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

## FORM 10-Q $\hfill \hfill \hfi$

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017

or

	RSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period f	
	nmission file number: 000-30141
	LIVEPERSON, INC.
(Exact Name	e of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)
Delaware	13-3861628
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
475 Tenth Avenue, 5th Floor New York, New York	10018
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)
	(212) 609-4200
(Registrant's	Telephone Number, Including Area Code)
	eports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing
	ctronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to a during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to
	ted filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See naller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one).
Large accelerated filer $\square$	Accelerated filer $oxtimes$
Non-accelerated filer $\square$	Smaller reporting company $\square$
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Emerging growth company $\square$
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 1.	egistrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or tion 13(a) of the Exchange Act. $\Box$
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company	y (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes $\square$ No $\boxtimes$
On October 31, 2017, 59,524,518 shares of the registrant's comm	non stock were outstanding.

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

STATEMENTS IN THIS REPORT ABOUT LIVEPERSON, INC. THAT ARE NOT HISTORICAL FACTS ARE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS BASED ON OUR CURRENT EXPECTATIONS, ASSUMPTIONS, ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS ABOUT LIVEPERSON AND OUR INDUSTRY. THESE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES THAT COULD CAUSE ACTUAL FUTURE EVENTS OR RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM SUCH STATEMENTS. ANY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS ARE MADE PURSUANT TO THE SAFE HARBOR PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995. IT IS ROUTINE FOR OUR INTERNAL PROJECTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS TO CHANGE AS THE YEAR OR EACH QUARTER IN THE YEAR PROGRESSES, AND THEREFORE IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE INTERNAL PROJECTIONS AND BELIEFS UPON WHICH WE BASE OUR EXPECTATIONS MAY CHANGE PRIOR TO THE END OF EACH QUARTER OR THE YEAR. ALTHOUGH THESE EXPECTATIONS MAY CHANGE, WE ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO INFORM YOU IF THEY DO. OUR COMPANY POLICY IS GENERALLY TO PROVIDE OUR EXPECTATIONS ONLY ONCE PER QUARTER, AND NOT TO UPDATE THAT INFORMATION UNTIL THE NEXT QUARTER. ACTUAL EVENTS OR RESULTS MAY DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE CONTAINED IN THE PROJECTIONS OR FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. FACTORS THAT COULD CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH DIFFERENCES INCLUDE THOSE DISCUSSED IN PART II, ITEM 1A, "RISK FACTORS."

## **Item 1. Financial Statements**

## LIVEPERSON, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS) (UNAUDITED)

(C.W.C.D.T.E.D.)	September 30, 2017			December 31, 2016
				(Note 1)
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	54,361	\$	50,889
Cash held as collateral		1,451		3,962
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,299 and \$1,732 as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively		32,180		31,823
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		7,734		5,477
Total current assets		95,726		92,151
Property and equipment, net		32,183		28,397
Intangibles, net		12,974		16,510
Goodwill		80,499		80,245
Deferred tax assets		699		773
Other assets		1,487		1,562
Total assets	\$	223,568	\$	219,638
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  CURRENT LIABILITIES:  Accounts payable	\$	3,443	\$	7,288
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	Ψ	37,207	Ψ	40,250
Deferred revenue		35,694		27,145
Total current liabilities		76,344		74,683
Other liabilities		2,745		3,147
Deferred tax liability		4,082		3,332
Total liabilities		83,171		81,162
Commitments and contingencies				
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:				
Common stock		59		58
Additional paid-in capital		301,614		289,524
Treasury stock		(3)		(2)
Accumulated deficit		(159,414)		(144,944)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(1,859)		(6,160)
Total stockholders' equity		140,397		138,476
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	223,568	\$	219,638

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE DATA) (UNAUDITED)

		Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Months End September 30,			
		2017		2016	2017			2016		
Revenue	\$	56,493	\$	54,518	\$	161,486	\$	166,662		
Costs and expenses (1)(2)							_			
Cost of revenue (3)		14,541		14,837		43,456		48,210		
Sales and marketing		21,603		22,067		66,695		67,831		
General and administrative		10,398		10,069		30,528		29,758		
Product development		9,726		9,495		29,011		29,428		
Restructuring costs		_		(384)		2,315		(384)		
Amortization of purchased intangibles		470		1,013		1,412		2,954		
Total costs and expenses		56,738		57,097		173,417		177,797		
Loss from operations		(245)		(2,579)		(11,931)		(11,135)		
Other income (expense), net		191		(123)		412		(135)		
Loss before provision for income taxes		(54)		(2,702)		(11,519)		(11,270)		
Provision for income taxes		1,256		3,177		3,000		5,038		
Net loss	\$	(1,310)	\$	(5,879)	\$	(14,519)	\$	(16,308)		
Net loss per share of common stock:										
Basic	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.10)	\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.29)		
Diluted	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.10)	\$	(0.26)	\$	(0.29)		
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Weighted-average shares used to compute net loss per share:										
Basic	5	56,524,990	0 56,047,645		15 56,153,42		5	6,131,818		
Diluted	<u> </u>	56,524,990	56,047,645		47,645 56,		56,131,818			
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(1) Amounts include stock-based compensation expense, as follows:										
Cost of revenue	\$	108	\$	121	\$	301	\$	342		
Sales and marketing		576		502		1,984		1,936		
General and administrative		622		759		2,058		2,552		
Product development		537		873		1,760		2,770		
(2) Amounts include depreciation expense, as follows:										
Cost of revenue	\$	1,715	\$	1,756	\$	5,350	\$	6,469		
Sales and marketing		417		212		1,206		1,012		
General and administrative		321		435		911		1,215		
Product development		726		247		1,550		749		
(3) Amounts include amortization of purchased intangibles, as follows:										
Cost of revenue	\$	639	\$	697	\$	2,556	\$	2,091		

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS (IN THOUSANDS) (UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended					Nine months ended			
	September 30,				September 30,				
		2017	2016		2017			2016	
Net loss	\$	(1,310)	\$	(5,879)	\$	(14,519)	\$	(16,308)	
Foreign currency translation adjustment		317		1,848		(4,301)		(650)	
Comprehensive loss	\$	(993)	\$	(4,031)	\$	(18,820)	\$	(16,958)	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS) (UNAUDITED)

Nine Months Ended

		Septem	iber 30,		
		2017	2	2016	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
Net loss	\$	(14,519)	\$	(16,308)	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Stock-based compensation expense		6,103		7,600	
Depreciation		9,017		9,445	
Amortization of purchased intangibles		3,968		5,045	
Amortization of tenant allowance		(125)		_	
Deferred income taxes		823		163	
Provision for doubtful accounts, net		1,363		1,240	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		(1,719)		(340)	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(2,248)		(1,627)	
Other assets		75		(32)	
Accounts payable		(4,352)		(1,404)	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		(2,954)		(1,690)	
Deferred revenue		8,549		12,593	
Other liabilities		(463)		1,865	
Net cash provided by operating activities		3,518		16,550	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:					
Purchases of property and equipment, including capitalized software		(12,176)		(9,251)	
Cash held as collateral for foreign exchange forward contracts		2,511		1,443	
Payments for acquisitions and intangible assets, net of cash acquired		(345)		(411)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(10,010)	-	(8,219)	
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FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Proceeds from issuance of common stock in connection with the exercise of options		7,748		838	
Repurchase of common stock		(1,741)		(5,773)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		6,007		(4,935)	
EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		3,957		(794)	
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		3,472		2,602	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Beginning of the period		50,889		48,803	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - End of the period	\$	54,361	\$	51,405	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Elid of the period	Ψ	54,501	Ψ	31,403	
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF OTHER CASH FLOW INFORMATION:					
Cash paid for income taxes	\$	540	\$	628	
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SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Purchase of property and equipment recorded in accounts payable	\$	507	\$	53	
Leasehold improvements funded by landlord	\$	_	\$	107	

## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

## 1. Description of Business and Basis of Presentation

LivePerson, Inc. (the "Company" or "LivePerson") was incorporated in the State of Delaware in November 1995 and the LivePerson service was introduced in November 1998. In April 2000, the Company completed an initial public offering and is currently traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. LivePerson is headquartered in New York City, with U.S. offices in Alpharetta (Georgia) and international offices in Amsterdam, Berlin, London, Mannheim, Melbourne, Milan, Paris, Ra'anana (Israel), Reading (UK), and Tokyo.

