UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2009

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIESEXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 000-25674

SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY (EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Republic of Ireland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

107 Northeastern Boulevard Nashua, New Hampshire None (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 03062 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (603) 324-3000

Not Applicable

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 R No £

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

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

Large accelerated filer R Non-accelerated filer £

Accelerated filer £ Smaller reporting company £

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes \pm No R

On December 7, 2009, the registrant had outstanding 98,887,476 Ordinary Shares (issued or issuable in exchange for the registrant's outstanding American Depositary Shares).

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PART I

ITEM 1. — CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SKILLSOFT PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE DATA)

		CTOBER 31, 2009 Inaudited)	JA	ANUARY 31, 2009
ASSETS	(0	nauuneu)		2009
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	59,802	\$	37,853
Short-term investments		3,651		1,099
Restricted cash		2,792		3,790
Accounts receivable, net		69,816		146,362
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		14,781		18,286
Deferred tax assets		30,295		26,444
Total current assets		181,137		233,834
Property and equipment, net		5,960		7,661
Intangible assets, net		6,687		13,472
Goodwill		238,550		238,550
Deferred tax assets		56,125		78,223
Other assets		9,585		3,360
Total assets	\$	498,044	\$	575,100
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Current maturities of long term debt	\$	865	\$	1,253
Accounts payable		4,175		5,648
Accrued compensation		9,916		13,513
Accrued expenses		18,163		23,760
Deferred revenue		140,424		201,518
Total current liabilities		173,543		245,692
Long term debt		83,716		122,131
Other long term liabilities		2,663		3,221
Total long term liabilities		86,379		125,352
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)				
Shareholders' equity:				
Ordinary shares, €0.11 par value per share: 250,000,000 shares authorized; 95,222,637				
and 98,892,249 shares issued at October 31, 2009 and January 31, 2009, respectively		10,033		10,600
Additional paid-in capital		484,545		509,177
Treasury stock, at cost, 197,200 and 830,802 ordinary shares at October 31, 2009 and				
January 31, 2009, respectively		(1,928)		(5,317)
Accumulated deficit		(255,294)		(310,874)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		766		470
Total shareholders' equity		238,122		204,056

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity

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

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SKILLSOFT PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED, IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE DATA)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED				NINE MONTHS ENDED			
	OCTOBER 31,			OCTOBER 31,				
		2009		2008		2009		2008
Revenue	\$	80,402	\$	83,064	\$,	\$	248,039
Cost of revenue (1)		6,845		9,374		21,842		28,013
Cost of revenue – amortization of intangible assets		32		1,690		96		5,170
Gross profit		73,525		72,000		213,829		214,856
Operating expenses:								
Research and development (1)		12,508		12,138		31,212		38,136
Selling and marketing (1)		23,336		26,387		70,134		82,185
General and administrative (1)		7,857		9,130		25,014		27,454
Amortization of intangible assets		2,118		2,738		6,690		8,475
Merger and integration related expenses		-		-		-		761
Restructuring		-		-		56		-
SEC investigation		-		-		-		49
Total operating expenses		45,819		50,393		133,106		157,060
Operating income		27,706		21,607		80,723		57,796
Other (expense) income, net		(220)		1,013		(1,443)		616
Interest income		66		248		204		1,440
Interest expense		(1,633)		(3,364)		(6,110)		(11,014)
Income before provision for income taxes from								
continuing operations		25,919		19,504		73,374		48,838
Provision for income taxes		6,289		7,438		17,794		18,790
Income from continuing operations		19,630		12,066		55,580		30,048
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of								
income tax (benefit) expense of (\$25) thousand and								
\$1.3 million for the three and nine months ended								
October 31, 2008		-		(37)		-		1,937
Net income	\$	19,630	\$	12,029	\$	55,580	\$	31,985
Net income per share (Note 9):								
Basic – continuing operations	\$	0.21	\$	0.12	\$	0.58	\$	0.29
Basic – discontinued operations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	0.02
	\$	0.21	\$	0.12	\$	0.58	\$	0.31
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	ç	95,374,749		104,182,736		96,489,795	-	104,779,876
Diluted – continuing operations	\$	0.20	\$	0.11	\$	0.56	\$	0.28
Diluted – discontinued operations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	0.02
	\$	0.20	\$	0.11	\$	0.56	\$	0.29†
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	Ç	98,501,863		107,500,272		98,601,709		108,656,388

† Does not add due to rounding.

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Share-based compensation included in cost of revenue and operating expenses:

THREE MON	THS ENDED	NINE MONT	THS ENDED
OCTOB	BER 31,	BER 31,	
2009	2008	2009	2008

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Cost of revenue	\$ 17 \$	52 \$	66 \$	163
Research and development	226	227	742	695
Selling and marketing	486	412	1,725	1,434
General and administrative	701	731	2,108	2,212

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

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SKILLSOFT PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED, IN THOUSANDS)

	NINE MONTHS ENDED			
	OCTOBER 31,			31,
	2009		2008	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$	55,580	\$	31,985
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Share-based compensation		4,641		4,504
Depreciation and amortization		3,419		3,921
Amortization of intangible assets		6,786		13,645
Provision for bad debts		(130)		(187)
Provision for income tax — non-cash		11,924		15,727
Gain on sale of discontinued operations		-		(3,386)
Non-cash interest expense		854		898
Tax (benefit) effect related to exercise of non-qualified stock options		169		(1,247)
Changes in current assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable				