tablets, which we believe is not currently being marketed actively. Should Merck decide to emphasize sales and marketing efforts of this product rather than our

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TRI-HEART Plus Chewable Tablets or cancel our agreement regarding canine heartworm preventive distribution and marketing, our sales could decline significantly. In the future, third-party marketing assistance may not be available on reasonable terms, if at all. If any of these events occur, we may not be able to maintain our current market share or commercialize certain of our products and our sales will decline accordingly.

***We depend on key personnel for our future success. If we lose our key personnel or are unable to attract and retain additional personnel, we may be unable to achieve our goals.***

Our future success is substantially dependent on the efforts of our senior management and other key personnel, including our Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Wilson. The loss of the services of members of our senior management or other key personnel may significantly delay or prevent the achievement of our business objectives. Although we have an employment agreement with many of these individuals, all are at-will employees, which means that either the employee or Heska may terminate employment at any time without prior notice. If we lose the services of, or fail to recruit, key personnel, the growth of our business could be substantially impaired. We do not maintain key person life insurance for any of our senior management or key personnel.

***We operate in a highly competitive industry, which could render our products obsolete or substantially limit the volume of products that we sell. This would limit our ability to compete and maintain sustained profitability.***

The market in which we compete is intensely competitive. Our competitors include independent animal health companies and major pharmaceutical companies that have animal health divisions. We also compete with independent, third-party distributors, including distributors who sell products under their own private labels. In the point-of-care diagnostic testing market, our major competitors include IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. ("IDEXX"), Abaxis, Inc. ("Abaxis"), and Synbiotics Corporation ("Synbiotics"), a unit of Zoetis Inc ("Zoetis"). The products manufactured by our OVP segment for sale by third parties compete with similar products offered by a number of other companies, some of which have substantially greater financial, technical, research and other resources than us and may have more established marketing, sales, distribution and service organizations than those of our OVP segment's customers. Competitors may have facilities with similar capabilities to our OVP segment, which they may operate and sell at a lower unit price to customers than our OVP segment does, which could cause us to lose customers. Companies with a significant presence in the companion animal health market, such as Bayer AG, CEVA Santé Animale, Eli Lilly, Merck, Novartis AG, Sanofi, Vétoquinol S.A., Virbac S.A. and Zoetis may be marketing or developing products that compete with our products or would compete with them if developed. These and other competitors and potential competitors may have substantially greater financial, technical, research and other resources and larger, more established marketing, sales and service organizations than we do. Our competitors may offer broader product lines and have greater name recognition than we do. For example, if Zoetis devotes its significant commercial and financial resources to growing Synbiotics' market share, our sales could suffer significantly. Our competitors may also develop or market technologies or products that are more effective or commercially attractive than our current or future products or that would render our technologies and products obsolete. Further, additional competition could come from new entrants to the animal health care market. Moreover, we may not have the financial resources, technical expertise or marketing, sales or support capabilities to compete successfully. One of our competitors, Abaxis, recently announced agreements with units of VCA Inc. ("VCA") for the long-term supply of blood chemistry testing products to VCA-owned veterinary clinics and for the co-marketing of Abaxis' blood chemistry testing products with VCA's veterinary diagnostic laboratory offering, which may serve to intensify competition and lower our margins as well as limit our prospects to sell blood chemistry testing products to VCA-owned veterinary clinics.

If we fail to compete successfully, our ability to achieve sustained profitability will be limited and sustained profitability, or profitability at all, may not be possible.

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***We rely substantially on third-party suppliers. The loss of products or delays in product availability from one or more third-party suppliers could substantially harm our business.***

To be successful, we must contract for the supply of, or manufacture ourselves, current and future products of appropriate quantity, quality and cost. Such products must be available on a timely basis and be in compliance with any regulatory requirements. Similarly, we must provide ourselves, or contract for the supply of certain services. Such services must be provided in a timely and appropriate manner. Failure to do any of the above could substantially harm our business.