LivePerson provides mobile and online business messaging solutions that power digital communication between brands and consumers. LiveEngage, the Company's enterprise-class, cloud-based platform, enables businesses to create a meaningful connection with consumers via messaging. As consumers have reoriented their digital lives around the smartphone, messaging apps have become their preferred communication channel to connect with each other. LivePerson allows brands to align with this new consumer preference by deploying messaging at scale for customer care and sales as an alternative to email or to calling a contact center.

LiveEngage is designed to securely deploy messaging at scale for brands with tens of millions of customers and many thousands of customer care agents. Key benefits include a sophisticated proactive targeting engine and a robust suite of text and mobile messaging, real-time chat messaging, content delivery, customer sentiment, and cobrowsing offerings that power intelligent digital engagement with consumers. LiveEngage powers conversations across each of a brand's primary digital channels, including mobile apps, mobile and desktop web browsers, social media and third-party consumer messaging platforms.

LivePerson optimizes campaign outcomes for sales and service transactions by combining website visitor data with other historical, behavioral, and operational information to develop insights into each step of a consumer's journey. LivePerson's products, coupled with its domain knowledge, industry expertise and consulting services, have been proven to maximize the effectiveness of consumer engagement.

The Company's primary revenue source is from the sale of LivePerson services to businesses of all sizes. The Company also offers an online marketplace that connects independent service providers ("Experts") who provide information and knowledge for a fee via mobile and online messaging with individual consumers ("Users").

## **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2017 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 are unaudited. In the opinion of management, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the annual financial statements and reflect all adjustments, which include only normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position of LivePerson as of September 30, 2017, and the consolidated results of operations, comprehensive loss and cash flows for the interim periods ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. The financial data and other information disclosed in these notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements related to these periods are unaudited. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for any other future interim period or for a full fiscal year. The condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2016 has been derived from audited consolidated financial statements at that date.

Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 10, 2017.

## **Principles of Consolidation**

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

## **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are based on information available as of the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements; therefore, actual results could differ from management's estimates.

## **Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In August 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2017-12 "Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities" ("ASU 2017-12"). This new standard refines and expands hedge accounting for both financial (e.g., interest rate) and commodity risks. Its provisions create more transparency around how economic results are presented, both on the face of the financial statements and in the footnotes, for investors and analysts. ASU 2017-12 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018, for public companies. Early adoption is permitted in any interim period or fiscal years before the effective date of the standard. The Company does not expect the adoption of ASU 2017-12 to have a material effect on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In May 2017, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2017-09, "Compensation-Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Scope of Modification Accounting" ("ASU 2017-09"). This update clarifies and reduces both (i) diversity in practice and (ii) cost and complexity when applying the guidance in Topic 718, to a change to the terms and conditions of a share-based payment award. ASU 2017-09 is effective for financial statements issued for annual periods, and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. The amendments in this ASU should be applied prospectively to an award modified on or after the adoption date. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this updated standard, but does not believe this update will have a significant impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2017-04, "Intangibles —Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment" ("ASU 2017-04"). This update addresses concerns over the cost and complexity of the two-step goodwill impairment test. The amendments in this update remove the second step of the test. An entity will apply a one-step quantitative test and record the amount of goodwill impairment as the excess of a reporting unit's carrying amount over its fair value, not to exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to the reporting unit. The new guidance does not amend the optional qualitative assessment of goodwill impairment. ASU 2017-04 is effective for financial statements issued for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those annual periods. The Company does not expect the adoption of ASU 2017-04 to have a material effect on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In January 2017, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2017-01, "Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business" ("ASU 2017-01"). This update clarifies the definition of a business with the objective of adding guidance to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of businesses. The amendments in this update provide a screen to determine when a set is not a business. If the screen is not met, it (1) requires that to be considered a business, a set must include, at a minimum, an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create output and (2) removes the evaluation of whether a market participant could replace the missing elements. ASU 2017-01 is effective for financial statements issued for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those annual periods. The Company does not expect the adoption of ASU 2017-01 to have a material effect on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In March 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09, "Compensation -Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting" ("ASU 2016-09"). This update is intended to improve the accounting for employee share-based payments and affects all organizations that issue share-based payment awards to their employees. Several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment award transactions are simplified, including:(a) income tax consequences; (b) classification of awards as either equity or liabilities; and (c) classification on the statement of cash flows. The Company adopted this ASU as of the beginning of the first quarter of 2017 and has elected to continue to estimate expected forfeitures over the course of a vesting period. Further, the ASU eliminates the requirement to delay the recognition of excess tax benefits until they reduce current taxes payable. The adoption of ASU 2016-09 did not have any material impact on the Company's financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, "Leases" ("ASU 2016-02"). ASU 2016-02 requires lessees to recognize the following for all leases (with the exception of short-term leases) at the commencement date: a lease liability, which is a lessee's obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease, measured on a discounted basis; and a right-of-use asset, which is an asset that represents the lessee's right to use, or control the use of, a specified asset for the lease term. Under the new guidance, lessor accounting is largely unchanged. Certain targeted improvements were made to align, where necessary, lessor accounting with the lessee accounting model and Topic 606, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers". The new lease guidance also simplified the accounting for sale and leaseback transactions primarily because lessees must recognize lease assets and lease liabilities. Lessees will no longer be provided with a source of off-balance sheet financing. Lessees (for capital and operating leases) and lessors (for sales-type, direct financing, and operating leases) must apply a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. The modified retrospective approach would not require any transition accounting for leases that expired before the earliest comparative period presented. Lessees and lessors may not apply a full retrospective transition approach. ASU

2016-02 is effective for financial statements issued for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018. While the Company is currently assessing the impact ASU 2016-02 will have on the consolidated financial statements, the Company expects the primary impact to its consolidated financial position upon adoption will be the recognition, on a discounted basis, of its minimum commitments under non-cancelable operating leases on the consolidated balance sheets resulting in the recording of right of use assets and lease obligations. The Company is also currently evaluating the timing of adoption and the impact that the standard will have on its condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASC Update No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("Topic 606"), which has been subsequently updated. The purpose of Update No. 2014-09 is to provide enhancements to the quality and consistency of how revenue is reported while also improving comparability in the financial statements of companies using U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. The core principle requires entities to recognize revenue in a manner that depicts the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration an entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. Topic 606, as amended, becomes effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, at which point we plan to adopt the standard. The Company currently plans to adopt the standard using the "modified retrospective method." Under that method, the Company will apply the rules to contracts that are not completed as of January 1, 2018, and recognize the cumulative effect of the initial adoption as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings.

The Company has reached preliminary conclusions on our key revenue streams related to the standard and are finalizing our accounting policies. Based on its initial assessment, the Company believes the timing of revenue recognition for its primary revenue stream, hosted services within its Business segment, will not materially change. Upon adopting Topic 606, the Company will provide additional disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, specifically related to disaggregated revenue, contract balances and performance obligations.

In the third quarter of 2017, the Company provided global training to its finance team on Topic 606. In the fourth quarter of 2017, the Company will perform a simulation of its new accounting processes and procedures to prepare its team for the month-end close process upon adoption of Topic 606. The Company will implement new internal controls to address risks associated with applying the five-step model, specifically related to judgments made in connection to variable consideration and applying the constraint. Additionally, the Company will establish monitoring controls to identify new sales arrangements and changes in its business environment that could impact its current accounting assessment. The Company expects to finalize its impact assessment and redesign impacted processes, policies and controls during the fourth quarter of 2017.

