

ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC  
Form 10-Q  
November 09, 2010  
[Table of Contents](#)

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

**FORM 10-Q**

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

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010**

**or**

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

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission File Number 001-15713**

**ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

**DELAWARE** **752506390**  
(State or other jurisdiction of **(I.R.S. Employer**  
**incorporation or organization)** **Identification No.)**  
**4TH FLOOR, ZHONGDIAN INFORMATION TOWER**  
**6 ZHONGGUANCUN SOUTH STREET, HAIDIAN DISTRICT**  
**BEIJING 100086, CHINA**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)  
**+8610 8216 6688**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)  
**ASIAINFO HOLDINGS, INC.**  
(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  No

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

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company   
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of November 7, 2010 was 74,877,753.

**Table of Contents**

ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.  
FORM 10-Q  
FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010  
TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
<b>PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Item 1. <u>Financial Statements (unaudited)</u></b>	<b>1</b>
a) <u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009</u>	1
b) <u>Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009</u>	2
c) <u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009</u>	3
d) <u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2009</u>	4
e) <u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010</u>	5
f) <u>Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements</u>	6
<b>Item 2. <u>Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u></b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Item 3. <u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u></b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Item 4. <u>Controls and Procedures</u></b>	<b>37</b>
<b>PART II. OTHER INFORMATION</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Item 1. <u>Legal Proceedings</u></b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Item 1A. <u>Risk Factors</u></b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Item 6. <u>Exhibits</u></b>	<b>38</b>
<b><u>SIGNATURE</u></b>	
<b><u>EXHIBIT INDEX</u></b>	

**Table of Contents****PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (unaudited)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Software products and solutions	\$ 103,767	\$ 54,882	\$ 220,638	\$ 144,470
Service	8,521	5,848	18,810	16,778
Third-party hardware	9,400	2,803	12,569	11,829
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>121,688</b>	<b>63,533</b>	<b>252,017</b>	<b>173,077</b>
<b>Cost of revenues:</b>				
Software products and solutions	55,552	24,006	99,403	64,829
Service	3,733	2,161	8,445	6,058
Third-party hardware	8,933	2,673	11,963	11,199
<b>Total cost of revenues</b>	<b>68,218</b>	<b>28,840</b>	<b>119,811</b>	<b>82,086</b>
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>53,470</b>	<b>34,693</b>	<b>132,206</b>	<b>90,991</b>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Sales and marketing	19,524	11,223	40,644	31,689
General and administrative	3,994	3,773	17,252	10,991
Research and development	10,875	10,842	29,647	26,849
Government subsidy		(1,342)		(1,342)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>34,393</b>	<b>24,496</b>	<b>87,543</b>	<b>68,187</b>
<b>Income from operations</b>	<b>19,077</b>	<b>10,197</b>	<b>44,663</b>	<b>22,804</b>
<b>Other income</b>				
Interest income	707	540	2,109	1,698
Dividend income	253	4	507	178
Gain from sales of short-term investments			472	1,210
Impairment loss on short-term investments	(281)		(281)	
Other expenses, net	(141)	(17)	(191)	(31)
<b>Total other income, net</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>2,616</b>	<b>3,055</b>
<b>Income before provision for income taxes</b>	<b>19,615</b>	<b>10,724</b>	<b>47,279</b>	<b>25,859</b>

Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

Provision for income taxes	3,486	1,646	7,757	3,793
Net income	16,129	9,078	39,522	22,066
Less: Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(326)	13	(1,184)	6
Net income attributable to AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. common shareholders	\$ 16,455	\$ 9,065	\$ 40,706	\$ 22,060
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.49
Diluted	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.48
Weighted average shares used in computation:				
Basic	74,235,760	45,772,678	56,362,666	44,629,386
Diluted	74,680,125	46,627,469	57,168,217	45,918,502

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited)****(In thousands, except share amounts)**

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 184,154	\$ 238,553
Restricted cash	7,395	5,540
Short-term investments held-to-maturity securities	11,938	13,716
Short-term investments available-for-sale securities	30,494	27,674
Accounts receivable (net of allowances of \$3,558 and \$2,619 as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively)	237,731	129,646
Inventories, net	8,385	9,535
Other receivables	6,221	2,841
Deferred income tax assets current	8,597	2,968
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	4,675	5,679
Total current assets	499,590	436,152
Long-term investments	4,696	4,696
Property and equipment, net	5,425	2,989
Acquired intangible assets, net	220,864	3,818
Deferred income tax assets non-current	2,353	2,161
Goodwill	435,601	22,262
Prepaid land use right and other long-term prepayment	10,325	9,699
Total assets	\$ 1,178,854	\$ 481,777
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Bank loans	\$ 2,985	\$
Accounts payable	45,428	76,019
Accrued expenses	31,039	21,793
Deferred revenue	32,316	45,547
Accrued employee benefits	59,771	39,403
Other payables	8,946	6,187
Income taxes payable	6,123	2,862
Other taxes payable	7,378	7,620
Deferred income tax liabilities current	9,237	1,340
Total current liabilities	203,223	200,771
Unrecognized tax benefits non-current	3,272	3,052
Deferred income tax liabilities non-current	54,652	
Other long-term liabilities	163	163
Total liabilities	261,310	203,986
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	2,044	1,122
Equity:		
AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. stockholders equity		
Common stock (100,000,000 shares authorized; \$0.01 par value; 77,864,055 shares and 50,115,821 shares issued as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively; 74,864,055 shares and 47,115,821 shares outstanding as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively)	779	501

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

Additional paid-in capital	837,847	244,838
Treasury stock, at cost (3,000,000 shares and 3,000,000 shares as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively)	(27,749)	(27,749)
Retained earnings	55,905	15,199
Statutory reserve	22,306	22,306
Accumulated other comprehensive income	25,802	20,212
<b>Total AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. stockholders' equity</b>	<b>914,890</b>	<b>275,307</b>
Noncontrolling interest	610	1,362
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>915,500</b>	<b>276,669</b>
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 1,178,854	\$ 481,777

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents**

## ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)

(In thousands, except share amounts)

	Nine months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 39,522	\$ 22,066
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment	1,645	1,079
Share-based compensation expenses	6,103	8,633
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets	11,812	945
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	(15)	(6)
Impairment loss on available-for-sales securities	281	
Gain from sales of available-for-sale securities	(472)	(1,210)
Provision for bad debt	889	448
Acquisition related costs		(23)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(25,993)	(48,580)
Inventories	7,019	3,750
Other receivables	2,577	(525)
Deferred income taxes	29	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,922	(2,224)
Prepaid land use right	(434)	
Accounts payable	(43,120)	22,038
Accrued expenses	1,012	2,226
Deferred revenue	(25,323)	(7,832)
Accrued employee benefits	6,937	4,738
Other payables	648	816
Other taxes payable	(1,813)	(77)
Income taxes payable	3,475	2,669
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(13,299)	8,931
Cash flows from investing activities:		
(Increase) decrease in restricted cash	(1,854)	959
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(2,920)	(1,464)
Purchases of held-to-maturity securities	(17,594)	(17,878)
Proceeds from maturity of available-for-sale securities	1,937	6,211
Proceeds from sales of held to maturity securities	19,662	4,393
Purchases of property and equipment	(970)	(917)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	115	6
Purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired	(45,691)	(888)
Long-term equity investment		(25)
Net cash used in investing activities	(47,315)	(9,603)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of short-term bank loans	(2,906)	



## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

Proceeds from exercise of stock options	5,454	12,703
Net cash provided by financing activities	2,548	12,703
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	3,667	69
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(54,399)	12,100
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	238,553	172,119
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 184,154	\$ 184,219

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents**

## ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (unaudited)

(In thousands, except share amounts)

	AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. Stockholders									
	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained earnings		Accumulated Other			Total Equity	Comprehensive Income
	Outstanding Shares	Amount		Treasury Stock	(Accumulated Deficit)	Statutory Reserve	Comprehensive Income	Noncontrolling Interest		
<b>Balance at January 1, 2009</b>	43,466,170	\$ 464	\$ 215,948	\$ (27,749)	\$ (15,566)	\$ 17,212	\$ 18,093	\$ 58	\$ 208,460	
Net income (loss)					22,060			6	22,066	\$ 22,066
Other comprehensive income:										
Foreign currency translation adjustments							46		46	46
Transfer to income statement of realized (gain)/loss on available-for-sale investments, net of tax effects of \$350							(860)		(860)	(860)
Net unrealized gain/(loss) on available-for-sale investments, net of tax effects of \$ (540)							2,149		2,149	2,149
<b>Comprehensive income</b>										<b>\$ 23,401</b>
Stock option exercises	1,781,462	18	12,770						12,788	
Performance-based restricted stock units vesting	1,265,954	14	(14)							
Restricted stock unit vesting	20,300									
Share-based compensation (restricted stock units)			567						567	
Share-based compensation (performance-based restricted stock units)			8,066						8,066	
<b>Balance at September 30, 2009</b>	46,533,886	\$ 496	\$ 237,337	\$ (27,749)	\$ 6,494	\$ 17,212	\$ 19,428	\$ 64	\$ 253,282	

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents**

## ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (unaudited)

(In thousands, except share amounts)

	Common Stock		AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. Stockholders			Accumulated		Noncontrolling Interest	Total Equity	Comprehensive Income
	Outstanding Shares	Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Treasury Stock	Retained earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Statutory Reserve	Other Comprehensive Income			
<b>Balance at January 1, 2010</b>	47,115,821	\$ 501	\$ 244,838	\$ (27,749)	\$ 15,199	\$ 22,306	\$ 20,212	\$ 1,362	\$ 276,669	
Net income (loss)					40,706			(1,184)	39,522	\$ 39,522
Net loss attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interest								432	432	
Other comprehensive income:										
Foreign currency translation adjustments							4,960		4,960	4,960
Transfer to statements of operations of realized gain on available-for-sale investments, net of tax effects of \$35							(437)		(437)	(437)
Net unrealized gain on available-for-sale investments, net of tax effects of \$(365)							786		786	786
Transferred to income statement of other-than-temporary impairment:							281		281	281
<b>Comprehensive income</b>										\$ 45,112
Stock option exercises	355,050	4	5,446						5,450	
Restricted stock units vesting	22,109									
Performance-based restricted stock units vesting	538,344	5	(5)							
New issue	26,832,731	269	581,465						581,734	
Share-based compensation (restricted stock units)			717						717	
Share-based compensation (performance-based restricted stock units)			5,386						5,386	
<b>Balance at September 30, 2010</b>	74,864,055	\$ 779	\$ 837,847	\$ (27,749)	\$ 55,905	\$ 22,306	\$ 25,802	\$ 610	\$ 915,500	

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents**

**ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)**

**(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

**1. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

On July 1, 2010, AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. ( AsiaInfo ) completed its combination with IT software and solutions provider Linkage Technologies International Holdings Limited ( Linkage ) through the acquisition of 100% of the outstanding share capital of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Linkage Technologies Investment Limited ( Linkage Technologies ) and was renamed AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. ( AsiaInfo-Linkage ). Starting in this quarter, AsiaInfo-Linkage's financial statements consolidated the operating results and financial position of Linkage and its consolidated subsidiaries. Please refer to Note 8 for detailed information regarding this acquisition.

(a) The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc., its subsidiaries, and its VIEs (collectively, the Company ). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( US GAAP ) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X, as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ). Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by US GAAP for completing annual financial statements. However, management believes that the disclosures are adequate to ensure the information presented is not misleading. US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, contingencies and results of operations. While management has based its assumptions and estimates on the facts and circumstances existing as of September 30, 2010, final amounts may differ from these estimates.

In the opinion of the management of the Company, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, which are necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods presented. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's audited financial statements on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, as amended. The results of operations for the interim periods presented are not indicative of the operating results to be expected for any subsequent interim period or for the Company's fiscal year ending December 31, 2010.

AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. uses the United States ( U.S. ) dollar as its reporting currency and functional currency. The financial records of the Company's People's Republic of China ( PRC ) subsidiaries and VIEs are maintained in Renminbi ( RMB ), their functional currency and the currency of the PRC. Their balance sheets are translated into U.S. dollars based on the exchange rate quoted by the People's Bank of China as of the balance sheet date. Their statements of operations are translated using a weighted average exchange rate for the period. Translation adjustments are reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income in stockholders' equity.

The RMB is not freely convertible into U.S. dollars or other currencies. All foreign exchange transactions involving RMB must take place through the People's Bank of China or other institutions authorized to buy and sell foreign currencies. The exchange rates adopted for the foreign exchange transactions are the rates of exchange quoted by the People's Bank of China.

All the assets of the Company's consolidated VIEs can be used to settle obligations of AsiaInfo-Linkage or its subsidiaries to settle obligations of these VIEs. As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively, there was \$17,507 and \$20,542 of liabilities of the Company's consolidated VIEs for which creditors (or beneficial interest holders) did not have recourse to the general credit of AsiaInfo-Linkage or its subsidiaries.

(b) The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting policies as used in the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, as amended except for the following additional accounting policies:



**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)*****(1) Newly Adopted Accounting Pronouncements***

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB) issued an authoritative pronouncement that changes how a company determines whether an entity should be consolidated when such entity is insufficiently capitalized or is not controlled by the company through voting (or similar rights). The determination of whether a company is required to consolidate an entity is based on, among other things, the entity's purpose and design and the company's ability to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance. The pronouncement retains the scope of previously issued pronouncements but added entities previously considered qualifying special purpose entities, since the concept of these entities was eliminated by the FASB. The pronouncement is effective as of the beginning of the first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2009. The adoption of this pronouncement did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In January 2010, the FASB issued authoritative guidance to improve disclosures about fair value measurements. This guidance amends previous guidance on fair value measurements to add new requirements for disclosures about transfers into and out of Levels 1 and 2 and separate disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements relating to Level 3 measurement on a gross basis rather than on a net basis as currently required. This guidance also clarifies existing fair value disclosures about the level of disaggregation and about inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This guidance is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the requirement to provide the Level 3 activities of purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements on a gross basis, which will be effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2010. Early application is permitted and, in the period of initial adoption, entities are not required to provide the amended disclosures for any previous periods presented for comparative purposes. The Company has adopted this pronouncement except for the requirement to provide the Level 3 activities of purchases, sales, issuances and settlements on a gross basis. The adoption of this pronouncement does not have a significant effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or result of operations.