We rely on third-party suppliers to manufacture those products we do not manufacture ourselves and to provide services we do not provide ourselves. Proprietary products provided by these suppliers represent a majority of our revenue. We currently rely on these suppliers for our blood testing instruments and consumable supplies for these instruments, for our imaging products and related software and services, for key components of our point-of-care diagnostic tests as well as for the manufacture of other products.

The loss of access to products from one or more suppliers could have a significant, negative impact on our business. Major suppliers who sell us proprietary products which are responsible for more than 5% of our LTM revenue for the twelve months ended September 30, 2014 are Boule Medical AB, Cuattro, LLC, and FUJIFILM Corporation. None of these suppliers sold us proprietary products which were responsible for more than 20% of our LTM revenue, although the proprietary products of one of these suppliers was responsible for more than 15% of our LTM revenue. We often purchase products from our suppliers under agreements that are of limited duration or potentially can be terminated on an annual basis. In the case of our blood testing instruments and our digital radiography solutions we are typically entitled to non-exclusive access to consumable supplies, or ongoing non-exclusive access to products and services to meet the needs of an existing customer base, respectively, for a defined period upon expiration of exclusive rights, which could subject us to competitive pressures in the period of non-exclusive access. Although we believe we will be able to maintain supply of our major product and service offerings in the near future, there can be no assurance that our suppliers will meet their obligations under any agreements we may have in place with them or that we will be able to compel them to do so. Risks of relying on suppliers include:

*Inability to meet minimum obligations.* Current agreements, or agreements we may negotiate in the future, may commit us to certain minimum purchase or other spending obligations. It is possible we will not be able to create the market demand to meet such obligations, which could create a drain on our financial resources and liquidity. Some such agreements may require minimum purchases and/or sales to maintain product rights and we may be significantly harmed if we are unable to meet such requirements and lose product rights.

*Loss of exclusivity.* In the case of our blood testing instruments, if we are entitled to non-exclusive access to consumable supplies for a defined period upon expiration of exclusive rights, we may face increased competition from a third party with similar non-exclusive access or our former supplier, which could cause us to lose customers and/or significantly decrease our margins and could significantly affect our financial results. In addition, current agreements, or agreements we may negotiate in the future, with suppliers may require us to meet minimum annual sales levels to maintain our position as the exclusive distributor of these products. We may not meet these minimum sales levels and maintain exclusivity over the distribution and sale of these products. If we are not the exclusive distributor of these products, competition may increase significantly, reducing our revenues and/or decreasing our

margins.

*Changes in economics.* An underlying change in the economics with a supplier, such as a large price increase or new requirement of large minimum purchase amounts, could have a significant, adverse effect on our business, particularly if we are unable to identify and implement an alternative source of supply in a timely manner.

*The loss of product rights upon expiration or termination of an existing agreement.* Unless we are able to find an alternate supply of a similar product, we would not be able to continue to offer our customers the same breadth of products and our sales and operating results would likely suffer. In the case of an instrument supplier, we could also potentially suffer the loss of sales of consumable supplies, which would be significant in cases where we have built a significant installed base, further

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harming our sales prospects and opportunities. Even if we were able to find an alternate supply for a product to which we lost rights, we would likely face increased competition from the product whose rights we lost being marketed by a third party or the former supplier and it may take us additional time and expense to gain the necessary approvals and launch an alternative product.

*High switching costs.* In our blood testing instrument products we could face significant competition and lose all or some of the consumable revenues from the installed base of those instruments if we were to switch to a competitive instrument. If we need to change to other commercial manufacturing contractors for certain of our regulated products, additional regulatory licenses or approvals generally must be obtained for these contractors prior to our use. This would require new testing and compliance inspections prior to sale, thus resulting in potential delays. Any new manufacturer would have to be educated in, or develop, substantially equivalent processes necessary for the production of our products. We likely would have to train our sales force, distribution network employees and customer support organization on the new product and spend significant funds marketing the new product to our customer base.