## 2. Revenue Recognition

The majority of the Company's revenue is generated from monthly service revenues and related professional services from the sale of the LivePerson services. Because the Company provides its application as a service, the Company follows the provisions of FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 605-10-S99, "Revenue Recognition" and ASC 605-25, "Revenue Recognition with Multiple-Element Arrangements." The Company charges a monthly, quarterly or annual fee, which varies by type of service, the level of customer usage and website traffic, and in some cases, the number of orders placed via the Company's online engagement solutions.

For certain of the Company's larger customers, the Company may provide call center labor through an arrangement with one or more of several qualified vendors. For most of these customers, the Company passes the fee it incurs with the labor provider and its fee for the hosted services through to its customers in the form of a fixed fee for each order placed via the Company's online engagement solutions. For these Pay for Performance ("PFP") arrangements, in accordance with ASC 605-45, "Principal Agent Considerations," the Company records revenue for transactions in which it acts as an agent on a net basis, and revenue for transactions in which it acts as a principal on a gross basis.

The Company also sells certain of the LivePerson services directly via Internet download. These services are marketed as LiveEngage for small to medium-sized businesses, and are paid for almost exclusively by credit card. Credit card payments accelerate cash flow and reduce the Company's collection risk, subject to the merchant bank's right to hold back cash pending settlement of the transactions. Sales of LiveEngage may occur with or without the assistance of an online sales representative, rather than through face-to-face or telephone contact that is typically required for traditional direct sales.

The Company recognizes monthly service revenue based upon the fee charged for the LivePerson services, provided that there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement, no significant Company obligations remain, collection of the resulting receivable is probable and the amount of fees to be paid is fixed or determinable. The Company's service agreements typically have twelve month terms and, in some cases, are terminable or may terminate upon 30 to 90 days' notice without penalty. When professional service fees add value to the customer on a standalone basis, the Company recognizes professional service fees upon completion and customer acceptance. The Company establishes a selling price hierarchy for determining the selling price of a deliverable, which is based on: (a) vendor-specific objective evidence; (b) third-party evidence; or (c) best estimated selling price. If a professional services arrangement does not qualify for separate accounting, the Company recognizes the fees, and the related labor costs, ratably over the contracted period.

For revenue from the Company's Consumer segment generated from online transactions between Experts and Users, the Company recognizes revenue net of the Expert fees in accordance with ASC 605-45, "Principal Agent Considerations," due primarily to the fact that the Expert is the primary obligor. Additionally, the Company performs as an agent without any risk of loss for collection, and is not involved in selecting the Expert or establishing the Expert's fee. The Company collects a fee from the User and retains a portion of the fee, and then remits the balance to the Expert. Revenue from these transactions is recognized when there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement, no significant Company obligations remain, collection of the resulting receivable is probable and the amount of fees to be paid is fixed and determinable.

## 3. Net Loss Per Share

The Company calculates earnings per share ("EPS") in accordance with the provisions of ASC 260-10 and the guidance of SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 98. Under ASC 260-10, basic EPS excludes dilution for common stock equivalents and is computed by dividing net income or loss attributable to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. All options, warrants or other potentially dilutive instruments issued for nominal consideration are required to be included in the calculation of basic and diluted net income attributable to common stockholders. Diluted EPS is calculated using the treasury stock method and reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock and resulted in the issuance of common stock.

Diluted net loss per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 does not include the effect of 8,653,000 outstanding common stock awards, as the effect of their inclusion is anti-dilutive. Diluted net loss per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 does not include the effect of 9,493,000 outstanding common stock awards, as the effect of their inclusion is anti-dilutive.

A reconciliation of shares used in calculating basic and diluted net loss per share follows:

	Three Mon	Nine Months Ended						
	Septem	ber 30,	Septen	iber 30,				
	2017	2016	2017	2016				
Basic	56,524,990	56,047,645	56,153,428	56,131,818				
Effect of assumed exercised options	_	_	_	_				
Diluted	56,524,990	56,047,645	56,153,428	56,131,818				

## 4. Segment Information

The Company accounts for its segment information in accordance with the provisions of ASC 280-10, "Segment Reporting." ASC 280-10 establishes annual and interim reporting standards for operating segments of a company. ASC 280-10 requires disclosures of selected segment-related financial information about products, major customers, and geographic areas based on the Company's internal accounting methods. The Company is organized into two operating segments for purposes of making operating decisions and assessing performance. The Business segment facilitates real-time online interactions – chat, voice and content delivery across multiple channels and screens for global corporations of all sizes. The Consumer segment facilitates online transactions between Experts and Users and sells its services to consumers. Both segments currently generate their revenue primarily in the United States. The chief operating decision maker, who is the chief executive officer, evaluates performance, makes operating decisions, and allocates resources based on the operating income of each segment. The reporting segments follow the same accounting policies used in the preparation of the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements which are described in the summary of significant accounting policies. The Company allocates cost of revenue, sales and marketing and amortization of purchased intangibles to the segments, but it does not allocate product development expenses, general and administrative expenses, restructuring costs and income tax expense because management does not use this information to measure performance of the operating segments. There are currently no inter-segment sales.

Summarized financial information by segment for the three months ended September 30, 2017, based on the Company's internal financial reporting system utilized by the Company's chief operating decision maker, follows (amounts in thousands):

		Business		Consumer		Corporate		onsolidated
Revenue:								
Hosted services – Business	\$	46,378	\$	_	\$	_	\$	46,378
Hosted services – Consumer		_		4,355		_		4,355
Professional services		5,760		_		_		5,760
Total revenue	<u>-</u>	52,138		4,355		_		56,493
Cost of revenue		13,681		860		_		14,541
Sales and marketing		19,554		2,049		_		21,603
Amortization of purchased intangibles		470		_		_		470
Unallocated corporate expenses		_		_		20,124		20,124
Operating income (loss)	\$	18,433	\$	1,446	\$	(20,124)	\$	(245)

Summarized financial information by segment for the three months ended September 30, 2016, based on the Company's internal financial reporting system utilized by the Company's chief operating decision maker, follows (amounts in thousands):

	Business		Consumer		Corporate		_ (	Consolidated
Revenue:								
Hosted services – Business	\$	44,553	\$	_	\$	_	\$	44,553
Hosted services – Consumer		_		4,044		_		4,044
Professional services		5,921		_		_		5,921
Total revenue		50,474		4,044				54,518
Cost of revenue		14,215		622		_		14,837
Sales and marketing		20,278		1,789		_		22,067
Amortization of purchased intangibles		1,013		_		_		1,013
Unallocated corporate expenses		_		_		19,180		19,180
Operating income (loss)	\$	14,968	\$	1,633	\$	(19,180)	\$	(2,579)

Summarized financial information by segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, based on the Company's internal financial reporting system utilized by the Company's chief operating decision maker, follows (amounts in thousands):

	Business			Consumer		Corporate		Consolidated
Revenue:								
Hosted services – Business	\$	131,798	\$	_	\$	_	\$	131,798
Hosted services – Consumer		_		12,985		_		12,985
Professional services		16,703		_		_		16,703
Total revenue		148,501		12,985				161,486
Cost of revenue		40,794		2,662				43,456
Sales and marketing		60,338		6,357		_		66,695
Amortization of purchased intangibles		1,412		_		_		1,412
Unallocated corporate expenses		_		_		61,854		61,854
Operating income (loss)	\$	45,957	\$	3,966	\$	(61,854)	\$	(11,931)

Summarized financial information by segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, based on the Company's internal financial reporting system utilized by the Company's chief operating decision maker, follows (amounts in thousands):

	Business		Consumer		Corporate		Consolidated
Revenue:							
Hosted services – Business	\$	137,240	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 137,240
Hosted services – Consumer		_		12,048		_	12,048
Professional services		17,374		_		_	17,374
Total revenue		154,614		12,048			166,662
Cost of revenue		46,145		2,065			48,210
Sales and marketing		62,606		5,225		_	67,831
Amortization of purchased intangibles		2,954		_		_	2,954
Unallocated corporate expenses		_		_		58,802	58,802
Operating income (loss)	\$	42,909	\$	4,758	\$	(58,802)	\$ (11,135)

## **Geographic Information**

The Company is domiciled in the United States and has international operations in the United Kingdom, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and Western Europe, particularly France and Germany. The following table presents the Company's revenues attributable to domestic and foreign operations for the periods presented (amounts in thousands):