***(2) Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted***

In September 2009, the FASB issued an authoritative pronouncement regarding revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables. This pronouncement was issued in response to practice concerns related to accounting for revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables under the existing pronouncement. Although the new pronouncement retains the criteria from the existing pronouncement for when delivered items in a multiple-deliverable arrangement should be considered separate units of accounting, it removes the separation criterion under the existing pronouncement that objective and reliable evidence of the fair value of any undelivered items must exist for the delivered items to be considered a separate unit or separate units of accounting. The new pronouncement is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010. Entities can elect to apply this pronouncement prospectively to new or materially modified arrangements after the pronouncement's effective date or retrospectively for all periods presented. Early application is permitted. However, if the entity elects prospective application and early adopts this pronouncement after its first interim reporting period, it must also retrospectively apply this pronouncement as of the beginning of that fiscal year and disclose the effect of the retrospective adjustments on the prior interim periods' revenue, income before taxes, net income, and earnings per share. The Company is in the process of evaluating the effect of adoption of this pronouncement.

In September 2009, the FASB issued an authoritative pronouncement regarding software revenue recognition for arrangements with multiple deliverables. This pronouncement addresses how consideration should be allocated to different units of accounting and removes the previous criterion that entities must use objective and reliable evidence of fair value in separately accounting for deliverables. The pronouncement provides that products containing both software and non-software components that function together to deliver the product's essential functionality are excluded from the scope of current revenue recognition guidance for software products. The pronouncement includes factors that entities should consider when determining whether the software and non-software components function together to deliver the product's essential functionality. The pronouncement is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010. Entities can elect to apply this pronouncement prospectively to new or materially modified arrangements after the pronouncement's effective date, or retrospectively for all periods presented. Early application is permitted. However, if the entity elects prospective application and early adopts this pronouncement after its first interim reporting period, it must also retrospectively apply this pronouncement as of the beginning of that fiscal year and disclose the

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

effect of the retrospective adjustments on the prior interim periods revenue, income before taxes, net income, and earnings per share. The Company is in the process of evaluating the effect of adoption of this pronouncement.

**Table of Contents**

**ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)**

**(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

In March 2010, FASB issued an authoritative pronouncement regarding the effect of denominating the exercise price of a share-based payment awards in the currency of the market in which the underlying equity securities trades and that currency is different from (1) entity's functional currency, (2) functional currency of the foreign operation for which the employee provides services, and (3) payroll currency of the employee. The guidance clarifies that an employee share-based payment award with an exercise price denominated in the currency of a market in which a substantial portion of the entity's equity securities trades should be considered an equity award assuming all other criteria for equity classification are met. The pronouncement will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2010, and will be applied prospectively. Affected entities will be required to record a cumulative catch-up adjustment for all awards outstanding as of the beginning of the annual period in which the guidance is adopted. The Company does not believe the adoption of this pronouncement will significantly impact the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

In April 2010, the FASB issued an authoritative pronouncement regarding the milestone method of revenue recognition. The scope of this pronouncement is limited to arrangements that include milestones relating to research or development deliverables. The pronouncement specifies criteria that must be met for a vendor to recognize consideration that is contingent upon achievement of a substantive milestone in its entirety in the period in which the milestone is achieved. The criteria apply to milestones in arrangements within the scope of this pronouncement regardless of whether the arrangement is determined to have single or multiple deliverables or units of accounting. The pronouncement will be effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning on or after June 15, 2010. Early application is permitted. Affected entities can apply this guidance prospectively to milestones achieved after adoption. However, retrospective application to all prior periods is also permitted. The Company is in the process of evaluating the effect of adoption of this pronouncement.

In October 2010, the FASB issued an authoritative pronouncement regarding accounting for costs associated with acquiring or renewing insurance contracts. The pronouncement addresses diversity in practice regarding the interpretation of which costs relating to the acquisition or renewal of insurance contracts qualify for deferral and which costs should be capitalized. The pronouncement will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. While the guidance is required to be applied prospectively upon adoption, retrospective application is also permitted (to all prior periods presented). Early adoption is also permitted, but only at the beginning of an entity's annual reporting period. The Company does not believe the adoption of this pronouncement will significantly impact the financial position or results of operations of the Company.



**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)****2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, short-term investments, accounts receivable, other receivables, accounts payable, accrued expenses, other payables, income taxes payable, other taxes payable and long-term investments in equity securities of unquoted companies.

Short-term investments are classified as available-for-sale securities, held-to-maturity securities and trading securities, as discussed in Note 4.

The fair values of long-term investments, which are carried at cost, are not readily determinable.

The carrying values of other financial instruments approximate their fair values due to the short-term nature of these instruments. The Company does not use derivative instruments to manage risks.

**3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and highly liquid investments, which are unrestricted as to withdrawal or use, and which have remaining maturities of three months or less when purchased. The following table provides additional information concerning the breakdown of the Company's cash and cash equivalents:

	<b>As of September 30, 2010</b>	<b>As of December 31, 2009</b>
Cash	\$ 90,582	\$ 128,213
Cash equivalents:		
Money market funds	63,726	92,473
Seven-day notice deposits	23,877	12,009
Others	5,969	5,858
 Total cash and cash equivalents	 \$ 184,154	 \$ 238,553

**4. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS**

Short-term investments are classified as held-to-maturity securities, available-for-sale securities and trading securities.

As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company's held-to-maturity securities consist of term deposits carried at cost of \$11,938 and \$13,716, respectively. The term deposits are either not allowed to be redeemed early or are subject to penalty for early redemption before their maturity. The carrying amounts of the held-to-maturity securities approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature. As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company did not hold trading securities.

The following table provides additional information concerning the Company's available-for-sale securities, which consist principally of bond funds, balance funds, stock funds and corporate stocks issued by major financial institutions.

Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

	As of September 30, 2010			As of December 31, 2009				
	Cost (1)	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Fair value	Cost (1)	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Fair value
Bond funds	\$ 17,131	\$ 2,590	\$	\$ 19,721	\$ 16,812	\$ 1,334	\$	\$ 18,146
Balance funds	2,701	245		2,946	1,465	118		1,583
Stock funds	5,925	1,678		7,603	5,815	1,895		7,710
Corporate stocks	215	9		224	215	20		235
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,972</b>	<b>\$ 4,522</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 30,494</b>	<b>\$ 24,307</b>	<b>\$ 3,367</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 27,674</b>

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

(1) Cost is net of \$281 and nil impairment loss for nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, which represents the decline in fair value of the available-for-sale securities. The Company determined such decline was other-than-temporary, due to the duration and the extent to which the fair value of the investment has continued to be less than the cost.

Where applicable, the Company uses quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1 investments) to determine the fair value of trading and available-for-sale securities. If quoted prices in active markets for identical assets are not available to determine fair value, then the Company uses quoted prices for similar assets or inputs other than the quoted prices that are observable either directly or indirectly, which are included in Level 2 investments. The Company did not have Level 2 investments as of September 30, 2010. The Company's Level 3 investments other than derivatives primarily include investments in certain mutual funds without quoted prices as of the date of reporting. The Company values its Level 3 investments using the quoted market price as of the most recent priced day prior to the date of reporting because the Company believes the fair value of the investments would not have materially changed between the pricing date and the date of reporting.

The available-for-sale securities measured and recorded at fair value as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were as follows:

As of September 30, 2010				
Fair Value Measurements at the Reporting Date Using				
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Instruments (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total Balance
Bond funds	\$ 19,721	\$	\$	\$ 19,721
Balance funds			2,946	2,946
Stock funds			7,603	7,603
Corporate stocks	224			224
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,945</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 10,549</b>	<b>\$ 30,494</b>

As of December 31, 2009				
Fair Value Measurements at the Reporting Date Using				
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Instruments (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total Balance
Bond funds	\$ 18,146	\$	\$	\$ 18,146
Balanced funds			1,583	1,583
Stock funds			7,710	7,710
Corporate stocks	235			235

Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

<b>Total</b>	\$ 18,381	\$	\$ 9,293	\$ 27,674
--------------	-----------	----	----------	-----------

The following table presents changes in Level 3 investments measured on a recurring basis for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009:

	Nine Months Ended September 30 2010		Nine Months Ended September 30 2009	
Beginning balance	\$	9,293	\$	5,814
Purchases		2,920		1,464
Redemption		(1,465)		
Realized gain		(472)		
Unrealized gain		326		1,630
Impairment loss recognized		(281)		
Exchange difference		228		
Ending balance	\$	10,549	\$	8,908

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

The Company did not realize any gains on its available-for-sale securities during the three-month period ended September 30, 2010. The following table provides additional information on the realized gains of the Company during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010. For purpose of determining gross realized gains, the cost of securities sold is based on specific identification.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2010			2009		
	Proceeds	Costs	Gains	Proceeds	Costs	Gains
Available-for-sale securities	\$ 1,937	\$ 1,465	\$ 472	\$ 6,211	\$ 5,001	\$ 1,210
Total	\$ 1,937	\$ 1,465	\$ 472	\$ 6,211	\$ 5,001	\$ 1,210

**5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable balances included both billed and unbilled amounts. Revenue recognized in excess of billings is recorded as unbilled receivables. All billed and unbilled amounts are expected to be collected within one year. Accounts receivable balances included bank acceptance drafts receivable and commercial acceptance drafts receivable. These bank acceptance drafts and commercial acceptance drafts were non-interest bearing and were due within nine months of issuance.

The Company generated service revenues by acting as a sales agent for International Business Machines Corporation ( IBM ) or its distributors, and for a few other hardware companies for certain products sold to the customers of the Company (each, an IBM Type Arrangement ). The components of the Company's accounts receivable as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, including amounts attributable to the IBM Type Arrangements, were as follows:

	September 30, 2010			December 31, 2009		
	IBM Type Arrangements	Non-IBM Type Arrangements	Total	IBM Type Arrangements	Non-IBM Type Arrangements	Total
Billed accounts receivable	\$ 16,259	\$ 91,499	\$ 107,758	\$ 21,985	\$ 36,064	\$ 58,049
Unbilled accounts receivable	23,085	110,197	133,282	35,700	37,212	72,912
Bank acceptance drafts		249	249		15	15
Commercial acceptance drafts					1,289	1,289
Less: accounts receivable allowance	(126)	(3,432)	(3,558)		(2,619)	(2,619)
Total accounts receivable, net	\$ 39,218	\$ 198,513	\$ 237,731	\$ 57,685	\$ 71,961	\$ 129,646

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)****6. INVENTORIES, NET**

The components of inventories, net as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were as follows:

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Raw materials	\$ 801	\$ 806
Finished goods	7,584	8,729
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,385</b>	<b>\$ 9,535</b>

**7. LONG-TERM INVESTMENT**

On September 12, 2008, the Company acquired 2,170,000 redeemable convertible Series B Preferred Shares of C-Platform Corporation ( C-Platform ), for a total cash consideration of \$4,696, including \$52 in transaction costs. The total consideration had been paid as of March 31, 2009. Following the transaction, the Company owned approximately 19.9% of C-Platform s issued and outstanding share capital, or 17% of C-Platform s share capital on a fully-diluted basis. Since the Company does not have the ability to exercise significant influence over the operating and financial policies of C-Platform, the Company uses the cost method of accounting to record its investment in C-Platform. C-Platform is a Cayman Islands company, which, through its subsidiaries in China, provides data operating services, a form of value-added telecommunications services, to telecommunications operators in China.

No impairment losses were recognized in 2009 or in the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010.

**8. ACQUISITIONS**

On May 1, 2010, the Company, through a subsidiary of the Company, consummated the acquisition of 80% equity interest of Hangzhou Zhongbo Software Technology Co., Ltd. ( Hangzhou Zhongbo ) for an aggregate purchase price of \$7,068 in cash. Goodwill acquired through this acquisition was \$6,833. Hangzhou Zhongbo provides IT solutions to broadcasting operators in China.

On July 1, 2010, the Company completed its business combination with Linkage, a leading IT software and solutions provider in China. Pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement dated December 4, 2009, as supplemented on June 5, 2010 by the Supplemental Agreement (collectively, the Combination Agreement ), the Company purchased from Linkage 100% of the outstanding share capital of Linkage s wholly-owned subsidiary, Linkage Technologies, which carried out all of the operations of Linkage, for \$60,000 in cash and 26,832,731 shares of the Company s common stock. The aggregate market value of the common stock and the total consideration were \$581,734 and \$641,734 as of the date of acquisition. The transaction was accounted for as a business combination and purchase accounting was applied accordingly.

Concurrently and in connection with the closing under the Combination Agreement, the Company entered into an escrow agreement with Linkage, Mr. Libin Sun as agent for the shareholders of Linkage, and The Bank of New York Mellon. Pursuant to the agreement, 10% of the consideration (consisting of \$6,000 in cash and 2,683,273 shares of the Company s common stock) was deposited into an escrow account for a period of 18 months as security for the indemnification obligations of Linkage and certain key Linkage shareholders under the Combination Agreement.

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

In connection with the closing under the Combination Agreement, on July 1, 2010, the Company changed its corporate name to AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc.

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

The acquired assets in connection with the Combination were recorded at their estimated fair values on the acquisition date. The Company preliminarily allocated the purchase price of \$641,734 to the assets acquired based on their estimated fair values, as follows:

	Purchase Price Allocations	Weighted average useful live
<b>Intangible Assets:</b>		
Backlog	\$ 9,500	1
Existing technology	37,500	3
Non Compete agreement	500	5
Core technology	43,600	6
Customer relationship	114,200	10
Trademark	20,700	19
In Process R&D	1,000	Indefinite
<b>Net assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	18,643	
Accounts receivable	81,815	
Other current and non-current assets	21,827	
Accounts payable	(12,377)	
Other current liabilities	(39,768)	
Deferred income tax liabilities, current and non current	(61,761)	
Goodwill	406,355	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 641,734</b>	

The fair values of the intangible assets were determined using the cost, income approach-excess earnings, with and without relief from royalty valuation methods. In performing the purchase price allocation, the Company considered, among other factors, forecasted financial performance of the acquired business and market performance of the acquired business in China.

The goodwill is mainly attributable to intangible assets that cannot be recognized separately as identifiable assets under U.S. GAAP, and comprise (a) the assembled work force and (b) the expected but unidentifiable business growth as a result of the synergy resulting from the acquisition.