*The involuntary or voluntary discontinuation of a product line.* Unless we are able to find an alternate supply of a similar product in this or similar circumstances with any product, we would not be able to continue to offer our customers the same breadth of products and our sales would likely suffer. Even if we are able to identify an alternate supply, it may take us additional time and expense to gain the necessary approvals and launch an alternative product, especially if the product is discontinued unexpectedly.

*Inconsistent or inadequate quality control.* We may not be able to control or adequately monitor the quality of products we receive from our suppliers. Poor quality items could damage our reputation with our customers.

*Limited capacity or ability to scale capacity.* If market demand for our products increases suddenly, our current suppliers might not be able to fulfill our commercial needs, which would require us to seek new manufacturing arrangements and may result in substantial delays in meeting market demand. If we consistently generate more demand for a product than a given supplier is capable of handling, it could lead to large backorders and potentially lost sales to competitive products that are readily available. This could require us to seek or fund new sources of supply, which may be difficult to find or may require terms that are less advantageous if available at all.

*Regulatory risk.* Our manufacturing facility and those of some of our third-party suppliers are subject to ongoing periodic unannounced inspection by regulatory authorities, including the FDA, USDA and other federal, state and foreign agencies for compliance with strictly enforced Good Manufacturing Practices, regulations and similar foreign standards. We do not have control over our suppliers' compliance with these regulations and standards. Regulatory violations could potentially lead to interruptions in supply that could cause us to lose sales to readily available competitive products.

*Developmental delays.* We may experience delays in the scale-up quantities needed for product development that could delay regulatory submissions and commercialization of our products in development, causing us to miss key opportunities.

*Limited intellectual property rights.* We typically do not have intellectual property rights, or may have to share intellectual property rights, to the products supplied by third parties and any improvements to the manufacturing processes or new manufacturing processes for these products.

Potential problems with suppliers such as those discussed above could substantially decrease sales, lead to higher costs and/or damage our reputation with our customers due to factors such as poor quality goods or delays in order fulfillment, resulting in our being unable to sell our products effectively and substantially harming our business.

***Our future revenues depend on successful product development, commercialization and/or market acceptance, any of which can be slower than we expect or may not occur.***

The product development and regulatory approval process for many of our potential products is extensive and may take substantially longer than we anticipate. Research projects may fail. New products that we may be developing for the veterinary marketplace may not perform consistently within our expectations. Because we have limited resources to devote to product development and commercialization, any delay in the development of one product or reallocation of resources to product development efforts that prove unsuccessful may delay or jeopardize the development of other product candidates. If we fail to successfully develop new products and bring them to market in a timely manner, our ability to generate additional revenue will decrease.

Even if we are successful in the development of a product or obtain rights to a product from a third-party supplier, we may experience delays or shortfalls in commercialization and/or market acceptance of the product. For example, veterinarians may be slow to adopt a product or there may be delays in producing large volumes of a product. The former is particularly likely where there is no comparable product available or historical precedent for such a product. The ultimate adoption of a new product by veterinarians, the rate of such adoption and the extent veterinarians choose to integrate such a product into their practice are all important factors in the economic success of one of our new products and are factors that we do not control to a large extent. If our products do not achieve a significant level of market acceptance, demand for our products will not develop as expected and our revenues will be lower than we anticipate. For example, our VitalPath Blood Gas and Electrolyte Analyzer generated significantly less revenue than we anticipated following its launch in May 2010 as placements of this product with customers did not occur as we expected.

***We may face costly legal disputes, including related to our intellectual property or technology or that of our suppliers or collaborators.***

We may face legal disputes related to our business. Even if meritless, these disputes may require significant expenditures on our part and could entail a significant distraction to members of our management team or other key employees. We may have to use legal means to collect payment for goods shipped to third parties. A legal dispute leading to an unfavorable ruling or settlement could have significant material adverse consequences on our business.