		Three Mo	nths E	nded	Nine Months Ended						
		Septer	0,	September 30,							
		2017		2016		2017		2016			
United States	\$	35,519	\$	35,114	\$	101,282	\$	111,177			
Other Americas (1)		1,744		2,073		5,684		5,165			
Total Americas	·	37,263		37,187		106,966		116,342			
EMEA (2) (4)		14,175		12,588		41,640		36,468			
APAC (3)		5,055		4,743		12,880		13,852			
Total revenue	\$	56,493	\$	54,518	\$	161,486	\$	166,662			

<sup>(1)</sup> Canada, Latin America and South America

The following table presents the Company's long-lived assets by geographic region for the periods presented (amounts in thousands):

	Sep	otember 30,	December 31,		
		2017	2016		
United States	\$	94,476	\$	93,845	
Israel		12,728		13,940	
Australia		9,184		9,496	
Netherlands		8,051		7,495	
Other (1)		3,403		2,711	
Total long-lived assets	\$	127,842	\$	127,487	

<sup>(1)</sup> United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, France and Italy

No individual customer accounted for 10% or more of consolidated revenue for any of the periods presented. One customer accounted for approximately 10% of accounts receivable as of September 30, 2017. No individual customer accounted for 10% or more of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2016.

<sup>(2)</sup> Europe, the Middle East and Africa ("EMEA")

<sup>(3)</sup> Asia-Pacific ("APAC")

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes revenues from the United Kingdom of \$10.2 million and \$8.7 million for three months ended and \$28.4 million and \$25.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

## 5. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

## Goodwill

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Business	Consumer			Consolidated
Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$ 72,221	\$	8,024	\$	80,245
Adjustments to goodwill:					
Foreign exchange adjustment	254		_		254
Balance as of September 30, 2017	\$ 72,475	\$	8,024	\$	80,499

## Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are summarized as follows (amounts in thousands):

	As of September 30, 2017								
	Gross Carrying Amount		Accumulated Amortization		Carrying Amount	Weighted Average Amortization Period			
Amortizing intangible assets:									
Technology	\$ 28,252	\$	(22,290)	\$	5,962	5.3 years			
Customer relationships	15,856		(9,966)		5,890	8.0 years			
Trade names	1,299		(1,290)		9	2.1 years			
Non-compete agreements	1,449		(1,427)		22	2.3 years			
Patents	1,525		(461)		1,064	13.0 years			
Other	262		(235)		27	2.7 years			
Total	\$ 48,643	\$	(35,669)	\$	12,974				
				_					

	As of December 31, 2016							
	Gross Carrying Amount		Accumulated Amortization		t Carrying Amount	Weighted Average Amortization Period		
Amortizing intangible assets:					_			
Technology	\$ 28,018	\$	(19,736)	\$	8,282	5.3 years		
Customer relationships	16,009		(8,857)		7,152	8.0 years		
Trade names	1,295		(1,277)		18	2.1 years		
Non-compete agreements	1,446		(1,220)		226	2.3 years		
Patents	1,180		(376)		804	12.4 years		
Other	263		(235)		28	2.7 years		
Total	\$ 48,211	\$	(31,701)	\$	16,510			

Amortization expense is calculated over the estimated useful life of the asset. Aggregate amortization expense for intangible assets was \$1.1 million and \$1.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Aggregate amortization expense for intangible assets was \$4.0 million and \$5.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, a portion of this amortization is included in cost of revenue. Estimated amortization expense for the next five years is as follows (amounts in thousands):

	F	stimated Amortization Expense
2017	\$	719
2018		2,594
2019		2,386
2020		2,190
2021		1,980
Thereafter		3,105
Total	\$	12,974

## 6. Property and Equipment

The following table presents the detail of property and equipment for the periods presented (amounts in thousands):

	Se	eptember 30, 2017	Γ	December 31, 2016
Computer equipment and software	\$	95,152	\$	82,477
niture, equipment and building improvements		15,155		15,027
		110,307	-	97,504
Less: accumulated depreciation		(78,124)		(69,107)
Total	\$	32,183	\$	28,397

## 7. Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

The following table presents the detail of accrued expenses and other current liabilities for the periods presented (amounts in thousands):

	Se	ptember 30, 2017	1	December 31, 2016
Payroll and other employee related costs	\$	13,345	\$	13,887
Professional services and consulting and other vendor fees		11,494		14,559
Unrecognized tax benefits		4,772		4,240
Sales commissions		1,876		3,312
Restructuring (see Note 11)		2,526		2,551
Contingent earnout (see Note 8)		_		210
Other		3,194		1,491
Total	\$	37,207	\$	40,250

#### 8. Fair Value Measurements

The Company measures its cash equivalents at fair value based on an expected exit price as defined by the authoritative guidance on fair value measurements, which represents the amount that would be received on the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability, as the case may be, in an orderly transaction between market participants. As such, fair value may be based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The authoritative guidance on fair value measurements establishes a consistent framework for measuring fair value on either a recurring or nonrecurring basis whereby inputs, used in valuation techniques, are assigned a hierarchical level. The following are the hierarchical levels of inputs to measure fair value:

- Level 1: Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2: Inputs reflect: quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liabilities; or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs reflecting the Company's assumptions incorporated in valuation techniques used to determine fair value. These assumptions are required to be consistent with market participant assumptions that are reasonably available.

## Financial Assets and Liabilities

The carrying amount of cash, accounts receivable, and accounts payable approximate their fair value due to their short-term nature. The Company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis, by level, within the fair value hierarchy as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, are summarized as follows (amounts in thousands). The Company's restricted cash balance of \$1.5 million at September 30, 2017 and \$4.0 million at December 31, 2016 is not held in a money market account and is not included in the following table.

	September 30, 2017								December 31, 2016							
	I	Level 1		Level 1 Level 2		Level 3		Total	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3			Total
Assets:																
Cash equivalents:																
Money market funds	\$	2,798	\$	_	\$	_	\$	2,798	\$	3,076	\$	_	\$	_	\$	3,076
Foreign currency derivative contracts		_		861		_		861		_		108		_		108
Total assets	\$	2,798	\$	861	\$		\$	3,659	\$	3,076	\$	108	\$	_	\$	3,184
Liabilities:																
Contingent earn-outs	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	210	\$	210
Foreign currency derivative contracts		_		5		_		5		_		66		_		66
Total liabilities	\$	_	\$	5	\$	_	\$	5	\$	_	\$	66	\$	210	\$	276

In determining fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible as well as considers counterparty credit risk in its assessment of fair value. Observable or market inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect the Company's assumptions based on the best information available.

The Company's money market funds are measured at fair value on a recurring basis based on quoted market prices in active markets and are classified as level 1 within the fair value hierarchy. The Company's contingent earn-out liability and foreign currency derivative contracts are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and are classified as level 3 and level 2, respectively, within the fair value hierarchy. On a nonrecurring basis, the Company uses fair value measures when analyzing asset impairment. Long-lived tangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If it is determined such indicators are present and the review indicates that the assets will not be fully recoverable, based on undiscounted estimated cash flows over the remaining amortization periods, their carrying values are reduced to estimated fair value. The Company uses an income approach and inputs that constitute level 3. During the third quarter of each year, the Company evaluates goodwill for impairment at the reporting unit level. The Company uses qualitative factors in accordance with ASU No. 2011-08 to determine whether it is "more likely than not" that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test. This measurement is classified based on level 3 input.

There is no remaining contingent earn-out as of September 30, 2017. The contingent earn-out related to the acquisition of Synchronite was based on the fulfillment of a complete product integration and a minimum number of "Co-Browse" interactions per month.