The following unaudited pro forma information summarizes the results of operations of the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 assuming that the Company's acquisition of Linkage Technologies occurred as of January 1, 2009 and 2010, respectively. The following pro forma financial information is not necessarily indicative of the results that would have occurred had the acquisitions been completed at the beginning of the periods indicated, nor is it indicative of future operating results.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Pro forma revenue	\$ 121,688	\$ 109,403	\$ 333,205	\$ 285,556



## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

Pro forma net income attributable to common shareholders of  
AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc,

	16,455	19,262	59,020	47,403
Pro forma net income per common share - basic	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.77	\$ 0.66
Pro forma net income per common share - diluted	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.65

Table of Contents

## ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.

## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

## 9. GOODWILL

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by reporting segments during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were as follows:

	As of September 30, 2010		
	Telecom Solutions Business	Security- Business	Total
<b>Gross amount:</b>			
Beginning balance at January 1, 2010	\$ 46,102	\$ 21,395	\$ 67,497
Goodwill recognized in acquisition of Hangzhou Zhongbo	6,833		6,833
Goodwill recognized in acquisition of Linkage Technologies	406,355		406,355
Exchange differences	140	11	151
Ending balance at September 30, 2010:	459,430	21,406	480,836
<b>Accumulated impairment loss:</b>			
Beginning balance at January 1, 2010:	(26,380)	(18,855)	(45,235)
Charge for the year			
Exchange differences			
Ending balance at September 30, 2010:	(26,380)	(18,855)	(45,235)
<b>Goodwill, net</b>	<b>\$ 433,050</b>	<b>\$ 2,551</b>	<b>\$ 435,601</b>

## 10. ACQUIRED INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET

The changes in the carrying amounts of the components of acquired intangible assets, net, as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were as follows:

	September 30, 2010				December 31, 2009			
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Foreign exchange difference	Net carrying amount	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Foreign exchange difference	Net carrying amount
Core technologies	\$ 45,931	\$ (4,147)	\$	\$ 41,784	\$ 2,331	\$ (2,321)	\$	\$ 10
Trade names	21,041	(604)		20,437	341	(309)		32
Contract backlogs	12,474	(4,919)	12	7,567	2,451	(2,463)	12	
Customer lists	131	(141)	12	2	131	(119)	12	24
Customer relationships	117,758	(5,257)	294	112,795	2,739	(1,901)	280	1,118
Distribution network	870	(870)			870	(870)		
Software	1,758	(1,682)	159	235	1,758	(1,457)	154	455
Non-compete agreements	1,437	(307)	28	1,158	446	(188)	23	281

Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

Corporate business agency agreement	2,037	(527)	1	1,511	2,037	(139)	1,898
Existing technology	37,500	(3,125)		34,375			
In process research and development assets ( IPR&D assets)	1,000			1,000			
	\$ 241,937	\$ (21,579)	\$ 506	\$ 220,864	\$ 13,104	\$ (9,767)	\$ 481 \$ 3,818

IPR&D assets are capitalized as indefinite-lived intangible assets until the completion or abandonment of the associated research and development efforts.

The future amortization expenses for the net carrying amount of intangible assets with definite lives as of September 30, 2010 are expected to be as follows:

Three-month period ended December 31, 2010	\$ 10,934
2011	46,339
2012	41,197
2013	32,382
2014 and thereafter	89,012
	\$ 219,864

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)**

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

**11. PREPAID LAND USE RIGHT AND OTHER LONG-TERM PREPAYMENT**

The Company has commenced the process to obtain land use rights for a piece of land in Beijing, on which the Company plans to construct a building for use as its new corporate headquarters. In October 2009, the Company entered into an agreement with Zhongguancun Software Park Development Co., Ltd. ( ZSPD ), pursuant to which ZSPD agreed to develop the land in preparation for construction of the building, for an aggregate consideration of approximately \$10,777. In connection with the agreement, the Company will be eligible to enter into a land transfer agreement with relevant PRC government authorities in order to obtain land use rights with respect to such land. As of September 30, 2010, the Company had paid approximately \$9,699 pursuant to the agreement with ZSPD, with the remaining amount payable in the remainder of 2010. The Company has recorded the \$9,699 as prepaid land use right and other long-term prepayment on its consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2010. The Company expects to report land use rights and other long-term prepayments at cost less accumulated amortization and to amortize the cost of the land use rights and other long-term prepayments on a straight-line basis over the term of the land use rights and other long-term prepayments to be amortized, which is expected to be 50 years.

**12. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

The components of comprehensive income during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Net income	\$ 16,129	\$ 9,078	\$ 39,522	\$ 22,066
Transfer to statements of operation of realized gain on available-for-sale investments net of tax effects of \$nil and \$nil, \$35 and \$350 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively			(437)	(860)
Net unrealized gain on available-for-sale investments, net of tax effects of \$(218) and \$(39), \$(365) and \$(540) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively	501	199	786	2,149
Transfer to income statement of other-than-temporary-impairment	281		281	
Change in cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment	3,836	74	4,960	46
Comprehensive income	20,747	9,351	45,112	23,401
Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	(326)	13	(1,184)	6
Comprehensive income attributable to AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc.	\$ 21,073	\$ 9,338	\$ 46,296	\$ 23,395

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)****13. CREDIT FACILITIES**

As of September 30, 2010, the Company had short-term credit facilities for working capital purposes totaling \$37,574 expiring in May 2011. As of September 30, 2010, the credit facilities were secured by bank deposits of \$5,019 and credit facilities of \$11,616 were pledged as security for issuing standby letters of credit and accounts payable to hardware suppliers and customers. As of September 30, 2010, unused short-term credit facilities were \$25,958. In addition, the Company had standby letters of credit and bank acceptance drafts as of September 30, 2010, which were collateralized by bank deposits of \$2,375. Total bank deposits pledged as security for credit facilities, standby letters of credit, and bank acceptance drafts totaled \$7,394 as of September 30, 2010 and were presented as restricted cash in the consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had total short-term credit facilities totaling \$31,968, which will expire in December 2010 and were secured by bank deposits of \$5,000.

**14. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Accounts payable included bank acceptance drafts payable of \$3,472 and \$1,932 and commercial acceptances payable of nil and \$426 as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. These bank acceptance drafts and commercial acceptances were non-interest bearing and were due within six months of issuance.

As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company's accounts payable balance related to the IBM Type Arrangements was approximately \$29,730 and \$62,121, respectively, under which the Company is contractually obligated to pay its vendor only when the customer, China Mobile, pays the Company.

**15. VALUE-ADDED TAXES REBATE**

Revenue from software products and solutions included the benefit of the rebate of value-added taxes on sales of software and services received from the Chinese tax authorities as part of the PRC government's policy of encouraging software development in the PRC. The rebate totaled \$8,997 and \$6,524 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

**16. INCOME TAXES**

The Company is subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes and the Company's subsidiaries and VIEs incorporated in the PRC are subject to PRC income taxes.

Reconciliation between the provision for income taxes computed by applying the U.S. federal tax rate to income before income taxes and the actual provision for income taxes is as follows:

	<b>Nine months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
U.S. federal rate	35%	35%
Difference between statutory rate and foreign effective tax rate	(26)	(27)
Subpart F income inclusion and other dividend income	3	1
Share-based compensation	2	5
Other permanent differences	2	1
	16%	15%

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

Aggregate undistributed earnings of approximately \$99,177 at September 30, 2010 of the Company's PRC subsidiaries and VIEs that are available for distribution to the Company are considered to be indefinitely reinvested under US GAAP and, accordingly, no provision has been made for the Chinese dividend withholding taxes that would be payable upon the distribution of those amounts to AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. Additionally, the Chinese tax authorities have clarified that distributions made out of pre-January 1, 2008 retained earnings would not be subject to the withholding tax. The Company has not quantified the deferred income tax liability that would arise if earnings in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were to be distributed or were determined to be no longer permanently reinvested.

The Company is subject to taxation in the U.S. and various states and foreign jurisdictions. There is no ongoing examination by any taxing authority at this time. The Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department has concluded its examination of our Hong Kong subsidiary's tax filings tax years and no adjustment was made as a result of the examination. The Company's various tax years from 2000 to 2009 remain open in these taxing jurisdictions.

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)****17. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION*****2002 Stock Option Plan and the Prior Plans***

Under the Company's 2002 Stock Option Plan (the 2002 Plan), the Company was authorized to grant options for the purchase of up to 4,500,000 shares of common stock to employees, directors and consultants at prices not less than the fair market value on the date of grant for incentive stock options and nonqualified options. Shares as to which an option is granted under the 2002 Plan but remains unexercised at the expiration, forfeiture or other termination of such option may be the subject of the grant of further options. Prior to adopting the 2002 Stock Option Plan, the Company adopted annual stock option plans for each of 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 (such plans, together with the 2002 Stock Option Plan, are referred to hereinafter as the Option Plans).

The vesting periods of the options under the Option Plans are determined based on the individual stock option agreements. Options granted prior to 1998 generally vest and become exercisable over three years at an equal annual rate. Exercise terms of options granted in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2002 are substantially similar to those of options granted prior to 1998 except that the vesting and exercise periods are generally over four one-year cliffs at an annual rate of 20%, 20%, 30% and 30% for the 1999 plan, generally over four years at an annual rate of 25% for the 2000 plan, and are generally no more than four years at an annual rate of 25% for the 2002 Plan.

Activities for the Option Plans are summarized as follows:

	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price per share	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding, January 1, 2010	1,064,605	\$ 11.51	
Granted			
Forfeited	(39,900)	25.57	
Exercised	(262,971)	20.82	
Outstanding, March 31, 2010	761,734	7.56	\$ 14,516
Granted			
Forfeited			
Exercised	(15,721)	7.28	
Outstanding, June 30, 2010	746,013	7.57	\$ 10,791
Granted			
Forfeited	(3,300)	68.47	
Exercised	(155,850)	11.65	
Outstanding, September 30, 2010	586,863	6.14	\$ 7,977
Vested and expected to vest, September 30, 2010	586,863	6.14	7,977
Exercisable, September 30, 2010	586,863	\$ 6.14	\$ 7,977

The aggregate intrinsic value is calculated as the difference between the exercise price of the underlying awards and the closing stock price of \$19.73 of the Company's common stock on the last trading day (September 30, 2010).

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

The total intrinsic value of options exercised for each of the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$1,313 and \$3,431, respectively; and for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$2,737 and \$20,116, respectively.

As of September 30, 2010, there was no unrecognized share-based compensation cost relating to share options.

### ***2005 Stock Incentive Plan restricted stock units (RSUs)***

Under the Company's 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2005 Plan"), the Company may grant participants restricted stock awards, stock options, or other types of equity incentives. The number of shares authorized for issuance is (a) 600,000 shares plus (b) any authorized shares of the Company's common stock that, as of April 21, 2005, were available for issuance under the 2002 Plan, or that thereafter become available for issuance under the 2002 Plan in accordance with its terms.

A restricted stock unit ( "RSU" ) is an agreement to issue stock at the time when the award vests. These units are vested on an annual basis equally over four years, 25% on each anniversary of the grant date. The fair value of each RSU is measured on the grant date based on the market price of the stock on the grant date. The Company also has the right, in its sole discretion, to pay cash in lieu of the issuance of vested shares of common stock. No such cash payment right was exercised by the Company.



**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

RSUs as of September 30, 2010 and changes during the three months ended September 30, 2010 were as follows:

	Number of shares	Weighted average grant date fair value
Restricted stock units unvested at January 1, 2010	101,800	\$ 11.26
Granted	86,600	25.43
Vested	(17,622)	9.59
Forfeited		
Restricted stock units unvested at March 31, 2010	170,778	\$ 18.62
Granted		
Vested	(2,800)	17.31
Forfeited	(3,000)	20.70
Restricted stock units unvested at June 30, 2010	164,978	\$ 18.60
Granted	52,685	22.66
Vested	(1,687)	10.03
Forfeited	(25,876)	9.13
Restricted stock units unvested at September 30, 2010	190,100	\$ 21.09

The total intrinsic value of RSUs vested for each of the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$34 and \$372, respectively; and for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$600 and \$378, respectively.

As of September 30, 2010, there was \$3,342 in unrecognized share-based compensation cost related to RSUs, which is expected to be recognized in the Company's consolidated statements of operations over a weighted-average vesting period of 1.7 years. To the extent the actual forfeiture rate is different from the original estimate, the actual share-based compensation related to these awards may be different from the expectation.

**2008 Stock Incentive Plan**

On February 25, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized the 2008 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2008 Plan"). The 2008 Plan was subsequently approved by the Company's stockholders at the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders. Under the 2008 Plan, the Company may grant participants restricted stock awards, stock options, or other types of equity incentives. The number of shares authorized for issuance is (a) 2,000,000 shares plus (b) any authorized shares of the Company's common stock that, as of February 25, 2008, were available for issuance under the 2005 Plan, or that thereafter become available for issuance under the 2005 Plan in accordance with its terms.

As of September 30, 2010, 1,669,400 performance stock units ("PSUs") were granted under the 2008 Plan. These awards will vest based on certain performance-based criteria, such as the Company's operating margin annual growth rate, provided the award holder continues to be an employee of the Company at the time the performance goals are met. Each PSU represents a contingent right of the participant to receive a payment in respect of a share of the Company's common stock, whether in shares, cash, or a combination thereof, subject to the terms and conditions of the

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

participant's PSU agreement. The Company also has the right, in its sole discretion, to pay cash in lieu of the issuance of vested shares of common stock. No such cash payment right was exercised by the Company.

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

PSUs as of September 30, 2010 and changes during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were as follows:

	Number of shares	Weighted average grant date fair value
Performance-based restricted stock units unvested at January 1, 2010	1,081,413	\$ 13.17
Granted		
Vested		
Forfeited	(2,835)	13.10
Performance-based restricted stock units unvested at March 31, 2010	1,078,578	\$ 13.17
Granted		
Vested		
Forfeited	(16,638)	13.10
Performance-based restricted stock units unvested at June 30, 2010	1,061,940	\$ 13.17
Granted	20,000	20.63
Vested	(538,344)	13.31
Forfeited	(24,834)	13.10
Performance-based restricted stock units unvested at September 30, 2010	518,762	\$ 13.32

Total intrinsic value of the PSUs granted under the 2008 Plan and vested in each of the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$10,621 and \$11,063, respectively; and for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 was \$10,621 and \$11,063, respectively.