We may become subject to patent infringement claims and litigation in the United States or other countries or interference proceedings conducted in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or USPTO, to determine the priority of inventions. The defense and prosecution of intellectual property suits, USPTO interference proceedings and related legal and administrative proceedings are likely to be costly, time-consuming and distracting. As is typical in our industry, from time to time we and our collaborators and suppliers have received, and may in the future receive, notices from third parties claiming infringement and invitations to take licenses under third-party patents. Any legal action against us or our collaborators or suppliers may require us or our collaborators or suppliers to obtain one or



more licenses in order to market or manufacture affected products or services. However, we or our collaborators or suppliers may not be able to obtain licenses for technology patented by others on commercially reasonable terms, or at all, may not be able to develop alternative approaches if unable to obtain licenses or current and future licenses may not be adequate, any of which could substantially harm our business.

We may also need to pursue litigation to enforce any patents issued to us or our collaborative partners, to protect trade secrets or know-how owned by us or our collaborative partners, or to determine the enforceability, scope and validity of the proprietary rights of others. Any litigation or interference proceedings will likely result in substantial expense to us and significant diversion of the efforts of our technical and management personnel. Any adverse determination in litigation or interference proceedings could subject us to significant liabilities to third parties. Further, as a result of litigation or other proceedings, we may be required to seek licenses from third parties which may not be available on commercially reasonable terms, if at all.

***We often depend on third parties for products we intend to introduce in the future. If our current relationships and collaborations are not successful, we may not be able to introduce the products we intend to introduce in the future.***

We are often dependent on third parties and collaborative partners to successfully and timely perform research and development activities to successfully develop new products. For example, we jointly developed point-of-care diagnostic products with Quidel Corporation. In other cases, we have discussed Heska marketing in the veterinary market an instrument being developed by a third party for use in the human health care market. In the future, one or more of these third parties or collaborative partners may not complete research and development activities in a timely fashion, or at all. Even if these third parties are successful in their research and development activities, we may not be able to come to an economic agreement with them. If these third parties or collaborative partners fail to complete research and development activities, fail to complete them in a timely fashion, or if we are unable to negotiate economic agreements with such third parties or collaborative partners, our ability to introduce new products will be impacted negatively and our revenues may decline. For example, we have experienced significant delays compared to our expectations in our development of products in collaboration with Rapid Diagnostek, Inc.

***We may not be able to continue to achieve sustained profitability or increase profitability on a quarterly or annual basis.***

Prior to 2005, we incurred net losses on an annual basis since our inception in 1988 and, as of December 31, 2013, we had an accumulated deficit of \$171.1 million. We have achieved only three quarters with income before income taxes greater than \$1.5 million. Accordingly, relatively small differences in our performance metrics may cause us to generate an operating or net loss in future periods. Our ability to continue to be profitable in future periods will depend, in part, on our ability to increase sales in our CCA segment, including maintaining and growing our installed base of instruments and related consumables, to maintain or increase gross margins and to limit the increase in our operating expenses to a reasonable level as well as avoid or effectively manage any unanticipated issues. We may not be able to generate, sustain or increase profitability on a quarterly or annual basis. If we cannot achieve or sustain profitability for an extended period, we may not be able to fund our expected cash needs, including the repayment of debt as it comes due, or continue our operations.

***Our stock price has historically experienced high volatility, and could do so in the future, including experiencing a material price decline resulting from a large sale in a short period of time. In addition, our Public Common Stock has certain transfer restrictions which could reduce trading liquidity from what it otherwise would have been and have other undesired effects.***

According to the latest available filings with the SEC of which we are aware and excluding our executive officers, we have one shareholder who controls more than 5% of our shares outstanding. This shareholder holds approximately 7% of our shares outstanding according to the latest available filings with the SEC of which we are aware. Should this shareholder or another relatively large shareholder decide to sell a large number of shares in a short period of time, it

could lead to an excess supply of our shares available for sale and correspondingly result in a significant decline in our stock price. For example, we had a shareholder who held over 16% of our shares outstanding as of September 30, 2011 sell all of its holdings in our stock on or before December 7, 2011 – and we believe this contributed to a corresponding decline in our stock price during this period.