The changes in fair value of the level 3 liabilities are as follows (amounts in thousands):

		Contingent Earn-Out				
	September 30, 2017			December 31, 2016		
Balance, Beginning of Period	\$	210	\$	377		
Cash payments		(210)		(167)		
Balance, End of Period	\$	_	\$	210		

#### **Derivative Financial Instruments**

The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risks that in part are managed by using derivative financial instruments. The Company entered into foreign currency forward contracts related to risks associated with foreign operations. The Company does not use derivatives for trading purposes. Derivatives are recorded at their estimated fair values based upon Level 2 inputs. Derivatives designated and effective as cash flow hedges are reported as a component of other comprehensive income and reclassified to earnings in the same periods in which the hedged transactions impact earnings. Gains and losses related to derivatives not meeting the requirements of hedge accounting and the portion of derivatives related to hedge ineffectiveness are recognized in current earnings.

In accordance with the foreign currency forward contracts, the Company was required to pledge cash as collateral security to be maintained at the bank. The collateral shall remain in control of the lender, and these funds can be used to satisfy the outstanding obligation. Accordingly, the Company had cash at the bank of approximately \$1.5 million at September 30, 2017 and \$4.0 million at December 31, 2016, which is recorded as cash held as collateral in current assets.

The following summarizes certain information regarding the Company's outstanding foreign currency derivative contracts related primarily to intercompany receivables and payables for the periods presented (in thousands):

	As of September	er 30, 2017	As of December 31, 2016		
Notional amount of foreign currency derivative contracts	\$	12,506	\$	44,438	
Fair value of foreign currency derivatives contracts	\$	856	\$	42	

The fair value of the Company's derivative instruments is summarized below (in thousands):

		Fair Value of Derivative Instruments							
	Balance Sheet Location As of September 30, 2017				ıber 31, 2016				
<b>Derivative Assets</b>									
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:									
Foreign currency derivatives contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$	861	\$	108				
Derivative Liabilities									
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:									
Foreign currency derivatives contracts	Accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$	5	\$	66				

The following summarizes certain information regarding the Company's derivatives that are not designated or are not effective as hedges (in thousands):

	Gain (losses) on Derivative Instruments Recognized in Statements of Operations										
			Three Months En	ded S	eptember 30,	_	Nine Months En	led Sep	ptember 30,		
	Location	2017			2016		2017	2016			
Foreign currency derivatives											
contracts	Other (income) expense	\$	(19)	\$	44	\$	194	\$		132	

## 9. Commitments and Contingencies

## **Contractual Obligations**

The Company leases facilities and certain equipment under agreements accounted for as operating leases. These leases generally require the Company to pay all executory costs such as maintenance and insurance. Rental expense for operating leases for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 was approximately \$2.1 million and \$6.7 million, respectively. Rental expense for operating leases for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 was approximately \$2.4 million and \$7.6 million, respectively.

## **Employee Benefit Plans**

The Company has a 401(k) defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees. The Company provides for employer matching contributions equal to 50% of employee contributions, up to the lesser of 5% of eligible compensation or \$6,000. Matching contributions are deposited into the employee's 401(k) account and are subject to 5 year graded vesting. Salaries and related expenses include \$0.3 million and \$1.1 million of employer matching contributions for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017. Salaries and related expenses include \$0.3 million and \$1.0 million of employer matching contributions for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016.

## Letters of Credit

As of September 30, 2017, the Company has a \$1.9 million letter of credit outstanding substantially in favor of a certain landlord for office space. In addition, the Company has a letter of credit totaling \$0.1 million as a security deposit for the due performance by the Company of the terms and conditions of a supply contract. There were no draws against these letters of credit during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017.

## 10. Stockholders' Equity

#### Common Stock

As of September 30, 2017, there were 100,000,000 shares of common stock authorized, and 59,453,453 shares issued and outstanding. As of December 31, 2016, there were 100,000,000 shares of common stock authorized, and 58,276,447 shares issued and outstanding. The par value for common shares is \$0.001.

## Preferred Stock

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, there were 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock authorized, and zero shares issued and outstanding. The par value for preferred shares is \$0.001.

## Stock Repurchase Program

On December 10, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program through June 30, 2014. Under the stock repurchase program, the Company is authorized to repurchase shares of its common stock, in the open market or privately negotiated transactions, at times and prices considered appropriate by the Board of Directors depending upon prevailing market conditions and other corporate considerations. On March 13, 2014, the Company's Board of Directors increased the aggregate purchase price of the stock repurchase program from \$40.0 million to \$40.0 million. On February 16, 2016, the Company's Board of Directors increased the aggregate purchase price of the total stock repurchase program by an additional \$14.0 million. On November 21, 2016, the Company's Board of Directors increased the aggregate purchase price of the stock repurchase program from \$64.0 million to \$74.0 million and extended the expiration date of the program out to December 31, 2017. There were 247,430 shares repurchased under this program during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, which were recorded in treasury stock at par on the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2017. As of September 30, 2017, approximately \$18.5 million remained available for purchase under the program.

## Stock-Based Compensation

The Company follows FASB ASC 718-10, "Stock Compensation," which addresses the accounting for transactions in which an entity exchanges its equity instruments for goods or services, with a primary focus on transactions in which an entity obtains employee services in share-based payment transactions. ASC 718-10 requires measurement of the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of the award (with limited exceptions). Incremental compensation costs arising from subsequent modifications of awards after the grant date must be recognized.

The per share weighted average fair value of stock options granted during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 was \$5.02 and \$3.63, respectively. The per share weighted average fair value of stock options granted during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$3.11 and \$2.94, respectively. The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

	Three Mon	ths Ended	Nine Mon	ths Ended			
	Septem	ber 30,	Septen	September 30,			
	2017	2016	2017	2016			
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
Risk-free interest rate	1.8%	1.1%	1.7% - 1.9%	1.0% - 1.4%			
Expected life (in years)	5	5	5	5			
Historical volatility	47.3%	47.9%	46.6% - 47.6%	47.3% - 48.2%			

A description of the methods used in the significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value of stock-based compensation awards follows:

*Dividend yield* – The Company uses 0% as it has never issued dividends and does not anticipate issuing dividends in the near term.

*Risk-free interest rate* – The Company uses the market yield on U.S. Treasury securities at five years with constant maturity, representing the current expected life of stock options in years.

*Expected life* – The Company uses historical data to estimate the expected life of a stock option.

*Historical volatility* – The Company uses a trailing five year from grant date to determine volatility.

## Stock Option Plans

During 1998, the Company established the Stock Option and Restricted Stock Purchase Plan (the "1998 Plan"). Under the 1998 Plan, the Board of Directors could issue incentive stock options or nonqualified stock options to purchase up to 5,850,000 shares of common stock. The 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2000 Plan") succeeded the 1998 Plan. Under the 2000 Plan, the options which had been outstanding under the 1998 Plan were incorporated in the 2000 Plan increasing the number of shares available for issuance under the plan by approximately 4,150,000, thereby reserving for issuance 10,000,000 shares of common stock in the aggregate.

The Company established the 2009 Stock Incentive Plan (as amended and restated, the "2009 Plan") as a successor to the 2000 Plan. Under the 2009 Plan, the options which had been outstanding under the 2000 Plan were incorporated into the 2009 Plan and the Company increased the number of shares available for issuance under the plan by 6,000,000. The Company amended the 2009 Plan (the "Amended 2009 Plan") effective June 7, 2012. The Amended 2009 Plan increased the number of shares authorized for issuance under the plan by an additional 4,250,000.

Subject to stockholder approval, which was obtained on June 2, 2017, the Company's Board of Directors amended and restated the Amended 2009 Plan effective April 30, 2017. The amended and restated plan increased the number of shares authorized for issuance under the plan by an additional 4,000,000, thereby reserving for issuance 27,817,744 shares of common stock in the aggregate. Options to acquire common stock granted thereunder have 10-year terms. As of September 30, 2017, approximately 5.5 million shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under the 2009 Plan (taking into account all option exercises through September 30, 2017).

## **Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

In June 2010, the Company's stockholders approved the 2010 Employee Stock Purchase Plan with 1,000,000 shares of common stock initially reserved for issuance. Subject to stockholder approval, which was obtained on June 2, 2017, the Company's Board of Directors amended and restated the 2010 Employee Stock Purchase Plan effective April 30, 2017. The amended and restated plan increased the number of shares authorized for issuance under the plan by an additional 1,000,000, thereby reserving for issuance 2,000,000 shares of common stock in the aggregate. As of September 30, 2017, approximately 1.1 million shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan (taking into account all share purchases through September 30, 2017).