As of September 30, 2010, there was \$6,909 in unrecognized share-based compensation cost related to the PSUs, which is expected to be recognized in the Company's consolidated statements of operations over a weighted-average vesting period of 1 year. To the extent the actual forfeiture rate is different from the original estimate, the actual share-based compensation related to these awards may be different from the expectation.

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

The amount of share-based compensation attributable to cost of revenues, sales and marketing, general and administrative expenses, and research and development is included in those line items on the face of the Company's consolidated statements of operations. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, share-based compensation expenses related to stock options, RSUs and PSUs were allocated as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Cost of revenues	\$ 487	\$ 1,024	\$ 1,487	\$ 2,419
Sales and marketing	561	962	1,673	2,412
General and administrative	866	1,081	2,089	2,508
Research and development	283	526	854	1,294
Total share-based compensation expense	\$ 2,197	\$ 3,593	\$ 6,103	\$ 8,633

**18. EARNINGS PER SHARE**

The following is a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted net income per share computations:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net income attributable to AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. common stockholders (numerator)	\$ 16,455	\$ 9,065	\$ 40,706	\$ 22,060
Shares (denominator)				
Weighted average common stock outstanding				
Basic	74,235,760	45,772,678	56,362,666	44,629,386
Dilutive effect of share-based compensation	444,365	854,791	805,551	1,289,116
Diluted	74,680,125	46,627,469	57,168,217	45,918,502
Earnings per share				
Net income attributable to AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. common stockholders				
Basic	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.49
Diluted	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.48

As of September 30, 2010 and 2009, the Company had 10,352 and 413,600 common stock options outstanding, respectively, that were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share (EPS), as their exercise prices exceeded the average market values in those periods. These options could potentially have a dilutive effect on the Company's EPS in the future.

**19. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

The Company is organized as two business units, the telecommunications solutions business (which we formerly called the AsiaInfo Technologies business unit), encompassing the Company's traditional telecommunications business, and the security business unit (which we formerly called the Lenovo-AsiaInfo business unit), providing IT services, including security products and services, IT consulting, software customization, and business process outsourcing services, to the enterprise market in China. The security business focuses on IT security solutions for the small and medium-sized enterprise market in China. In accordance with FASB guidance, the Company determined that each of these two business units represents an operating segment, of which discrete financial information is available and is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker, or decision making group, in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. Each operating segment has three product lines: (1) software products and solutions, (2) services, and (3) third-party hardware.

The Company's chief operating decision maker is the Company's Business Committee, comprising the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and senior management team, who allocate resources and evaluate performance of segments based on the following table of condensed consolidated statements of operations and total assets. Accordingly, other items such as inter-segment sales, interest income (expense), income tax expenses (benefit), depreciation and amortization are not disclosed by segment, since such information is not used by the Company's chief operating decision making group to assess the operating performance of individual segments.

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

The following sets forth the condensed consolidated statements of operations and total assets for the Company's operating segments based on the Company's three major product lines:

	Three Months Ended September 30,					
	2010			2009		
	Telecom Solutions Business	Security Business	Total	Telecom Solutions Business	Security Business	Total
Revenues <sup>(1)</sup> :						
Software products and solutions	\$ 95,241	\$ 8,526	\$ 103,767	\$ 45,660	\$ 9,222	\$ 54,882
Service	8,337	184	8,521	5,703	145	5,848
Third-party hardware	6,884	2,516	9,400	1,193	1,610	2,803
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>110,462</b>	<b>11,226</b>	<b>121,688</b>	<b>52,556</b>	<b>10,977</b>	<b>63,533</b>
Cost of revenues:						
Software products and solutions	53,023	2,529	55,552	21,217	2,789	24,006
Service	3,658	75	3,733	2,074	87	2,161
Third-party hardware	6,539	2,394	8,933	1,133	1,540	2,673
<b>Total cost of revenues</b>	<b>63,220</b>	<b>4,998</b>	<b>68,218</b>	<b>24,424</b>	<b>4,416</b>	<b>28,840</b>
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>47,242</b>	<b>6,228</b>	<b>53,470</b>	<b>28,132</b>	<b>6,561</b>	<b>34,693</b>
Segment expenses:						
Sales and marketing	16,270	3,254	19,524	8,531	2,692	11,223
General and administrative <sup>(2)</sup>	(910)	74	(836)	614	(143)	471
Research and development	9,594	1,281	10,875	8,162	2,680	10,842
Government subsidy				(1,342)		(1,342)
<b>Total segment expenses</b>	<b>24,954</b>	<b>4,609</b>	<b>29,563</b>	<b>15,965</b>	<b>5,229</b>	<b>21,194</b>
<b>Segment profit (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 22,288</b>	<b>\$ 1,619</b>	<b>\$ 23,907</b>	<b>\$ 12,167</b>	<b>\$ 1,332</b>	<b>\$ 13,499</b>

	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2010			2009		
	Telecom Solutions Business	Security Business	Total	Telecom Solutions Business	Security Business	Total
Revenues <sup>(1)</sup> :						
Software products and solutions	\$ 200,769	\$ 19,869	\$ 220,638	\$ 126,818	\$ 17,652	\$ 144,470
Service	18,459	351	18,810	16,433	345	16,778

Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

Third-party hardware	9,775	2,794	12,569	9,156	2,673	11,829
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>229,003</b>	<b>23,014</b>	<b>252,017</b>	<b>152,407</b>	<b>20,670</b>	<b>173,077</b>
Cost of revenues:						
Software products and solutions	93,683	5,720	99,403	58,406	6,423	64,829
Service	8,237	208	8,445	5,814	244	6,058
Third-party hardware	9,285	2,678	11,963	8,697	2,502	11,199
<b>Total cost of revenues</b>	<b>111,205</b>	<b>8,606</b>	<b>119,811</b>	<b>72,917</b>	<b>9,169</b>	<b>82,086</b>
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>117,798</b>	<b>14,408</b>	<b>132,206</b>	<b>79,490</b>	<b>11,501</b>	<b>90,991</b>
Segment expenses:						
Sales and marketing	31,184	9,460	40,644	24,516	7,173	31,689
General and administrative <sup>(2)</sup>	2,067	227	2,294	2,067	(99)	1,968
Research and development	25,566	4,081	29,647	22,244	4,605	26,849
Government subsidy				(1,342)		(1,342)
<b>Total segment expenses</b>	<b>58,817</b>	<b>13,768</b>	<b>72,585</b>	<b>47,485</b>	<b>11,679</b>	<b>59,164</b>
<b>Segment profit (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 58,981</b>	<b>\$ 640</b>	<b>\$ 59,621</b>	<b>\$ 32,005</b>	<b>\$ (178)</b>	<b>\$ 31,827</b>

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)**

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	As of September 30, 2010			As of December 31, 2009		
	Telecom Solutions Business	Security Business	Total	Telecom Solutions Business	Security Business	Total
Total assets <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 1,120,387	\$ 58,467	\$ 1,178,854	\$ 423,237	\$ 58,540	\$ 481,777

- (1) The Company classifies the revenues and cost of revenues into three categories: software products and solutions, services, and third party software. The Company allocates revenues of bundled arrangements in the three categories based on the selling prices of each component as set out in sales contracts.
- (2) General and administrative expenses reported reflect only the direct controllable expenses of each business unit and do not include allocation of corporate general and administrative expenses. The credit amount primarily reflects the results of certain bad debt provision reversals recorded in three and nine months ended September 30, 2009.
- (3) Included in total assets are net accounts receivable of \$233,850 and \$3,881 for telecom solutions business and security business, respectively, at September 30, 2010 and \$125,445 and \$4,201 for telecom solutions business and security business, respectively, at December 31, 2009.

The following is a reconciliation of operating segment contribution profit to income before provision for income taxes:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Total contribution profit for reportable segments	\$ 23,907	\$ 13,499	\$ 59,621	\$ 31,827
Corporate general and administrative expenses	(4,830)	(3,302)	(14,958)	(9,023)
Interest income	707	540	2,109	1,698
Gain from sales of short-term investments			472	1,210
Impairment loss on short term investment	(281)		(281)	
Dividend income	253	4	507	178
Other expense, net	(141)	(17)	(191)	(31)
Income before provision for income taxes	\$ 19,615	\$ 10,724	\$ 47,279	\$ 25,859

Since revenues net of cost of third-party hardware sales were reported to the chief operating decision maker, the Company also provides the following table, which reconciles revenues net of cost of third-party hardware sales to total revenues as presented in the Company's consolidated statements of operations:

	Three Months Ended September 30,					
	2010			2009		
	Telecom Solutions Business	Security Business	Total	Telecom Solutions Business	Security Business	Total
Revenues, net of cost of third-party hardware sales	\$ 103,923	\$ 8,832	\$ 112,755	\$ 51,423	\$ 9,437	\$ 60,860



Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

Third-party hardware cost	6,539	2,394	8,933	1,133	1,540	2,673
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 110,462</b>	<b>\$ 11,226</b>	<b>\$ 121,688</b>	<b>\$ 52,556</b>	<b>\$ 10,977</b>	<b>\$ 63,533</b>

	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2010			2009		
	Telecom Solutions Business	Security Business	Total	Telecom Solutions Business	Security Business	Total
Revenues, net of cost of third-party hardware sales	\$ 219,718	\$ 20,336	\$ 240,054	\$ 143,710	\$ 18,168	\$ 161,878
Third-party hardware cost	9,285	2,678	11,963	8,697	2,502	11,199
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 229,003</b>	<b>\$ 23,014</b>	<b>\$ 252,017</b>	<b>\$ 152,407</b>	<b>\$ 20,670</b>	<b>\$ 173,077</b>

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)****20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Mr. Libin Sun, Executive Co-Chairman and a member of the Company Board, is the chairman of Nanjing Lianchuang Group Limited ( Nanjing Lianchuang ). Lianchuang Technology Company Limited ( Lianchuang Technology ) is a subsidiary of Nanjing Lianchuang. During the three-month periods ended September 30, 2010, the Company leased vehicles from Lianchuang Technology for \$57, and leased an office building from Lianchuang Technology Labor Union, a union established in accordance with the Chinese Labor Union Law, for \$55. Both contracts are renewable annually.

As of September 30, 2010, the Company has payable balance to Linkage of \$50.

The Company entered into consulting agreements with Tom Manning, one of its directors, in January 2009 and February 2009, pursuant to which Mr. Manning agreed to provide certain management and consulting services to the Company. As of December 31, 2009, the Company paid approximately \$443 to Mr. Manning pursuant to the agreements. Mr. Manning did not provide any management and consulting services to the Company and the Company did not pay any service fees to Mr. Manning pursuant to the agreements in the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

**21. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

*Product warranty* The Company's product warranty accrual reflected management's best estimate of probable liability under its product warranties. Management determines the warranty accrual based on historical experience and other currently available evidence. Product warranty accrual was recorded as a component of accrued expenses in the accompanying balance sheets.

Changes in the product warranty accrual for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were as follows:

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010</b>	
Beginning balance at January 1, 2010	\$	266
Current period provision		27
Expired warranty		(29)
Foreign exchange difference		5
Ending balance at September 30, 2010	\$	269

*Litigation* In December 2001, a securities class action case was filed in New York City against the Company, certain of its officers and directors and the underwriters of the Company's initial public offering ( IPO ). The lawsuit alleged violations of the U.S. federal securities laws and was docketed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York as Hassan v. AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., et al. The lawsuit alleged, among other things, that the underwriters of the Company's IPO improperly required their customers to pay the underwriters excessive commissions and to agree to buy additional shares of the Company's common stock in the aftermarket as conditions of their purchasing shares in the Company's IPO. The lawsuit further claimed that the alleged practices of the underwriters should have been disclosed in the Company's IPO prospectus and registration statement. The suit seeks rescission of the plaintiffs' alleged purchases of the Company's common stock as well as unspecified damages. In addition to the case against the Company, various other plaintiffs have filed approximately 1,000 other, substantially similar class action cases (collectively, the IPO Allocation Cases ) against approximately 300 other publicly traded companies and their IPO underwriters in New York City, which along with the case against the Company, have all been transferred to a single federal district judge for purposes of case management.

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

In April 2009, the Company and most of the other issuer defendants in the IPO Allocation Cases reached a definitive agreement with the plaintiffs and the underwriter defendants to settle the IPO Allocation Cases. The agreement was filed with the court in April 2009 and a final approval was granted by the court in October 2009. The final approval was subject to appeal until November 2009. Several objectors filed timely appeals and those appeals remain pending. If the settlement is approved, the Company expects any damages payable to the plaintiffs to be fully funded by its directors' and officers' liability insurance policies. If the litigation proceeds, the Company intends to continue to defend the litigation vigorously. Moreover, if the litigation proceeds, the Company believes that the underwriters may have an obligation to indemnify the Company for the legal fees and other costs of defending this suit and that its directors' and officers' liability insurance policies would also cover the defense and potential exposure in the suit.

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

In addition, in June 2007 the Company received a letter from a putative stockholder demanding that the Company investigate and prosecute a claim for alleged short-swing trading in violation of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), by the underwriters of the Company's IPO and certain of the Company's unidentified directors, officers and stockholders. In October 2007, the putative stockholder commenced a civil lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington against Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank, two of the lead underwriters of the Company's IPO, alleging violations of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act. The complaint alleges that the combined number of shares of the Company's common stock beneficially owned by the lead underwriters and certain unnamed officers, directors and principal stockholders exceeded ten percent of the Company's outstanding common stock from the date of the Company's IPO in March 2000, for at least one year. It further alleges that those entities and individuals were thus subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) and the short-swing trading prohibition of Section 16(b), and failed to comply with those provisions. The complaint seeks to recover from the lead underwriters any short-swing profits obtained by them in violation of Section 16(b). None of the Company's directors, officers or stockholders is named as defendants in this action, although the Company is named as a nominal defendant. In July 2008, the Company together with several other issuers who are also named as nominal defendants in the action filed a joint motion to dismiss the action. In March 2009, the court granted the motion, dismissing the complaint without prejudice on the ground that the plaintiff failed to make an adequate demand to the Company prior to filing the complaint. The plaintiff subsequently appealed the judgment to the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the underwriter defendants have filed certain cross-appeals. Oral arguments with respect to these appeals occurred in early October 2010 and the appeals remain pending.