The securities markets have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations and the market prices of securities of many microcap and small cap companies have in the past been, and can in the future be expected to be, especially volatile. During the twelve months ended September 30, 2014, our closing stock price has ranged from a low of \$5.70 to a high of \$14.14. Fluctuations in the trading price or liquidity of our Public Common Stock may adversely affect our ability to raise capital through future equity financings. Factors that may have a significant impact on the market price and marketability of our Public Common Stock include:

stock sales by large stockholders or by insiders;  
changes in the outlook for our business;  
our quarterly operating results, including as compared to expected revenue or earnings and in comparison to historical results;

termination, cancellation or expiration of our third-party supplier relationships;  
announcements of technological innovations or new products by our competitors or by us;  
litigation;

regulatory developments, including delays in product introductions;  
developments or disputes concerning patents or proprietary rights;  
availability of our revolving line of credit and compliance with debt covenants;  
releases of reports by securities analysts;  
economic and other external factors; and  
general market conditions.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been instituted. If a securities class action suit is filed against us, it is likely we would incur substantial legal fees and our management's attention and resources would be diverted from operating our business in order to respond to the litigation.

On May 4, 2010, our shareholders approved an amendment (the "Amendment") to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation. The Amendment places restrictions on the transfer of our stock that could adversely affect our ability to use our domestic Federal Net Operating Loss carryforward ("NOL"). In particular, the Amendment prevents the transfer of shares without the approval of our Board of Directors if, as a consequence, an individual, entity or groups of individuals or entities would become a 5-percent holder under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the related Treasury regulations, and also prevents any existing 5-percent holder from increasing his or her ownership position in the Company without the approval of our Board of Directors. Any transfer of shares in violation of the Amendment (a "Transfer Violation") shall be void ab initio under the our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (our "Certificate of Incorporation") and our Board of Directors has procedures under our Certificate of Incorporation to remedy a Transfer Violation including requiring the shares causing such Transfer Violation to be sold and any profit resulting from such sale to be transferred to a charitable entity chosen by the Company's Board of Directors in specified circumstances. The Amendment could have an adverse impact on the value and trading liquidity of our stock if certain buyers who would otherwise have bid on or purchased our stock, including buyers who may not be comfortable owning stock with transfer restrictions, do not bid on or purchase our stock as a result of the Amendment. In addition, because some corporate takeovers occur through the acquirer's purchase, in the public market or otherwise, of sufficient shares to give it control of a company, any provision that restricts the transfer of shares can have the effect of preventing a takeover. The Amendment could discourage or otherwise prevent accumulations of substantial blocks of shares in which our stockholders might receive a substantial premium above market value and might tend to insulate management and the Board of Directors against the possibility of removal to a greater degree than had the Amendment not passed.

***Interpretation of existing legislation, regulations and rules, including financial accounting standards, or implementation of future legislation, regulations and rules could cause our costs to increase or could harm us in other ways.***

We prepare our financial statements in conformance with United States generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. These accounting principles are established by and are subject to interpretation by the SEC, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") and others who interpret and create accounting policies. A change in those policies can have a significant effect on our reported results and may affect our reporting of transactions completed before a change is made effective. Such changes may adversely affect our reported financial results, the way we conduct our business or have a negative impact on us if we fail to track such changes. For example, we have found FASB's recent decision to codify the accounting standards has made it more difficult to research complex accounting matters, increasing the risk we will fail to account consistent with FASB rules in the future.