## **Stock Option Activity**

A summary of the Company's stock option activity and weighted average exercise prices follows:

	Stock Opt	ion	Activity	Weighted Average		
	Options (in thousands)		Weighted Average Exercise Price	Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Ag	gregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)
Balance outstanding at December 31, 2016	7,769	\$	10.88			
Granted	1,553		8.47			
Exercised	(777)		8.86			
Cancelled or expired	(841)		12.14			
Balance outstanding at September 30, 2017	7,704	\$	10.47	6.14	\$	26,888
Options vested and expected to vest	7,045	\$	10.66	5.85	\$	23,517
Options exercisable at September 30, 2017	5,151	\$	11.18	4.86	\$	15,315

The total fair value of stock options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was approximately \$3.5 million. On January 1, 2017, the Company adopted ASU 2016-09, *Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting* ("ASU 2016-09") and elected to continue to estimate forfeitures over the course of a vesting period. As of September 30, 2017, there was approximately \$8.0 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested share-based compensation arrangements. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2.6 years.

The following table summarizes information about outstanding and vested stock options as of September 30, 2017:

		<b>Options Outstanding</b>		Options	Exercisable
Range of Exercise Prices	Number of Shares Outstanding (in thousands)	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Number of Shares (in thousands)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
\$1.79 - \$7.02	892	3.79	\$ 5.23	674	\$ 4.81
\$7.04 - \$7.45	356	7.81	7.26	227	7.22
\$7.60 - \$7.60	875	9.59	7.60	_	_
\$7.95 - \$9.24	775	6.28	8.97	601	9.16
\$9.34 - \$10.05	853	7.53	9.75	502	9.82
\$10.13 - \$10.31	781	6.12	10.14	585	10.13
\$10.53 - \$11.96	795	6.68	11.03	394	11.17
\$12.09 - \$13.28	1,041	4.20	13.05	997	13.04
\$13.34 - \$16.98	1,042	5.50	15.24	877	15.56
\$17.88 - \$18.24	294	4.33	18.06	294	18.06
	7,704	6.14	\$ 10.47	5,151	\$ 11.18

## Restricted Stock Unit Activity

A summary of the Company's restricted stock units ("RSUs") activity and weighted average exercise prices follows:

	Restricted Stoo				
	Number of Shares (in thousands)	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value (Per Share)	Aggregate Fair Value (in thousands)		
Balance outstanding at December 31, 2016	1,188	\$ 8.44	\$ —		
Awarded	317	7.87	_		
Released	(312)	8.40	_		
Forfeited	(244)	8.46	_		
Non-vested and outstanding at September 30, 2017	949	\$ 8.24	\$ 12,865		
Expected to vest	719	\$ 8.44	\$ 9,744		

RSUs granted to employees generally vest over a four-year period. In accordance with ASU 2017-09, as of September 30, 2017, total unrecognized compensation cost, adjusted for estimated forfeitures, related to nonvested RSUs was approximately \$7.6 million and the weighted-average remaining vesting period was 2.6 years.

## 11. Restructuring

The Company's restructuring costs related to the wind down of our legacy platform and severance costs associated with re-prioritizing and reallocating resources to focus on areas showing high growth potential. The Company expects restructuring costs to be completed by December 31, 2017. There was no restructuring expense during the three months ended September 30, 2017 and approximately \$2.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, there was a benefit of approximately \$0.4 million due to the cash collection of a previously written off bad debt. The restructuring liability was approximately \$2.5 million as of September 30, 2017 and \$2.6 million as of December 31, 2016. It is classified as accrued expenses and other current liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The following table presents the detail of the liability for the Company's restructuring charges for the periods presented (amounts in thousands):

	Septer	nber 30, 2017	 December 31, 2016
Balance, Beginning of the year	\$	2,551	\$ 1,328
Severance and other associated costs		368	1,585
Cash payments		(2,340)	(1,328)
Wind down cost legacy platform		1,947	966
Balance, End of period	\$	2,526	\$ 2,551

The following table presents the detail of expenses for the Company's restructuring charges for the three months ended September 30, 2017 (amounts in thousands):

		Septem	September 30, 2016			
Severance and other associated costs	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$	(31)	\$	_	
Wind down cost legacy platform			31		(384)	
Total restructuring costs	· ·	\$	_	\$	(384)	

The following table presents the detail of expenses for the Company's restructuring charges for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 (amounts in thousands):

	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016
Severance and other associated costs	\$ 368	\$ —
Wind down cost legacy platform	1,947	(384)
Total restructuring costs	\$ 2,315	\$ (384)

## 12. Legal Matters

The Company previously filed an intellectual property suit against [24]7 Customer, Inc. in the Southern District of New York on March 6, 2014 seeking damages on the grounds that [24]7 reverse engineered and misappropriated the Company's technology to develop competing products and misused the Company's business information. On June 22, 2015, [24]7 Customer, Inc. filed suit against the Company in the Northern District of California alleging patent infringement. On December 7, 2015, [24]7 Customer Inc. filed a second patent infringement suit against the Company, also in the Northern District of California. On March 16, 2017, the New York case was voluntarily transferred and consolidated with the two California cases in the Northern District of California for all pre-trial purposes. Recent court rulings in the Company's favor have invalidated multiple [24]7 patents that were asserted in the patent cases. Trial for the Company's intellectual property and other claims asserted against [24]7 in the original litigation is currently set for November 26, 2018. The Company believes the claims filed by [24]7 are without merit and intends to defend them vigorously.

The Company routinely assesses all of its litigation and threatened litigation as to the probability of ultimately incurring a liability, and records its best estimate of the ultimate loss in situations where the Company assesses the likelihood of loss as probable.

From time to time, the Company is involved in or subject to legal, administrative and regulatory proceedings, claims, demands and investigations arising in the ordinary course of business, including direct claims brought by or against the Company with respect to intellectual property, contracts, employment and other matters, as well as claims brought against the Company's customers for whom the Company has a contractual indemnification obligation. The Company accrues for a liability when it is both probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Significant judgment is required in both the determination of probability and the determination as to whether a loss is reasonably estimable. In addition, in the event the Company determines that a loss is not probable, but is reasonably possible, and it becomes possible to develop what the Company believes to be a reasonable range of possible loss, then the Company will include disclosure related to such matter as appropriate and in compliance with ASC 450. The accruals or estimates, if any, resulting from the foregoing analysis, are reviewed at least quarterly and adjusted to reflect the impact of negotiations, settlements, rulings, advice of legal counsel and other information and events pertaining to a particular matter. To the extent there is a reasonable possibility that the losses could exceed the amounts already accrued, the Company will, as applicable, adjust the accrual in the period the determination is made, disclose an estimate of the additional loss or range of loss, indicate that the estimate is immaterial with respect to its financial statements as a whole or, if the amount of such adjustment cannot be reasonably estimated, disclose that an estimate cannot be made.

From time to time, third parties assert claims against the Company regarding intellectual property rights, privacy issues and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business. Although the Company cannot be certain of the outcome of any litigation or the disposition of any claims, nor the amount of damages and exposure, if any, that the Company could incur, the Company currently believes that the final disposition of all existing matters will not have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. In addition, in the ordinary course of business, the Company is also subject to periodic threats of lawsuits, investigations and claims. Regardless of the outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on the Company because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources and other factors.

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

#### General

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our condensed consolidated financial statements, which are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As such, we are required to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that management believes are reasonable based upon the information available. We base these estimates on our historical experience, future expectations and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for our judgments that may not be readily apparent from other sources. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. These estimates and assumptions relate to estimates of the carrying amount of goodwill, intangibles, depreciation, stock based-compensation, valuation allowances for deferred income taxes, accounts receivable, the expected term of a customer relationship, accruals and other factors. We evaluate these estimates on an ongoing basis. Actual results could differ from those estimates under different assumptions or conditions, and any differences could be material.