The Company intends to continue to defend vigorously the two litigation matters described above. While the Company cannot guarantee the outcome of these proceedings, the Company believes that the final results of these lawsuits will not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

**22. STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM**

On September 11, 2007, the Company announced the authorization of a stock repurchase program under which the Company was entitled, from time to time for a period of four months, depending on market conditions, share price and other factors, to make one or more purchases, on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, subject to availability, of up to 3,000,000 shares of its outstanding common stock. As of December 31, 2007, the Company repurchased 244,300 shares of its common stock at a total cost of \$1,953 pursuant to this repurchase program.

On February 27, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an extension to the 2007 share repurchase program through July 10, 2008. Under the extended program, the Company was authorized from time to time, depending on market conditions, share price and other factors make one or more purchases on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, subject to availability, of up to 2,755,700 shares of its outstanding common stock. Any common stock repurchased by the Company became part of its treasury stock and may be retired or used by the Company to finance or execute acquisitions or other arrangements. As of July 10, 2008, the Company had repurchased 166,400 shares of its common stock at a total cost of \$1,664 pursuant to this repurchase program.

On September 17, 2008, the Company announced a new stock repurchase program under which the Company was authorized to repurchase up to 3,000,000 shares of its outstanding common stock. As of December 31, 2008, the Company had repurchased 2,589,300 shares of its common stock at a total cost of \$24,132.

No stock repurchases occurred in 2009 and in the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

**23. NONCONTROLLING INTEREST**

(a) In September 2008, the Company established a new subsidiary, Shanghai Xinjia Science & Technology Co., Ltd ( AISH ) in Shanghai, with a total capital contribution of \$732. The Company and Mr. Yao Yuan, the other shareholder of AISH, hold 90% and 10% of AISH's share capital,

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

respectively. AISH mainly provides software and services to telecommunication carriers in Shanghai.

(b) In October 2009, the Company acquired 60% of the share capital of SmartCall Holding Limited and the remaining 40% of the share capital was recorded as noncontrolling interest.

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (Continued)****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)****24. REDEEMABLE NONCONTROLLING INTEREST**

(a) In September 2009, the Company formed AsiaInfo International Pte Ltd ( AIP ) with Alpha Growth International Pte Ltd, a company incorporated under the laws of Singapore ( AGI ), in Singapore. AIP has total issued and paid-up share capital of \$4,000. The Company contributed \$2,800 to AIP in cash, which represents 70% of AIP 's share capital. AGI contributed \$1,200 to the AIP in cash, which represents 30% of AIP 's share capital. AIP serves as an exclusive agent to market and distribute the Company 's telecommunications software and service solutions in certain regions in Southeast Asia until December 2014 or such other date as the Company and AGI may mutually agree. The Company has consolidated AIP since its incorporation.

Pursuant to the agreement with AGI, the Company granted a put option to AGI to sell, while the Company received a call option from AGI to purchase, the 30% equity interest held by AGI. The options are exercisable within a 30 day-period from the date of issuing the audit report of AIP 's 2013 financial statements. The exercise prices for the call and the put options of the 30% equity interest held by AGI are the same and are determined by a formula based on the performance of AIP for years 2012 and 2013.

(b) As discussed in Note 8, on May 1, 2010, the Company, through a subsidiary of the Company, consummated the acquisition of 80% equity interest of Hangzhou Zhongbo for an aggregate purchase price of \$7,068 in cash. Hangzhou Zhongbo provides IT solutions to broadcasting operators in China.

Pursuant to the agreement with Hangzhou Zhongbo, the Company granted a put option to Hangzhou Zhongbo to sell, while the Company received a call option from Hangzhou Zhongbo to purchase, the 20% equity interest held by Hangzhou Zhongbo. The options are exercisable after December 31, 2011. The exercise prices for the call and the put options of the 20% equity interest held by Hangzhou Zhongbo are the same and are determined by a formula based on the performance of Hangzhou Zhongbo for years 2010 and 2011.

These noncontrolling interests were recorded outside of the permanent equity on the consolidated balance sheets initially at the fair value of the noncontrolling interests as of the date of incorporation or the date of acquisition of these subsidiaries. Subsequently, each noncontrolling interest was carried at the higher of (1) the initial carrying amount, increased or decreased for the noncontrolling interest 's share of net income or loss or (2) the accreted amount to the expected redemption value. The change of the carrying amounts of the redeemable noncontrolling interest is recognized as net income attributable to noncontrolling interest in the consolidated statements of operations. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2010, the amounts charged to the net income attributable to noncontrolling interests were \$93, \$203 and \$136, respectively, which represents the noncontrolling interests ' share of net loss of these subsidiaries.

	<b>Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest</b>	
<b>Balance at December 31, 2009</b>	\$	1,122
Incorporation of new subsidiaries		
Net loss		(93)
Adjustment to redemption value		
<b>Balance at March 31, 2010</b>	\$	1,029
Acquisition of Hangzhou Zhongbo		1,354
Net loss		(203)
Adjustment to redemption value		

Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

<b>Balance at June 30, 2010</b>	\$	2,180
Incorporation of new subsidiaries		
Net loss		(136)
Adjustment to redemption value		
<b>Balance at September 30, 2010</b>	\$	2,044

**25. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Company evaluated events occurring after September 30, 2010 until the date the consolidated financial statements were issued.

**Table of Contents****ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Except for historical information, the statements contained in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, or the Reform Act, contains certain safe harbors regarding forward-looking statements. Certain of the forward-looking statements include management's expectations, intentions and beliefs with respect to our growth, our operating results, the nature of the industry in which we are engaged, our business strategies and plans for future operations, our needs for capital expenditures, capital resources and liquidity, and similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the statements. All forward-looking statements included in this report are based on information available to us on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. These cautionary statements are being made pursuant to the provisions of the Reform Act with the intention of obtaining the benefits of the safe harbor provisions of the Reform Act. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, the factors discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in Part II Other Information below and in the reports we file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, from time to time.

In this report, the Company, we, us and our refer to AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. and its subsidiaries and consolidated variable interest entities, or VIEs, Linkage refers to Linkage Technologies International Holdings Limited; and AsiaInfo refers to the Company prior to its combination with Linkage.

**Overview**

We are a leading provider of high-quality communications software solutions and IT security products and related services in China. In the telecommunications market, our software and services enable our customers to build, maintain, operate, manage and continuously improve their communications infrastructure. Our largest customers are the major telecommunications carriers in China and their provincial subsidiaries. In addition to providing customized software solutions to China's telecommunications carriers, we also offer sophisticated IT security products and related services to many small- and medium-sized companies and government agencies in China.

We commenced our operations in the United States, or the U.S., in 1993 and moved our major operations from the U.S. to China in 1995. We began generating significant network solutions revenues in 1996 and significant software revenues in 1998. We conduct the bulk of our business through our operating subsidiaries, most of which are Chinese companies. On July 1, 2010, we completed the combination with Linkage and, in connection with the closing, changed our corporate name to AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc.

We have derived, and believe that we will continue to derive, a significant portion of our revenues from a limited number of large telecommunications customers, such as China Mobile, China Unicom and China Telecom and their respective provincial subsidiaries. The following table shows our revenues and percentage of total revenues derived from those three customers (and their respective provincial subsidiaries) for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
	2010		2009	
	Revenues (in thousands)	Percentage of Total Revenues	Revenues (in thousands)	Percentage of Total Revenues
China Mobile	\$ 60,481	50%	\$ 36,935	58%
China Telecom	20,562	17%	3,648	6%
China Unicom	27,415	22%	12,008	19%
Total	\$ 108,458	89%	\$ 52,591	83%

As a result of our reliance on our key customers in the telecommunications industry, our operating results are influenced by governmental spending policies in that sector. Historically, a number of state-mandated restructurings in China's telecommunications sector have led to cancellation or delays in telecommunications-related capital expenditures, and have negatively impacted our operating results in certain periods. However, certain state-mandated restructurings in China's telecommunications sector have caused our revenues to increase as carriers have increased spending on software and IT infrastructure designed to increase their competitiveness. Any future restructurings affecting our major



## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

telecommunications customers may result in delays or cancellation of telecommunications-related spending, which could have an adverse impact on our business.

## **Table of Contents**

We are organized as two business segments: our telecom solutions business unit, encompassing our traditional telecommunications business, and our security business unit, providing IT security products and services to China's enterprise market. For financial reporting purposes, each of the two business segments is further organized into three product lines:

Software products and solutions;

Services; and

Third-party hardware.

### ***Recent Developments***

On July 1, 2010, we completed the combination with Linkage. Pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement dated December 4, 2009, as supplemented on June 5, 2010 by the Supplemental Agreement, by and among the Company, Linkage, certain shareholders of Linkage, and Mr. Libin Sun as agent for the shareholders of Linkage, which we collectively refer to as the Combination Agreement, we purchased from Linkage 100% of the outstanding share capital of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Linkage Technologies Investment Limited, or Linkage Technologies, for \$60 million in cash and 26,832,731 shares of our common stock, resulting in Linkage Technologies becoming our wholly-owned subsidiary. In connection with the closing, on July 1, 2010 we changed our corporate name to AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. In the third quarter of 2010, we consolidated the operating results and financial position of Linkage and its consolidated subsidiaries. Our consolidated financial statements for periods before July 1, 2010 reflect the standalone operating results and financial position of AsiaInfo and its consolidated subsidiaries and VIEs.

### ***Revenues***

We report our revenues on the basis of the three principal types of revenues derived from our business: software products and solutions revenue, service revenue and third-party hardware revenue. We allocate revenues of bundled arrangements in the three categories based on the selling prices of each component as set out in sales contracts. Please refer to Note 19 to the condensed consolidated financial statements included in this report for detailed financial information regarding segment reporting.

***Software products and solutions revenue.*** We typically sell our software as part of a total solutions package for our customers, which includes proprietary software licenses, professional services related to the design and implementation of the solutions (such as consulting, training, technical support and maintenance) and, in cases where the customer requests a turn-key solution, related hardware. Software products and solutions revenue includes two types of revenues: software license revenue and software services revenue. Software license revenue consists of fees received from customers for licenses or sublicenses to use our software products or third-party software products in perpetuity, typically up to a specified maximum number of users. In most cases where a customer is required to purchase additional licenses from us because the number of users exceeds the number of licensed users, we enter into an extension agreement with the customer to expand and upgrade the customer's system. These extension contracts will usually include a license for the additional users, updated versions of our software and, if required, additional services and hardware for the customer's network. Our software license revenue also includes the benefit of value-added tax rebates on software license sales, which reflect the Chinese government's policy of encouraging the development of China's software industry. Software services revenue consists of revenue from software installation, customization, training and other services. We also record reductions from revenue for our estimates of expected software sales returns from distributors based on current sales and historical sales returns.

***Service revenue.*** Service revenue consists of revenue from professional services, including IT services, management consulting, and network planning, design, systems integration and training services.

In addition, we generate service revenues by acting as a sales agent for International Business Machines Corporation, or IBM, or its distributors, and a few other hardware vendors, for certain products sold to our customers, which we refer to as our IBM Type Arrangements. The service fee under the IBM Type Arrangements is determined as a percentage of the gross contract amount. We have evaluated the criteria outlined in guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or the FASB, regarding reporting revenue gross as principal versus net as an agent, in determining whether to record as revenues the gross amount billed to our customers and related costs or the net amount earned after deducting hardware costs paid to the vendor, even though we bear inventory risks after the vendor ships the products to us and we bill gross amounts to our customers. We record the net amount earned after deducting hardware costs as agency service revenue because (1) the vendor is the primary obligor in these transactions, (2) we have no latitude in establishing the prices, (3) we are not involved in the determination of the

product specifications, and (4) we do not have the right to select suppliers.

**Third-party hardware revenue.** Other than the IBM Type Arrangements, we sometimes procure for, and sell hardware to, our customers as part of certain turn-key solutions. We typically minimize our exposure to hardware inventory risks by sourcing equipment from hardware vendors against letters of credit from our customers. For these hardware transactions, we have also evaluated the criteria outlined in FASB guidance. As a result of the evaluation, we record the gross amounts billed to our customers as revenues because (1) we are the primary obligor in these transactions, (2) we bear the inventory risk, (3) we have latitude in establishing prices, (4) we are involved in the determination of the product specifications, (5) we bear credit risk, and (6) we have the right to select suppliers. As the telecommunications-related IT services market in China develops, our customers are increasingly purchasing hardware directly from hardware vendors and retaining us for our software and professional services.

**Table of Contents**

**Net revenue (non-GAAP).** Although we report our revenue on a gross basis, inclusive of hardware acquisition costs, we manage our business internally based on revenues net of hardware costs, or net revenues (non-GAAP), which is consistent with our strategy of providing our customers with high-value IT professional services and, where efficient, outsourcing lower-end services such as hardware acquisition and installation. This strategy may result in lower growth rates for total revenue as against prior periods, but will not adversely impact revenue net of hardware costs. The following table shows our revenue breakdown on this basis and reconciles our net revenues (non-GAAP) to total revenues:

	<b>2010</b>			<b>2009</b>		
	<b>Telecom Solution Business</b>	<b>Security Business</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Telecom Solution Business</b>	<b>Security Business</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenues net of hardware costs:</b>						
Software products and solutions revenue	\$ 95,241	\$ 8,526	\$ 103,767	\$ 45,660	\$ 9,222	\$ 54,882
Service revenue	8,337	184	8,521	5,703	145	5,848
Third-party hardware revenue net of hardware costs	345	122	467	60	70	130
<b>Total revenues net of hardware costs</b>	<b>103,923</b>	<b>8,832</b>	<b>112,755</b>	<b>51,423</b>	<b>9,437</b>	<b>60,860</b>
Total hardware costs	6,539	2,394	8,933	1,133	1,540	2,673
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 110,462</b>	<b>\$ 11,226</b>	<b>\$ 121,688</b>	<b>\$ 52,556</b>	<b>\$ 10,977</b>	<b>\$ 63,533</b>

	<b>2010</b>			<b>2009</b>		
	<b>Telecom Solution Business</b>	<b>Security Business</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Telecom Security Business</b>	<b>Security Business</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenues net of hardware costs:</b>						
Software products and solutions revenue	\$ 200,769	\$ 19,869	\$ 220,638	\$ 126,818	\$ 17,652	\$ 144,470
Service revenue	18,459	351	18,810	16,433	345	16,778
Third-party hardware revenue net of hardware costs	490	116	606	459	171	630
<b>Total revenues net of hardware costs</b>	<b>219,718</b>	<b>20,336</b>	<b>240,054</b>	<b>143,710</b>	<b>18,168</b>	<b>161,878</b>
Total hardware costs	9,285	2,678	11,963	8,697	2,502	11,199
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 229,003</b>	<b>\$ 23,014</b>	<b>\$ 252,017</b>	<b>\$ 152,407</b>	<b>\$ 20,670</b>	<b>\$ 173,077</b>

We believe total revenues net of hardware costs in each of the segments of our business more accurately reflect our core business, which is the provision of software solutions and services. We also believe this measure provides transparency to our investors because it is the measure used by our management to evaluate the competitiveness and performance of our business in each of the segments. In addition, third-party hardware revenue tends to fluctuate from period to period depending on the requirements of our customers. As a result, a presentation that excludes hardware costs allows investors to better evaluate the performance of our core business and we report this presentation to our chief operating decision maker.