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If our regulators and/or auditors adopt or interpret more stringent standards than we anticipate, we could experience unanticipated changes in our reported financial statements, including but not limited to restatements, which could adversely affect our business due to litigation and investor confidence in our financial statements. In addition, changes in the underlying circumstances to which we apply given accounting standards and principles may affect our results of operations and have a negative impact on us. For example, if we were to experience another loss before income taxes in 2014, we expect we would conclude we were no longer more likely than not to utilize deferred tax assets recognized on our consolidated balance sheets, increase our valuation allowance affiliated with these deferred tax assets to an amount equal to the deferred tax assets and recognize an income tax expense of equal magnitude in our statement of operations – resulting in a \$28.0 million reduction in deferred tax assets recognized on our consolidated balance sheets and a \$28.0 million increase in our income tax expense based on the total deferred tax assets recognized on our consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2014. There can be no assurance that future reductions in deferred tax assets recognized on our consolidated balance sheets with corresponding increases in income tax expense will not occur if projected financial results are not met, or otherwise. Similarly, we review goodwill recognized on our consolidated balance sheets at least annually and if we were to conclude there was an impairment of goodwill, we would reduce the corresponding goodwill to its estimated fair value and recognize a corresponding expense in our statement of operations. This impairment and corresponding expense could be as large as the total amount of goodwill recognized on our consolidated balance sheets, which was \$21.3 million at September 30, 2014. There can be no assurance that future goodwill impairments will not occur if projected financial results are not met, or otherwise.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ("Sarbanes-Oxley") has increased our required administrative actions and expenses as a public company since its enactment. The general and administrative costs of complying with Sarbanes-Oxley will depend on how it is interpreted over time. Of particular concern are the level of standards for internal control evaluation and reporting adopted under Section 404 of Sarbanes-Oxley. If our regulators and/or auditors adopt or interpret more stringent standards than we anticipate, we and/or our auditors may be unable to conclude that our internal controls over financial reporting are designed and operating effectively, which could adversely affect investor confidence in our financial statements and cause our stock price to decline. Even if we and our auditors are able to conclude that our internal controls over financial reporting are designed and operating effectively in such a circumstance, our general and administrative costs are likely to increase. In addition, if our stock market value increases to a certain level on June 30, 2015, we will be required to have our independent registered public accountant conduct an audit of our internal controls, which would increase our general and administrative costs.

Similarly, we are required to comply with the SEC's mandate to provide interactive data using the eXtensible Business Reporting Language as an exhibit to certain SEC filings. Compliance with this mandate has required a significant time investment, which has and may in the future preclude some of our employees from spending time on more productive matters. In addition, actions by other entities, such as enhanced rules to maintain our listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market, could also increase our general and administrative costs or have other adverse effects on us, as could further legislative, regulatory or rule-making action or more stringent interpretations of existing legislation, regulations and rules.

***Obtaining and maintaining regulatory approvals in order to market our products may be costly and delay the marketing and sales of our products. Failure to meet all regulatory requirements could cause significant losses from affected inventory and the loss of market share.***

Many of the products we develop, market or manufacture may subject us to extensive regulation by one or more of the USDA, the FDA, the EPA and foreign and other regulatory authorities. These regulations govern, among other things, the development, testing, manufacturing, labeling, storage, pre-market approval, advertising, promotion and sale of some of our products. Satisfaction of these requirements can take several years and time needed to satisfy them may vary substantially, based on the type, complexity and novelty of the product. The decision by a regulatory authority to regulate a currently non-regulated product or product area could significantly impact our revenue and have a corresponding adverse impact on our financial performance and position while we attempt to comply with the new regulation, if such compliance is possible at all.