**Cost of Revenues**

**Software products and solutions costs.** Software products and solutions costs consist primarily of three components:

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

packaging and written manual expenses for our proprietary software products and solutions;

compensation and travel expenses for the professionals involved in modifying, customizing or installing our software products and solutions and in providing consultation, training and support services; and

software license fees paid to third-party software providers for the right to sublicense their products to our customers as part of our solutions offerings.

## **Table of Contents**

The costs associated with designing and further developing our proprietary software are classified as research and development expenses as incurred.

**Service costs.** Service costs consist primarily of compensation and travel expenses for the professionals involved in designing and implementing IT services, management consulting and network solutions projects.

**Third-party hardware costs.** We generally recognize hardware costs in full upon delivery of the hardware to our customers. In order to minimize our working capital requirements, we generally obtain from our hardware vendors payment terms that are timed to permit us to receive payment from our customers for the hardware before our payments to hardware vendors are due. However, in large projects we sometimes obtain less favorable payment terms from our customers, thereby increasing our working capital requirements.

Amortization of intangible assets, depreciation of properties and equipment, and rental expenses are also included in cost of revenue.

### ***Operating Expenses***

Operating expenses are comprised of sales and marketing expenses, general and administrative expenses, and research and development expenses. Compensation expenses consistently comprise a significant portion of our total operating expenses.

Sales and marketing expenses include compensation expenses for employees in our sales and marketing departments, third-party advertising expenses, sales commissions and sales consulting fees, as well as the depreciation and amortization expenses allocated to our sales and marketing departments.

Research and development expenses relate to the development of new software and the modification of existing software. We expense such costs as they are incurred.

### ***Taxes***

Except for certain hardware procurement and resale transactions, we conduct substantially all of our business through our Chinese subsidiaries and VIEs. Prior to the enactment of China's new Chinese Enterprise Income Tax Law, or the EIT Law, which became effective on January 1, 2008, foreign-invested enterprises, or FIEs, were generally subject to a 30% state enterprise income tax plus a 3% local income tax. However, most of our operating subsidiaries in China, as FIEs, were entitled to tax holidays or certain preferential tax treatments, which thus reduced their effective rate of income tax to 15% or lower in some cases. Since the EIT Law became effective, all resident enterprises are subject to a flat 25% income tax rate, unless they are otherwise eligible for certain preferential tax treatments under the new rules.

Pursuant to the implementation rules to the EIT Law issued in December 2007, and the several subsequent transition rules, certain of our subsidiaries in China can continue to enjoy preferential tax rates, as long as they are qualified as high and new technology enterprises, or HNTEs. Some of our subsidiaries and VIEs in China became subject to a normal 25% income tax rate, while certain of our subsidiaries and VIEs in China remain eligible for the lower rates under the transition rules. The HNTE status allows qualifying entities to be eligible for a 15% tax rate. The HNTE status is valid for three years. At the conclusion of the three-year period, the qualifying enterprise has the option to renew its HNTE status for an additional three years through a simplified application process if such enterprise's business operations continue to qualify for HNTE status. After the first six years, the enterprise would have to complete a new application process in order to renew its HNTE status. As of December 2009, we had received certification of HNTE status for AsiaInfo Technologies, AsiaInfo Technologies (Chengdu), or AICD, and Lenovo Security, which allows for a reduced 15% tax rate starting January 1, 2009. Accordingly, we have used the reduced rate of 15% in the calculations of current and deferred tax balances for AICD. AsiaInfo Technologies was approved as a key software enterprise in 2008 and 2009, and was eligible for the preferential tax rate of 10% for 2008 and 2009 accordingly. AsiaInfo Technologies is eligible for the preferential tax rate of 15% for 2010 as an HNTE. Lenovo Security was subject to an applicable tax rate of 0% from 2005 to 2007 and 7.5% from 2008 to 2009 due to transitional rules. If Lenovo Security continues to maintain its HNTE status in 2010, it will remain to apply an applicable tax rate of 12.5% in 2010. Similar to AsiaInfo Technologies, Linkage Nanjing, a subsidiary of Linkage Technologies, was approved as a key software enterprise in 2008 and 2009, and was eligible for the preferential tax rate of 10% for 2008 and 2009 accordingly. Linkage Nanjing is eligible for the preferential tax rate of 15% for 2010 as an HNTE.



---

**Table of Contents**

Sales of hardware procured in China are subject to a 17% value-added tax. Most of our sales of hardware procured outside of China are made through our U.S. parent company, AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc., and thus are not subject to the value-added tax. We effectively pass value-added tax on hardware sales through to our customers and do not include them in revenues reported in our financial statements. Companies that develop their own software and register the software with the relevant authorities in China are generally entitled to a value-added tax refund. If the net amount of the value-added tax payable exceeds 3% of software sales and software-related services, the excess portion of the value-added tax is refundable immediately. This policy is effective until the end of 2010. The benefit of the rebate of value-added tax is included in software revenue. Historically, the value-added tax refund is not taxable for income tax purposes as long as the refund is used for research and development activities. However, according to a new tax circular which was issued by the PRC State Administration of Taxation in January 2009, although the value-added tax refund would remain non-taxable when the refund is used for expenses or purchase of or expenses associated with fixed assets, the expenses and depreciation associated with such fixed assets are not tax deductible for income tax purposes. This circular also stipulates that any VAT refund not spent after five years since being received shall be treated as taxable income. It is unclear how this new rule will be implemented and in the absence of specific guidance we are treating the value-added tax refund received as a non-taxable item for income tax purposes till the five-year period ends.

Our PRC subsidiaries and VIEs are subject to business tax at the rate of 3% and 5%, respectively, on certain types of service revenues, which are presented in our statements of operations net of business tax incurred. Business taxes deducted from revenues during the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were \$6.0 million and \$4.7 million, respectively.

We are also subject to U.S. income taxes on revenues generated in the U.S., including revenues from our limited hardware procurement activities through our U.S. parent company, AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc., and interest income earned in the U.S.

***Foreign Exchange***

A majority of our revenues and expenses relating to the hardware, software and service components of our business are denominated in Renminbi, or RMB. The value of our shares will be affected by the foreign exchange rate between U.S. dollars and RMB because the value of our business is effectively denominated in RMB, while our shares are traded in U.S. dollars. Furthermore, an increase in the value of the RMB may require us to exchange more U.S. dollars into RMB in order to meet the working capital requirements of our subsidiaries in China. Depreciation of the value of the U.S. dollar will also reduce the value of the cash we hold in U.S. dollars, which we may use for purposes of future acquisitions or other business expansion. We actively monitor our exposure to these risks and adjust our cash position in the RMB and the U.S. dollar when we believe such adjustments will reduce our foreign exchange risks. For example, in February 2004 we exchanged approximately \$28.0 million cash from U.S. dollars to RMB in order to address concerns regarding a possible increase in the relative value of the RMB. We did not engage in any significant foreign exchange transactions in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010.

As of September 30, 2010, approximately 81.8%, or \$156.7 million, of our cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash were RMB-denominated and approximately 18.2%, or \$34.8 million, were U.S. dollar-denominated. Pursuant to the rate of exchange quoted by People's Bank of China as of September 30, 2010, the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the RMB was US\$1.00 = RMB6.7011, compared to the rate of US\$1.00=RMB6.829 as of September 30, 2009.

***Critical Accounting Policies***

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with US GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates and judgments, including those related to revenues and cost of revenues under customer contracts, warranty obligations, bad debts, inventories, short-term investments, long-term investments, long-lived assets, income taxes, goodwill and other intangible assets, stock options, and litigation. We base our estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other factors that we believe are reasonable. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We believe the following critical accounting policies affect the more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

**Revenue recognition.** Our revenue is derived from three primary sources: (i) software license and related services, including assistance in implementation, customization and integration, post-contract customer support, or PCS, training and consulting; (ii) professional services for systems design, planning, consulting, and system integration; and (iii) the procurement of hardware on behalf of our customers.





---

## Table of Contents

Revenues from customer orders requiring significant production, modifications, or customization of the software are recognized over the service period based on the percentage of completion method as prescribed by US GAAP. Software arrangements with significant production, modifications, or customization are sold with bundled PCS services. Because PCS services have never been sold separately in these arrangements, they do not have stand-alone fair value or vendor specific objective evidence of fair value. The percentage of completion method of revenue recognition is therefore applied to the period from the start of the significant production, modifications, or customization through the last element delivered, which is typically the end of the bundled PCS service period. Revisions in estimated contract costs are made in the period in which the circumstances requiring the revision become known. Provisions, if any, are made currently for anticipated losses on uncompleted contracts.

The information security products sold by our security business are accounted for under US GAAP because the related software is considered to be more than incidental and is essential to the functionality of the related equipment. These information security products are sold bundled with PCS services over a term of one, two or three years.

For contracts entered into before December 31, 2008, we recognized the total arrangement fees for the information security products as revenue upon delivery assuming all other revenue recognition criteria were met regardless of whether the PCS services terms are one, two or three years because (a) PCS services primarily included telephone and online support, (b) PCS services were substantially provided within the first year of the arrangement term, (c) the costs of providing PCS services had historically been insignificant and were expected to be insignificant in the future, and (d) PCS services did not include upgrades or enhancements. PCS services provided beyond the first year of the service term had historically been negligible. We accrued the estimated costs of providing PCS services upon delivery of our security business's information security software products.

For contracts entered into after January 1, 2009, we extended PCS services terms to include unspecified upgrades. In addition, we have established vendor-specific objective evidence of fair value of the PCS services. Therefore, the security products revenue is now recognized upon delivery and the PCS services revenue is deferred and recognized ratably over the PCS services period.

Consulting and other professional services revenues are recognized when the services are performed. Sales of third-party hardware, if not bundled with other arrangements, are recognized when delivered if all other revenue recognition criteria are met. Costs associated with revenues are recognized when incurred.

Revenue recognized in excess of billings is recorded as unbilled receivables and is included in trade accounts receivable. Amounts billed but not yet collected are recorded as billed receivables and are included in trade accounts receivable. All billed and unbilled amounts are expected to be collected within one year. Billings for installation and customization services are rendered based on agreed upon milestones specified in customer contracts. Billings in excess of revenues recognized are recorded as deferred revenue.

In addition, we generate service revenues from the IBM Type Arrangements. The service fee under the IBM Type Arrangements is determined as a percentage of the gross contract amount. We record the net amount earned after deducting hardware costs as agency service revenue for IBM Type Arrangements because (1) the vendor is the primary obligor in these transactions, (2) we have no latitude in establishing the prices, (3) we are not involved in the determination of the product specifications, and (4) we do not have the right to select suppliers.

**Income taxes.** Deferred income taxes are recognized for temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the financial statements, including net operating loss carry forwards and credits. It is computed by applying statutory tax rates applicable to future years. According to the new EIT Law, the transitional rules and relevant regulations, the eligible tax rate for AsiaInfo Technologies and Linkage Nanjing is 10% for 2009 and 15% for 2010; the eligible tax rate for AICD is 15% for 2009 to 2011; and the eligible rate for Lenovo Security is 7.5% for 2009, 12.5% for 2010 and 15% for 2011. Unless otherwise specified, our other Chinese subsidiaries and VIEs are subject to the statutory tax rate of 25%. For both AsiaInfo Technologies and Linkage Nanjing, their HNTE certificates are subject to renewal in 2011. Given the current legislation in this regard and the two companies' operations, we do not expect any challenge to pass the renewal. Accordingly, the eligible rate will be 15% for 2011 for the two companies.

We adopted the statutory rate, i.e., 25%, as the applicable rate to calculate the deferred tax balance of Linkage Nanjing for the years after the expiration of its current HNTE certificate in 2011. If we successfully have such a certificate renewed by passing a number of tests, the applicable rate will be reduced to 15% for the next three years. It will cause a credit to the deferred tax balance and have a positive impact to our consolidated statement of operations.

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

Under the EIT Law, a resident enterprise, which may include an enterprise established outside of the PRC with management located in the PRC, will be subject to PRC income tax. We believe we and our subsidiaries registered outside the PRC are not resident enterprises under the EIT law.

We record a valuation allowance to reduce our deferred tax assets to the amount that we believe is more likely than not to be realized. In the event we were to determine that we would be able to realize our deferred tax assets in the future in excess of their recorded amount, an adjustment to the deferred tax asset would increase income in the period such determination was made. Likewise, should we determine that we would not be able to realize all or part of our net deferred tax assets in the future, an adjustment to the valuation allowance would be charged to income in the period such change occurred.

---

**Table of Contents**

Interest and penalties on income taxes will be classified as a component of the provisions for income taxes.

**Goodwill.** The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired is recorded on our consolidated balance sheets as goodwill. Goodwill is not amortized but is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired. We perform our annual goodwill impairment test on October 1 of each fiscal year for all reporting units. Goodwill is tested following a two-step process. The first step compares the fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the fair value of each reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill is not considered to be impaired and the second step will not be required. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step compares the implied fair value of goodwill to the carrying value of a reporting unit's goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in a manner similar to accounting for a business combination with the allocation of the assessed fair value determined in the first step to the assets and liabilities of the reporting unit. The excess of the fair value of the reporting unit over the amounts assigned to the assets and liabilities is the implied fair value of goodwill. An impairment loss is recognized for any excess in the carrying value of goodwill over the implied fair value of goodwill. We recognized no impairment loss on goodwill in the third quarter of 2010 and 2009.