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The effect of government regulation may be to delay or to prevent marketing of our products for a considerable period of time and to impose costly procedures upon our activities. We have experienced in the past, and may experience in the future, difficulties that could delay or prevent us from obtaining the regulatory approval or license necessary to introduce or market our products. Such delays in approval may cause us to forego a significant portion of a new product's sales in its first year due to seasonality and advanced booking periods associated with certain products. Regulatory approval of our products may also impose limitations on the indicated or intended uses for which our products may be marketed. Difficulties in making established products to all regulatory specifications may lead to significant losses related to affected inventory as well as market share. Among the conditions for certain regulatory approvals is the requirement that our facilities and/or the facilities of our third-party manufacturers conform to current Good Manufacturing Practices and other requirements. If any regulatory authority determines that our manufacturing facilities or those of our third-party manufacturers do not conform to appropriate manufacturing requirements, we or the manufacturers of our products may be subject to sanctions, including, but not limited to, warning letters, manufacturing suspensions, product recalls or seizures, injunctions, refusal to permit products to be imported into or exported out of the United States, refusals of regulatory authorities to grant approval or to allow us to enter into government supply contracts, withdrawals of previously approved marketing applications, civil fines and criminal prosecutions. In addition, certain of our agreements may require us to pay penalties if we are unable to supply products, including for failure to maintain regulatory approvals. Any of these events, alone or in unison, could damage our business.

***Many of our expenses are fixed and if factors beyond our control cause our revenue to fluctuate, this fluctuation could cause greater than expected losses, cash flow and liquidity shortfalls.***

We believe that our future operating results will fluctuate on a quarterly basis due to a variety of factors which are generally beyond our control, including:

- supply of products from third-party suppliers or termination, cancellation or expiration of such relationships;
- competition and pricing pressures from competitive products;
- the introduction of new products or services by our competitors or by us;
- large customers failing to purchase at historical levels;
- fundamental shifts in market demand;
- manufacturing delays;
- shipment problems;
- information technology problems, which may prevent us from conducting our business effectively, or at all, and may also raise our costs;
- regulatory and other delays in product development;
- product recalls or other issues which may raise our costs;
- changes in our reputation and/or market acceptance of our current or new products; and
- changes in the mix of products sold.

We have high operating expenses, including those related to personnel. Many of these expenses are fixed in the short term and may increase over the course of the coming year. If any of the factors listed above cause our revenues to decline, our operating results could be substantially harmed.



*If we are unable to maintain various financial and other covenants required by our credit facility agreement we will be unable to borrow any funds under the agreement and fund our operations.*

Under our credit and security agreement with Wells Fargo, we are required to comply with various financial and non-financial covenants in order to borrow under the agreement. The availability of borrowings under this agreement is expected to be important to continue to fund our operations. Among the financial covenants are requirements for minimum capital monthly, minimum net income quarterly and capital expenditures monthly. Although we believe we will be able to maintain compliance with all these covenants and any covenants we may negotiate in the future, there can be no assurance thereof. We have not always been able to maintain compliance with all covenants under our credit and security agreement with Wells Fargo. For example, we failed to comply with the net income covenant as of June 30, 2013, for which we obtained a waiver

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and subsequently negotiated new covenants. Although Wells Fargo has granted us a waiver of non-compliance in each case, there can be no assurance we will be able to obtain similar waivers or other modifications if needed in the future on economic terms, if at all. Failure to comply with any of the covenants, representations or warranties, or failure to modify them to allow future compliance, could result in our being in default and could cause all outstanding borrowings under our credit and security agreement to become immediately due and payable, or impact our ability to borrow under the agreement. In addition, Wells Fargo has discretion in setting the advance rates which we may borrow against eligible assets. We may need to rely on available borrowings under the credit and security agreement to fund our operations in the future. If we are unable to borrow funds under this agreement, we will need to raise additional capital from other sources to continue our operations, which capital may not be available on acceptable terms, or at all.

***Our Public Common Stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market and we may not be able to maintain that listing, which may make it more difficult for you to sell your shares. In addition, we have less than 300 record holders, which would allow us to terminate voluntarily the registration of our common stock with the SEC and after which we would no longer be eligible to maintain the listing of our Public Common Stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market.***

Our Public Common Stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market. The Nasdaq has several quantitative and qualitative requirements companies must comply with to maintain this listing, including a \$1.00 minimum bid price. We completed a 1-for-10 reverse stock split effective December 30, 2010 in order to resolve an ongoing minimum bid price deficiency. While we believe we are currently in compliance with all Nasdaq requirements, there can be no assurance we will continue to meet Nasdaq listing requirements including the minimum bid price, that Nasdaq will interpret these requirements in the same manner we do if we believe we meet the requirements, or that Nasdaq will not change such requirements or add new requirements to include requirements we do not meet in the future. If we are delisted from the Nasdaq Capital Market, our Public Common Stock may be considered a penny stock under the regulations of the SEC and would therefore be subject to rules that impose additional sales practice requirements on broker-dealers who sell our securities. The additional burdens imposed upon broker-dealers may discourage broker-dealers from effecting transactions in our Public Common Stock, which could severely limit market liquidity of the Public Common Stock and any stockholder's ability to sell our securities in the secondary market. This lack of liquidity would also likely make it more difficult for us to raise capital in the future.

We have less than 300 record holders as of our latest information, a fact which would make us eligible to terminate voluntarily the registration of our common stock with the SEC and therefore suspend our reporting obligations with the SEC under the Exchange Act and become a non-reporting company. If we were to cease reporting with the SEC, we would no longer be eligible to maintain the listing of our common stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market, which we would expect to materially adversely affect the liquidity and market price for our common stock.

***We may face product returns and product liability litigation in excess of, or not covered by, our insurance coverage or indemnities and/or warranties from our suppliers. If we become subject to product liability claims resulting from defects in our products, we may fail to achieve market acceptance of our products and our sales could substantially decline.***

The testing, manufacturing and marketing of our current products as well as those currently under development entail an inherent risk of product liability claims and associated adverse publicity. Following the introduction of a product, adverse side effects may be discovered. Adverse publicity regarding such effects could affect sales of our other products for an indeterminate time period. To date, we have not experienced any material product liability claims, but any claim arising in the future could substantially harm our business. Potential product liability claims may exceed the amount of our insurance coverage or may be excluded from coverage under the terms of the policy. We may not be able to continue to obtain adequate insurance at a reasonable cost, if at all. In the event that we are held liable for a claim against which we are not indemnified or for damages exceeding the \$10 million limit of our insurance coverage or which results in significant adverse publicity against us, we may lose revenue, be required to make substantial payments which could exceed our financial capacity and/or lose or fail to achieve market acceptance.

*We may be held liable for the release of hazardous materials, which could result in extensive remediation costs or otherwise harm our business.*

Certain of our products and development programs produced at our Des Moines, Iowa facility involve the controlled use of hazardous and bio hazardous materials, including chemicals and infectious disease agents. Although we believe that our safety procedures for handling and disposing of such materials comply with the standards prescribed by applicable local, state and federal regulations, we cannot eliminate the risk of accidental contamination or injury from these materials. In the event of such an accident, we could be held liable for any fines, penalties, remediation costs or other damages that result. Our liability for the release of hazardous materials could exceed our resources, which could lead to a shutdown of our operations, significant remediation costs and potential legal liability. In addition, we may incur substantial costs to comply with environmental regulations if we choose to expand our manufacturing capacity.

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

None.

**Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities**

None.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

None.

**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

(a) Exhibits

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**HESKA CORPORATION**

**SIGNATURES**

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

HESKA CORPORATION

Date: November 10, 2014      By: /s/ Kevin S. Wilson  
KEVIN S. WILSON  
Chief Executive Officer and President  
(on behalf of the Registrant and as the Registrant's Principal  
Executive Officer)

Date: November 10, 2014      By: /s/ Jason A. Napolitano  
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