**Impairment of long-term and short-term investments.** We review our long-term and short-term investments for other-than-temporary impairment in accordance with relevant accounting literature, based on the specific identification method. We consider available quantitative and qualitative evidence in evaluating potential impairment of our investments. If the cost of an investment exceeds the investment's fair value, we consider, among other factors, general market conditions, government economic plans, the duration and the extent to which the fair value of the investment is less than the cost, and our intent and ability to hold the investment. We recognized no impairment loss on long-term investment in the third quarter of 2010 and 2009. We recognized impairment loss of \$281 and nil on short-term investment in the third quarter of 2010 and 2009, respectively.

***Consolidated Results of Operations***

**Revenues.** Total revenues were \$121.7 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010, representing a 91.5% increase over the year ago period and an 82.0% increase sequentially. Total revenue for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 was \$252.0 million, an increase of 45.6% year-over-year. Our revenues for the third quarter of 2010 are not comparable to those of prior periods due to the combination with Linkage and we are not able to separately present the portion of revenues in this quarter contributed by AsiaInfo's historical business and Linkage's historical business as a result of our full integration strategy.

Software products and solutions revenue was \$103.8 million for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010, representing an increase of 89.1% over the comparable period in 2009 and a 75.5% sequential increase. Software products and solutions revenue was \$220.6 million for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010, which was a year-over-year increase of 52.7%. Telecommunications software products and solutions revenue for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010 was \$95.2 million, representing a year-over-year increase of 108.6% and a sequential increase of 84%. Telecommunications software products and solutions revenue for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 was \$200.8 million, representing a year-over-year increase of 58.3%. Software products and solutions revenue from our security business in the three-month period ended September 30, 2010 was \$8.5 million, representing a 7.5% year-over-year decrease and a 16% sequential increase. Software products and solutions revenue from our IT security business in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 was \$19.9 million, representing a 12.6% year-over-year increase.

Service revenue was \$8.5 million in the three-month period ended September 30, 2010, representing an increase of 45.7% over the comparable period in 2009 and a 33.5% sequential increase. Service revenue was \$18.8 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, representing a decrease of 12.1% over the comparable period in 2009.

Third-party hardware revenue for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010 was \$9.4 million, representing a year-over-year decrease of 235.4% and a sequential increase of 591.7%. Third-party hardware revenue for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 was \$12.6 million, representing an increase of 6.3% year-over-year.

Our security business unit contributed \$11.2 million, or 9.2%, of our total revenue in the three-month period ended September 30, 2010, including an 8.2% contribution to software products and solutions revenue and a 2.2% contribution to service revenue. Overall, total revenue for our security business unit increased 2.3% over the year-ago period and 48.4% sequentially. Our security business unit contributed \$23.0 million, or 9.1%, of our gross revenue in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, representing an increase of 11.3% over the year-ago period. Our telecom solutions business unit contributed \$110.5 million, or 90.8%, of our total revenue in the three-month period ended September 30, 2010. Overall, total revenue for the telecom solutions business unit increased by 110.2% over the year-ago period and increased 86.3%

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

sequentially. Our telecom solutions business unit contributed \$229.0 million, or 90.9%, of our gross revenue in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, representing an increase of 50.3% over the year-ago period.

---

**Table of Contents**

During the third quarter, sales to our top three customers, China Mobile, China Unicom and China Telecom (and their respective provincial subsidiaries), accounted for approximately 89% of our total revenue.

**Cost of revenues.** Our cost of revenues was \$68.2 million in the three-month period ended September 30, 2010, representing an increase of 136.5% over the comparable period in 2009. Cost of revenues in the third quarter increased 151.3% compared to the preceding quarter. The year-over-year and the sequential increase in cost of revenues was primarily related to Linkage combination and in line with the changes in total revenues for the same periods. Our cost of revenues was \$119.8 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, representing an increase of 46.0% over the comparable period in 2009.

**Gross profit.** Our gross profit margin in the three-month period ended September 30, 2010 was 43.9%, compared to 54.6% in the same period in 2009 and 59.4% in the preceding quarter. The year-over-year and sequential decrease in gross margin were primarily due to the amortization of acquired intangible assets related to Linkage combination. In addition, we deployed more of our R&D employees into client service team, which result in relative higher cost of revenues but lower R&D expenses.

**Operating expenses.** Our operating expenses in the third quarter of 2010 were \$34.4 million, representing an increase of 40.4% over the comparable period in 2009 and 36.6% sequential increase. Our operating expenses in the in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 were \$87.5 million, representing an increase of 28.4% over the comparable period in 2009. The sequential and year over year increase was primarily due to Linkage combination

Sales and marketing expenses were \$19.5 million for the third quarter of 2010, representing an increase of 74.0% over the comparable period in 2009 and an 80.7% sequential increase. Sales and marketing expenses were \$40.6 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, representing an increase of 28.3% over the comparable period in 2009.

General and administrative expenses were \$4.0 million for the third quarter of 2010, representing an increase of 5.9% over the comparable period in 2009 and a 13.1% sequential decrease. The sequential decrease was primarily due to \$0.6 million in combination-related expenses incurred in the second quarter of 2010. General and administrative expenses were \$17.3 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, representing an increase of 57.0% over the comparable period in 2009. The year-over-year increase was primarily due to \$4.2 million in combination-related expenses incurred in the first half 2010.

Research and development expenses were \$10.9 million for the third quarter of 2010, representing an increase of 0.3% over the comparable period in 2009 and an 11.2% sequential increase. Research and development expenses were \$29.6 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, representing an increase of 10.4% over the comparable period in 2009. These research and development expenses are in line with our strategy of continuing to invest in research and development of world-class products, solutions and upgrades to meet the demand of our customers.

**Total other income, net.** Total other income, including interest income, dividend income, and other income (expenses), net, in the third quarter of 2010 was \$0.5 million, representing an increase of 2.1% over the comparable period in 2009 and a decrease of 62.0% over the preceding quarter. Total other income in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 was \$2.6 million, representing a decrease of 14.4% over the comparable period in 2009. The year-over-year decrease was primarily due to lower investment gains.

**Net income.** Net income was \$16.1 million for the third quarter of 2010, representing an increase of 77.7% over the comparable period in 2009 and an increase of 19.7% sequentially. Net income was \$39.5 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, representing an increase of 79.1% over the comparable period in 2009.

**Net income attributable to AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc.** Net income attributable to AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. for the third quarter of 2010 was \$16.5 million, or \$0.22 per basic share, compared to \$9.1 million, or \$0.20 per basic share, for the year-ago period, and \$13.9 million, or \$0.29 per basic share, for the previous quarter. Net income attributable to AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 was \$40.7 million, or \$0.72 per basic share, compared to \$22.1 million, or \$0.49 per basic share, for the year-ago period.

---

**Table of Contents**

*Liquidity and Capital Resources*

Our capital requirements are primarily working capital requirements related to hardware sales and costs associated with the expansion of our business, such as research and development and sales and marketing expenses. We recognize hardware costs in full upon delivery of the hardware to our customers. In order to minimize our working capital requirements, we generally obtain from our hardware vendors payment terms that are timed to permit us to receive payment from our customers for the hardware before our payments to hardware vendors are due. With respect to our billing cycle, we generally require our customers to pay 80% to 90% of the invoice value of the hardware upon delivery. We typically place orders for hardware against back-to-back orders from customers and seek favorable payment terms from hardware vendors. However, we sometimes obtain less favorable payment terms from our customers, thereby increasing our working capital requirements. In addition to this careful management of our billing cycle, we have also historically financed working capital and other capital requirements through private placements of equity securities, our initial public offering in 2000 and, to a limited extent, bank loans.

Our net cash used in operating activities for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 was \$13.3 million. This was primarily attributable to our net income of \$39.5 million, adjusted by a net non-cash related expenses of \$20.3 million and a net increase in the components of our working capital of \$73.1 million.

Our accounts receivable balance as of September 30, 2010 was \$237.7 million, consisting of \$105.1 million in billed receivables and \$132.6 million in unbilled receivables. Our billed receivables are recorded based on agreed-upon milestones included in our customer contracts. Our unbilled receivables are based on the revenues that we have booked through the percentage completion method, but for which we have not yet billed the customer. The IBM Type Arrangements related accounts receivable balance as of September 30, 2010 was approximately \$39.2 million. Our days sales outstanding as of September 30, 2010 was 132 days, as compared to last quarter's 117 days. When calculating our days sales outstanding, we have adjusted for the net effect of the IBM type Arrangements. The increase in days of sales outstanding from December 31, 2009 to September 30, 2010 was primarily attributable to the legal entity re-naming process, which resulted in a longer payment approval process for both us and our customers. When calculating our days sales outstanding, we include both billed and unbilled accounts receivable and we use the net accounts receivable balance for the IBM Type and other similar arrangements where we act as a sales agent and record revenue on a net basis.

Our inventory position at the end of the third quarter of 2010 was approximately \$8.4 million, as compared to \$9.5 million as of December 31, 2009.

Our accounts payable balance as of September 30, 2010 was approximately \$45.4 million, compared to \$76.0 million as of December 31, 2009. As of September 30, 2010, our accounts payable balance related to the IBM Type Arrangements was approximately \$29.7 million under which we are contractually obligated to pay our vendor only when China Mobile pays us.

Our net cash used in investing activities for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 was \$47.3 million. This was primarily due to our purchase of Hangzhou Zhongbo for \$4.1 million and purchase of Linkage for \$41.3, net of cash acquired.

Our net cash provided by financing activities for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 was \$2.5 million. This was primarily due to proceeds we received from the exercise of stock options.

As of September 30, 2010, we had cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash totaling \$191.5 million and short-term investments totaling \$42.4 million.

As of September 30, 2010, we had total short-term credit facilities of \$37.6 million for working capital purposes, expiring in May 2011, which were secured by bank deposits of \$5.0 million. As of September 30, 2010, unused short-term credit facilities were \$26.0 million and used facilities totaled \$11.6 million. The used facilities were pledged as security for issuing standby letters of credit and trade notes payable to hardware suppliers and customers. Additional bank deposits of \$2.4 million were used for issuing standby letters of credit and bank acceptance drafts as of September 30, 2010. Total bank deposits pledged as security for these credit facilities totaled \$7.4 million as of September 30, 2010 and are presented as restricted cash in our consolidated balance sheets. During the three-month period ended September 30, 2010, the largest aggregate amount that we had used of our short-term credit facilities was \$11.6 million.

As of September 30, 2010, we had \$3.0 million outstanding bank borrowings. During the three-month period ended September 30, 2010, the largest aggregate amount of our bank borrowings was \$6.0 million.

## Edgar Filing: ASIAINFO-LINKAGE, INC - Form 10-Q

We anticipate that our available funds and cash flows generated from operations will be sufficient to meet our anticipated needs for working capital, capital expenditures and business expansion through 2010. We may need to raise additional funds in the future, however, in order to fund acquisitions, develop new or enhanced services or products, respond to competitive pressures to compete successfully for larger projects involving higher levels of hardware purchases, or if our business otherwise grows more rapidly than we currently predict. We anticipate that we would raise additional funds, if necessary, through new issuances of shares of our equity securities in one or more public offerings or private placements, or through credit facilities extended by lending institutions.



---

**Table of Contents**

In the event that we decide to pay dividends to our stockholders, our ability to pay dividends will depend in part on our ability to receive dividends from our operating subsidiaries in China. Foreign exchange and other regulations in China may restrict our ability to distribute retained earnings from our operating subsidiaries in China or convert those payments from RMB into foreign currencies.

***Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements***

We have not entered into any transactions, agreements or other contractual arrangements to which an entity unconsolidated with us is a party and under which we have (i) any obligation under a guarantee, (ii) any retained or contingent interest in assets transferred to an unconsolidated entity that serves as credit, liquidity or market risk support to such entity, (iii) any obligation under derivative instruments that are indexed to our shares and classified as stockholders' equity in our consolidated balance sheets, or (iv) any obligation arising out of a variable interest in any unconsolidated entity that provides financing, liquidity, market risk or credit support to us or engages in leasing, hedging or research and development services with us.

As of September 30, 2010, we had short-term credit facilities for working capital purposes totaling \$37.6 million, expiring in May 2011, of which \$11.6 million had been used for issuing standby letters of credit and trade notes payable to hardware suppliers and customers. Unused short-term credit facilities were \$26.0 million.

***Accounting Pronouncements******(1) Newly Adopted Accounting Pronouncements***

In June 2009, the FASB issued an authoritative pronouncement that changes how a company determines whether an entity should be consolidated when such entity is insufficiently capitalized or is not controlled by the company through voting (or similar rights). The determination of whether a company is required to consolidate an entity is based on, among other things, the entity's purpose and design and the company's ability to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance. The pronouncement retains the scope of previously issued pronouncement but added entities previously considered qualifying special purpose entities, since the concept of these entities was eliminated by the FASB. The pronouncement is effective as of the beginning of the first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2009. The adoption of this pronouncement did not have a significant impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In January 2010, the FASB issued authoritative guidance to improve disclosures about fair value measurements. This guidance amends previous guidance on fair value measurements to add new requirements for disclosures about transfers into and out of Levels 1 and 2 and separate disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements relating to Level 3 measurement on a gross basis rather than on a net basis as currently required. This guidance also clarifies existing fair value disclosures about the level of disaggregation and about inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This guidance is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the requirement to provide the Level 3 activities of purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements on a gross basis, which will be effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2010. Early application is permitted and, in the period of initial adoption, entities are not required to provide the amended disclosures for any previous periods presented for comparative purposes. We have adopted this pronouncement except for the requirement to provide the Level 3 activities of purchases, sales, issuances and settlements on a gross basis. The adoption of this pronouncement does not have a significant effect on our consolidated financial position or result of operations.

***(2) Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted***

In September 2009, the FASB issued an authoritative pronouncement regarding revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables. This pronouncement was issued in response to practice concerns related to accounting for revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables under the existing pronouncement. Although the new pronouncement retains the criteria from the existing pronouncement for when delivered items in a multiple-deliverable arrangement should be considered separate units of accounting, it removes the separation criterion under the existing pronouncement that objective and reliable evidence of the fair value of any undelivered items must exist for the delivered items to be considered a separate unit or separate units of accounting. The new pronouncement is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010. Entities can elect to apply this pronouncement prospectively to new or materially modified arrangements after the pronouncement's effective date or retrospectively for all periods presented. Early application is permitted. However, if the entity elects prospective application and early adopts this pronouncement after its first interim reporting period, it must also retrospectively apply this pronouncement as of the beginning of that fiscal year and disclose the effect of the retrospective adjustments on the prior interim periods' revenue, income before taxes, net income, and earnings per share. We are in the process of evaluating the effect of adoption of this pronouncement.



**Table of Contents**

In September 2009, the FASB issued an authoritative pronouncement regarding software revenue recognition for arrangements with multiple deliverables. This pronouncement addresses how consideration should be allocated to different units of accounting and removes the previous criterion that entities must use objective and reliable evidence of fair value in separately accounting for deliverables. The pronouncement provides that products containing both software and non-software components that function together to deliver the product's essential functionality are excluded from the scope of current revenue recognition guidance for software products. The pronouncement includes factors that entities should consider when determining whether the software and non-software components function together to deliver the product's essential functionality. The pronouncement is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010. Entities can elect to apply this pronouncement prospectively to new or materially modified arrangements after the pronouncement's effective date or retrospectively for all periods presented. Early application is permitted. However, if the entity elects prospective application and early adopts this pronouncement after its first interim reporting period, it must also retrospectively apply this pronouncement as of the beginning of that fiscal year and disclose the effect of the retrospective adjustments on the prior interim periods' revenue, income before taxes, net income, and earnings per share. We are in the process of evaluating the effect of adoption of this pronouncement.

In March 2010, FASB issued an authoritative pronouncement regarding the effect of denominating the exercise price of a share-based payment awards in the currency of the market in which the underlying equity securities trades and that currency is different from (1) entity's functional currency, (2) functional currency of the foreign operation for which the employee provides services, and (3) payroll currency of the employee. The guidance clarifies that an employee share-based payment award with an exercise price denominated in the currency of a market in which a substantial portion of the entity's equity securities trades should be considered an equity award assuming all other criteria for equity classification are met. The pronouncement will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2010, and will be applied prospectively. Affected entities will be required to record a cumulative catch-up adjustment for all awards outstanding as of the beginning of the annual period in which the guidance is adopted. We do not believe the adoption of this pronouncement will significantly impact our financial position or results of operations.

In April 2010, the FASB issued an authoritative pronouncement regarding the milestone method of revenue recognition. The scope of this pronouncement is limited to arrangements that include milestones relating to research or development deliverables. The pronouncement specifies criteria that must be met for a vendor to recognize consideration that is contingent upon achievement of a substantive milestone in its entirety in the period in which the milestone is achieved. The criteria apply to milestones in arrangements within the scope of this pronouncement regardless of whether the arrangement is determined to have single or multiple deliverables or units of accounting. The pronouncement will be effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning on or after June 15, 2010. Early application is permitted. Affected entities can apply this guidance prospectively to milestones achieved after adoption. However, retrospective application to all prior periods is also permitted. We are in the process of evaluating the effect of adoption of this pronouncement.

In October 2010, the FASB issued an authoritative pronouncement regarding accounting for costs associated with acquiring or renewing insurance contracts. This pronouncement addresses diversity in practice regarding the interpretation of which costs relating to the acquisition or renewal of insurance contracts qualify for deferral and which costs should be capitalized. The pronouncement will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. While the guidance is required to be applied prospectively upon adoption, retrospective application is also permitted (to all prior periods presented). Early adoption is also permitted, but only at the beginning of an entity's annual reporting period. We do not believe the adoption of this pronouncement will significantly impact our financial position or results of operations.

For information concerning certain risks that may affect our operating results and the value of our common stock, please see the factors discussed under the heading of "Risk Factors" in Part II, Other Information below and in the other reports we file with the SEC from time to time.

**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

We are exposed to interest rate risk primarily associated with our cash and short-term investments. To date, we have not entered into any types of derivatives to hedge against interest-rate changes. There have been no significant changes in our exposure to changes in interest rates for the quarter ended September 30, 2010. Our exposure to interest rate changes is limited as we do not have any material borrowings.

We are exposed to exchange rate risk in connection with the relative value of the U.S. dollar and the RMB. Substantially all of our revenues and expenses relating to the service and software components of our business are denominated in RMB. As of September 30, 2010, approximately 81.8%, or \$156.7 million, of our cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash were RMB-denominated and approximately 18.2%, or \$34.8 million, were U.S. dollar-denominated. As of that date, the rate of exchange quoted by the People's Bank of China was US\$1.00 = RMB6.7011. If the exchange rate were to increase by 10% to US\$1.00 = RMB7.3712, our net assets would potentially decrease by \$31.0 million. If the exchange

rate were to decrease by 10% to US\$1.00 = RMB6.0310, our net assets would potentially increase by \$37.9 million.

---

## **Table of Contents**

The value of our shares may be affected by the foreign exchange rate between U.S. dollars and RMB because the value of our business is effectively denominated in RMB, while our shares are traded in U.S. dollars. Furthermore, an increase in the value of the RMB may require us to exchange more U.S. dollars into RMB to meet the working capital requirements of our subsidiaries and VIEs in China. Depreciation of the value of the U.S. dollar will also reduce the value of the cash we hold in U.S. dollars, which we may use for purposes of future acquisitions or business expansion. We actively monitor our exposure to these risks and adjust our cash position in the RMB and the U.S. dollar when we believe such adjustments will reduce our foreign exchange risk. For example, in February 2004 we exchanged approximately \$28 million cash in U.S. dollars into RMB in anticipation of increases in the value of the RMB. We did not engage in any significant foreign exchange transactions during the three-month period ended September 30, 2010.

As in any other business, we are subject to the risk of macroeconomic changes such as recessions and inflation.

### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

#### ***Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

#### ***Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

As a result of our combination with Linkage on July 1, 2010, our internal control over financial reporting, subsequent to the date of the combination, includes certain additional internal controls relating to Linkage. Except as described above, there have not been any changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the quarter ended September 30, 2010 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

In December 2001, a securities class action case was filed in New York City against us, certain of our officers and directors and the underwriters of our initial public offering, or our IPO. The lawsuit alleged violations of the U.S. federal securities laws and was docketed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York as *Hassan v. AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., et al.* The lawsuit alleged, among other things, that the underwriters of our IPO improperly required their customers to pay the underwriters excessive commissions and to agree to buy additional shares of our common stock in the aftermarket as conditions of their purchasing shares in our IPO. The lawsuit further claimed that the alleged practices of the underwriters should have been disclosed in our IPO prospectus and registration statement. The suit seeks rescission of the plaintiffs' alleged purchases of our common stock as well as unspecified damages. In addition to the case against us, various other plaintiffs have filed approximately 1,000 other, substantially similar class action cases, or the IPO Allocation Cases, against approximately 300 other publicly traded companies and their IPO underwriters in New York City, which along with the case against us have all been transferred to a single federal district judge for purposes of case management.

In April 2009, we and most of the other issuer defendants in the IPO Allocation Cases reached a definitive agreement with the plaintiffs and the underwriter defendants to settle the IPO Allocation Cases. The agreement was filed with the court in April 2009 and a final approval was granted by the court in October 2009. The final approval was subject to appeal until November 2009. Several objectors filed timely appeals and those appeals remain pending. If the settlement is approved, we expect any damages payable to the plaintiffs to be fully funded by our directors' and officers' liability insurance policies. If the litigation proceeds, we intend to continue to defend the litigation vigorously. Moreover, if the litigation proceeds, we believe that the underwriters may have an obligation to indemnify us for the legal fees and other costs of defending this suit and that our directors' and officers' liability insurance policies would also cover the defense and potential exposure in the suit.



---

**Table of Contents**

In addition, in June 2007 we received a letter from a putative stockholder demanding that we investigate and prosecute a claim for alleged short-swing trading in violation of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act by the underwriters of our IPO and certain of our unidentified directors, officers and stockholders. In October 2007, the putative stockholder commenced a civil lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington against Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank, two of the lead underwriters of our IPO, alleging violations of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act. The complaint alleges that the combined number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned by the lead underwriters and certain unnamed officers, directors and principal stockholders exceeded ten percent of our outstanding common stock from the date of our IPO in March 2000, for at least one year. It further alleges that those entities and individuals were thus subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) and the short-swing trading prohibition of Section 16(b), and failed to comply with those provisions. The complaint seeks to recover from the lead underwriters any short-swing profits obtained by them in violation of Section 16(b). None of our directors, officers or stockholders is named as defendants in this action, although we are named as a nominal defendant. In July 2008, we, together with several other issuers who are also named as nominal defendants in the action, filed a joint motion to dismiss the action. In March 2009, the court granted our motion, dismissing the complaint without prejudice on the ground that the plaintiff failed to make an adequate demand to us prior to filing the complaint. The plaintiff subsequently appealed the judgment to the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the underwriter defendants have filed certain cross-appeals. Oral arguments with respect to these appeals occurred in early October 2010 and the appeals remain pending.

We intend to continue to defend vigorously the two litigation matters described above. While we cannot guarantee the outcome of these proceedings, we believe that the final results of these lawsuits will have no material effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

During the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2010, we did not have any other material legal proceedings brought against us. No further material developments occurred in connection with any previously reported legal proceedings against us during the last fiscal quarter.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Set forth below are the risk factors we have revised from those appearing in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2010 and amended on April 30, 2010, or the 2009 Form 10-K, and in Part II, Other Information, Item 1A of our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2010 and June 30, 2010, filed with the SEC on May 7, 2010 and August 6, 2010, or the 2010 Forms 10-Q. In addition to the other information set forth in this Form 10-Q, you should carefully consider the factors discussed under the heading Risk Factors in our 2009 Form 10-K and 2010 Forms 10-Q, as well as information in our other reports filed with the SEC from time to time. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial position and/or operating results.

***Integrating the business of Linkage into our business will divert management's attention and resources, and the anticipated benefits of the combination, including anticipated cost savings, may not be realized fully or at all or may take longer to realize than expected.***

Our business combination with Linkage involves the integration of two companies that have previously operated independently, with principal offices in two distinct locations, and with unique corporate policies and practices. In addition, Linkage Technologies has historically been a private company with limited numbers of accounting personnel and other resources with which to address internal controls and procedures, and its independent registered public accounting firm identified a number of material weaknesses and significant deficiencies in its internal control over financial reporting. We are devoting significant management attention and human, technical and financial resources to integrating the two companies. For example, the process of integrating the accounting systems, records and procedures of Linkage Technologies and designing and implementing an effective financial reporting system for the combined company entails significant time and expense and may not be effective in preventing material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting. In the process of integration, the combined company faces difficulties in retaining customers and personnel, as well as in combining financial reporting systems, training personnel, and forecasting combined company financial results.

If we are unable to integrate operational, financial and other business matters effectively, we may face a variety of adverse consequences. We may not achieve the revenue growth we expect to accomplish from the combination, may not realize the full benefits of synergies, cost savings, innovation and operational efficiencies that may be possible, or may identify a material weakness in our internal controls in the future. Moreover, any benefits from the combination may not be achieved within a reasonable period of time, if at all. Any of these events could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

Please see Exhibit Index.



**Table of Contents**

**SIGNATURE**

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

AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc.

Date: November 9, 2010

By: /s/ JUN WU  
Name: **Jun Wu**  
Title: **Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer (signing on behalf of the registrant and as principal financial officer)**

**Table of Contents****EXHIBIT INDEX**

The following exhibits are filed as a part of this Report.

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Title	Incorporated by Reference			
		Filed Herewith	Form	Exhibit No.	Filing Date
3.1	Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation, dated July 1, 2010		8-K	3.1	001-15713 7/6/2010
3.2	Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company, dated July 1, 2010		8-K	3.1	001-15713 7/1/2010
10.1*	Master Executive Employment Agreement (And Supplementary Agreements) by and between AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. and Libin Sun, effective July 1, 2010		8-K	10.3	001-15713 6/7/2010
10.2*	Master Executive Employment Agreement (And Supplementary Agreements) by and between AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. and Xiwei Huang, effective July 1, 2010		8-K	10.4	001-15713 6/7/2010
10.3*	Master Executive Employment Agreement (And Supplementary Agreements) by and between AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. and Guoxiang Liu, effective July 1, 2010		8-K	10.5	001-15713 6/7/2010
10.4	Registration Rights Agreement, by and between the Company and LT International Limited, dated July 1, 2010		8-K	10.1	001-15713 7/1/2010
10.5	Escrow Agreement by and between the Company and Linkage Technologies International Holdings Limited, dated July 1, 2010		8-K	10.2	001-15713 7/1/2010
10.6*	Executive Employment Agreement by and between the Company and Steve Zhang, dated July 1, 2010,		8-K	10.29	001-15713 7/6/2010
10.7*	Employment Contract by and between AsiaInfo Technologies (China), Inc. and Steve Zhang, dated July 1, 2010		8-K	10.30	001-15713 7/6/2010
10.8*	Confidentiality and Non-Competition Agreement by and between AsiaInfo Technologies (China), Inc. and Steve Zhang, dated July 1, 2010		8-K	10.31	001-15713 7/6/2010
10.9*	Offer Letter with Jun Wu dated August 1, 2010 (English Translation)	X			
10.10*	Employment Contract by and between AsiaInfo-Linkage Technologies (China), Inc. and Jun Wu, dated August 16, 2010 (English Translation)	X			
10.11*	Confidentiality and Non-Competition Agreement by and between AsiaInfo-Linkage Technologies (China), Inc. and Jun Wu, dated August 16, 2010 (English Translation)	X			
10.12*	Master Executive Employment Agreement by and between AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. and Jun Wu dated August 16, 2010	X			
10.13*	Change-of-Control Severance Agreement by and between AsiaInfo-Linkage, Inc. and Jun Wu, dated as of August 16, 2010	X			
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer required by Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated November 9, 2010	X			

**Table of Contents**

<b>Exhibit</b>		<b>Incorporated by Reference</b>				
		<b>Filed</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>File No.</b>	<b>Filing</b>
<b>No.</b>	<b>Exhibit Title</b>	<b>Herewith</b>		<b>No.</b>		<b>Date</b>
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer required by Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated November 9, 2010	X				
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated November 9, 2010					
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated November 9, 2010					

\* Management contract, or compensatory plan or arrangement.