## Overview

LivePerson was incorporated in the State of Delaware in November 1995 and the LivePerson service was introduced in November 1998. We are a leading provider of mobile and online business messaging solutions that power digital communication between brands and consumers. LiveEngage, our enterprise-class, cloud-based platform, enables businesses to create a meaningful connection with consumers via messaging. As consumers have reoriented their digital lives around the smartphone, messaging apps have become their preferred communication channel to connect with each other. LivePerson allows brands to align with this new consumer preference by deploying messaging at scale for customer care and sales as an alternative to email or to calling a contact center.

LiveEngage is designed to securely deploy messaging at scale for brands with tens of millions of customers and many thousands of customer care agents. Key benefits include a sophisticated proactive targeting engine and a robust suite of text and mobile messaging, real-time chat messaging, content delivery, customer sentiment, and cobrowsing offerings that power intelligent digital engagement with consumers. LiveEngage powers conversations across each of a brand's primary digital channels, including mobile apps, mobile and desktop web browsers, social media and third-party consumer messaging platforms. More than 18,000 businesses, including Adobe, Citibank, HSBC, EE, IBM, L'Oreal, PNC, and The Home Depot employ our technology to keep pace with rising customer service expectations and to align with preferences for digital communication channels.

We are organized into two operating segments: Business and Consumer. The Business segment enables brands to leverage LiveEngage's sophisticated intelligence engine and suite of online and mobile messaging offerings to proactively engage with consumers. The Consumer segment is an online marketplace that connects independent service providers ("Experts") who provide information and knowledge for a fee via mobile and online messaging with individual consumers ("Users").

In order to sustain growth in these segments, our strategy is to expand our position as the leading provider of online and mobile messaging solutions that facilitate meaningful connection and expert advice. To accomplish this, we are focused on the following current initiatives:

- Strengthening Our Position in both Existing and New Markets and Growing Our Recurring Revenue Base. LivePerson plans to continue to develop its market position by increasing its customer base, and expanding within its installed base. We will continue to focus primarily on key target markets: automotive, financial services, retail, technology, telecommunications, and travel/hospitality within both our enterprise and midmarket sectors, as well as the small business (SMB) sector. Healthcare, insurance, real estate and energy utilities are new target industries and natural extensions of our primary target markets. We plan to leverage our new LiveEngage platform to replace a portion of calls traditionally made to 1-800 numbers with text and mobile messaging, and to increase adoption of real-time, compaign-based messaging across our customers' online properties. We intend to collaborate with our large installed customer base to optimize the value and effectiveness that brands derive from our services. We are also focused on strengthening our recurring revenue stream by signing larger, long-term, and more strategic deals.
- Fuel Increased Usage by Expanding our Engagement Tools and Offering Platform Pricing. In 2011, we began expanding on our market leading real-time chat messaging product by adding new technologies that augment digital consumer engagement, including targeted content delivery and transcript analytics. In 2014, we introduced LiveEngage, whereby we seamlessly integrated into a single platform an expanded suite of mobile and online business messaging technologies, including traditional desktop chat messaging, mobile chat messaging, content delivery, analytics, cobrowse, PCI, customer sentiment, and mobile messaging via in-app, SMS, browser-based search and Facebook Messenger. LiveEngage delivers rich, contextually aware targeting and personalized experiences across mobile and desktop devices. We also began offering a new platform pricing model, which provides brands access to our entire suite of messaging technologies across their entire

agent pool for a pre-negotiated cost per interaction. We believe this model is more attractive and will lead to increased usage versus our historic approach of requiring brands to negotiate each agent seat and product license separately. In late 2016, we began launching product programs designed to promote usage of our broader suite of capabilities for targeted customers.

- Leveraging Partners to Enhance our Offering. In addition to developing our own applications, we continue to cultivate a partner eco-system capable of offering additional applications and services to our customers. For example, in 2015 we integrated LiveEngage with one of the leading consumer messaging platforms and in 2016 we integrated LiveEngage with one of the leading mobile search ad extensions, enabling consumers to initiate SMS messaging conversations with brands directly out of their mobile search results. In 2017, we launched LiveEngage for Bots, a platform extension that allows artificial intelligence/bots vendors to integrate their solutions to LiveEngage. We also launched a developer community that enables third parties to develop on top of our platform and products by accessing application programming interfaces.
- Maintaining Market Leadership in Technology and Security Expertise. As described above, we are devoting significant resources to creating new products and enabling technologies designed to accelerate innovation and delivery of new products and technologies to our customer base. We evaluate emerging technologies and industry standards and continually update our technology in order to retain our leadership position in each market we serve. We monitor legal and technological developments in the area of information security and confidentiality to ensure our policies and procedures meet or exceed the demands of the world's largest and most demanding corporations. We believe that these efforts will allow us to effectively anticipate changing customer and consumer requirements in our rapidly evolving industry.
- *International Presence*. LivePerson is focused on expanding our international revenue contribution, which increased to 34% of total revenue in 2016, from 33% in 2015, despite approximately \$3.5 million of adverse foreign currency exchange impact. LivePerson generated positive results from previous investments in direct sales and services personnel in the United Kingdom and Western Europe. We also continued to focus on expanding our presence in the Asia Pacific region, leveraging our relationships with partners such as NTT Solco, a subsidiary of telecom firm NTT Docomo and Information Services International-Dentsu, Ltd. (ISID).
- Continuing to Build Brand Recognition. As a pioneer of brand-to-consumer digital messaging, LivePerson enjoys strong brand recognition and credibility. Our focus on creating meaningful connections among employees, with our customers, and between brands and their consumers, is a key component of our culture and our market strategy. We strategically target decision makers and influencers within key vertical markets, leveraging customer successes to generate increased awareness and demand for brand-to-consumer messaging. In addition, we continue to develop relationships with the media, industry analysts and relevant business associations to enhance awareness of our leadership within the industry. Our brand name is also visible to both business users and consumers. When a consumer messages a customer care professional on a brand's website, our brand name is usually displayed on the dialog messaging window. We believe that this high-visibility placement will continue to create brand awareness for our solutions.
- Increasing the Value of Our Service to Our Customers. We believe the introduction of LiveEngage marks the most important product launch in our history, as it empowers brands to deploy messaging at scale for customer care and sales, instead of demanding that consumers use email or call a 1-800 number. Furthermore, our platform strategy makes available the full suite of LivePerson's capabilities through a single solution. In addition, the open architecture of LiveEngage will enable LivePerson to rapidly add new capabilities either directly or through partners. For example, we see opportunities for additional efficiencies in the contact center through the integration of artificial intelligence and bots. Because we directly manage the server infrastructure, we can make new features available to our customers immediately upon release, without customer or end-user installation of software or hardware. Our strategy is to continue to enhance the LiveEngage messaging platform and to leverage the substantial amount of mobile and online consumer data we collect, with the aim of increasing agent efficiency, decreasing customer care costs, improving the customer experience and increasing customer lifetime value.
- Evaluating Strategic Alliances and Acquisitions When Appropriate. We have successfully integrated several acquisitions over the past decade. While we have in the past, and may from time to time in the future, engage in discussions regarding acquisitions or strategic transactions or to acquire other companies that can accelerate our growth or broaden our product offerings, we currently have no binding commitments with respect to any future acquisitions or strategic transactions.

## **Key Metrics**

Financial overview of the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2016:

- Total revenue increased 4% to \$56.5 million from \$54.5 million.
- Revenue from our Business segment increased 3% to \$52.1 million from \$50.5 million.
- Gross profit margin increased to 74% from 73%.

- Cost and expenses decreased 1% to \$56.7 million from \$57.1 million.
- Net loss decreased to \$1.3 million from net loss of \$5.9 million.
- Average annual revenue per enterprise and mid-market customer was greater than \$215,000 over the trailing twelve months ended September 30, 2017, as compared to greater than \$200,000 for the trailing twelve months ended September 30, 2016.
- The dollar retention rate for full service customers on LiveEngage was greater than 100% over the trailing twelve months ended September 30, 2017, in line with the trailing twelve months ended June 30, 2017. Dollar retention rate measures the percentage of revenue retained at quarter end, from full service customers that were on LiveEngage at the same period a year ago.

## **Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income**

To provide investors with additional information regarding our financial results, we have disclosed adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income, which are non-GAAP financial measures. The tables below present a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income to net loss, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

We have included adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q because these are key measures used by our management and board of directors to understand and evaluate our core operating performance and trends, to prepare and approve our annual budget and to develop short and long-term operational plans. In particular, the exclusion of certain expenses in calculating adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income can provide a useful measure for period-to-period comparisons of our core business. Additionally, adjusted EBITDA is a key financial measure used by the compensation committee of our board of directors in connection with the payment of bonuses to our executive officers. Accordingly, we believe that adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income provide useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors.

Our use of adjusted EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are:

- although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized may have to be replaced in the
  future, and adjusted EBITDA does not reflect cash capital expenditure requirements for such replacements or for new capital expenditure
  requirements;
- · adjusted EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;
- adjusted EBITDA does not consider the potentially dilutive impact of equity-based compensation;
- adjusted EBITDA does not consider the potentially dilutive impact of restructuring cost;
- adjusted EBITDA does not consider the potentially dilutive impact of other non-recurring costs;
- · adjusted EBITDA does not reflect tax payments that may represent a reduction in cash available to us; and
- other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate adjusted EBITDA differently, which reduces its usefulness as a comparative measure.

Because of these limitations, you should consider adjusted EBITDA alongside other financial performance measures, including various cash flow metrics, net income (loss) and our other GAAP results. The following table presents a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA for each of the periods indicated (amounts in thousands):

	Th	ree Months En	ember 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
		2017 2016				2017		2016	
Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA									
GAAP net loss	\$	(1,310)	\$	(5,879)	\$	(14,519)	\$	(16,308)	
Amortization of purchased intangibles		1,109		1,710		3,968		5,045	
Stock-based compensation		1,843		2,255		6,103		7,600	
Depreciation		3,179		2,650		9,017		9,445	
Other non-recurring costs		1,640 (1)		930 (2)		4,998 (1)		3,368 (5)	
Restructuring costs		_		(384) (3)		2,315 (4)		(384) (3)	
Provision for income taxes		1,256		3,177		3,000		5,038	
Other income, net		(191)		123		(412)		135	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	7,526	\$	4,582	\$	14,470	\$	13,939	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes litigation costs of \$1.6 million and \$5.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively.

Our use of adjusted net income has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are:

- although amortization is a non-cash charge, the assets being amortized may have to be replaced in the future, and adjusted net income does not reflect cash capital expenditure requirements for such replacements or for new capital expenditure requirements;
- adjusted net income does not consider the potentially dilutive impact of equity-based compensation;
- · adjusted net income does not consider the potentially dilutive impact of restructuring cost;
- adjusted net income does not consider the potentially dilutive impact of other non-recurring costs;
- · adjusted net income does not consider the potentially dilutive impact of deferred tax asset valuation allowance; and
- other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate adjusted net income differently, which reduces its usefulness as a comparative measure.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes litigation costs of \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016.

 $<sup>^{(3)}</sup>$  Includes \$0.4 million of cash collected on previously written off bad debt.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes wind down costs of legacy platform of \$1.9 million and severance costs of \$0.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes litigation costs of \$2.9 million and severance costs of \$0.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Because of these limitations, you should consider adjusted net income alongside other financial performance measures, including various cash flow metrics, net loss and our other GAAP results. The following table presents a reconciliation of adjusted net (loss) income for each of the periods indicated (amounts in thousands):

	T	hree Months End	led Sep	ptember 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,						
	·	2017 2016		2016	2017			2016			
Reconciliation of Adjusted Net Income (6)		_									
Pre-tax GAAP loss (6)	\$	(54)	\$	(2,702)	\$	(11,519)	\$	(11,270)			
Amortization of purchased intangibles		1,109		1,710		3,968		5,045			
Stock-based compensation		1,843		2,255		6,103		7,600			
Other non-recurring costs		1,640 (1)		930 (2)		4,998 (1)		3,718 (5)			
Deferred tax asset valuation allowance		_		_		_		692			
Restructuring costs				(384) (3)		2,315 (4)		(384) (3)			
Pre-tax adjusted net income		4,538		1,809		5,865		5,401			
Income tax effect of non-GAAP items (6)		(1,588)		(633)		(2,053)		(1,890)			
Adjusted net income	\$	2,950	\$	1,176	\$	3,812	\$	3,511			

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes litigation costs of \$1.6 million and \$5.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As such, we are required to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that management believes are reasonable based upon the information available. We base these estimates on our historical experience, future expectations and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for our judgments that may not be readily apparent from other sources. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods.

We believe that the assumptions and estimates associated with revenue recognition, depreciation, stock-based compensation, accounts receivable, the valuation of goodwill and intangible assets, income taxes and legal contingencies have the greatest potential impact on our consolidated financial statements. We evaluate these estimates on an ongoing basis. Actual results could differ from those estimates under different assumptions or conditions, and any differences could be material. The significant accounting policies which we believe are the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating the reported consolidated financial results include the following:

## Revenue Recognition

The majority of our revenue is generated from monthly service revenues and related professional services from the sale of the LivePerson services. Because we provide our application as a service, we follow the provisions of ASC 605-10-S99, "Revenue Recognition" and ASC 605-25, "Revenue Recognition with Multiple-Element Arrangements." We charge a monthly fee, which varies by type of service, the level of customer usage and website traffic, and in some cases, the number of orders placed via our online engagement solutions.

For certain of our larger customers, we may provide call center labor through an arrangement with one or more of several qualified vendors. For most of these customers, we pass the fee we incur with the labor provider and our fee for the hosted services through to our customers in the form of a fixed fee for each order placed via our online engagement solutions. For these Pay for Performance ("PFP") arrangements, in accordance with ASC 605-45, "Principal Agent Considerations," we record revenue for transactions in which we act as an agent on a net basis, and revenue for transactions in which we act as a principal on a gross basis.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes litigation costs of \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes \$0.4 million of cash collected on previously written off bad debt.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes wind down costs of legacy platform of \$1.9 million and severance costs of \$0.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes litigation costs of \$2.9 million, write off of office facility depreciation of \$0.3 million and severance costs of \$0.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

<sup>(6)</sup> During 2017, the Company updated the methodology for calculating adjusted net income. In 2016, the Company incorporated the GAAP tax rate into the calculation, whereas in 2017, the Company now starts the calculation with GAAP pre-tax (loss) income, then adds back amortization, stock-based compensation, other non-recurring, restructuring, and then applies a standardized 35% long-term projected tax rate. The prior period, September 30, 2016, was adjusted to conform to the current period presentation.

We also sell certain of the LivePerson services directly via Internet download. These services are marketed as LiveEngage for small to medium-sized businesses ("SMBs"), and are paid for almost exclusively by credit card. Credit card payments accelerate cash flow and reduce our collection risk, subject to the merchant bank's right to hold back cash pending settlement of the transactions. Sales of LiveEngage may occur with or without the assistance of an online sales representative, rather than through face-to-face or telephone contact that is typically required for traditional direct sales.

We recognize monthly service revenue based upon the fee charged for the LivePerson services, provided that there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement, no significant obligations remain, collection of the resulting receivable is probable and the amount of fees to be paid is fixed or determinable. Our service agreements typically have twelve month terms and, in some cases, are terminable or may terminate upon 30 to 90 days' notice without penalty. When professional service fees add value to the customer on a standalone basis, we recognize professional service fees upon completion of services. This guidance establishes a selling price hierarchy for determining the selling price of a deliverable, which is based on: (a) vendor-specific objective evidence; (b) third-party evidence; or (c) estimates. If a professional services arrangement does not qualify for separate accounting, we recognize the fees, and the related labor costs, ratably over the contracted period.

For revenue from our Consumer segment generated from online transactions between Experts and Users, we recognize revenue net of Expert fees in accordance with ASC 605-45, "Principal Agent Considerations," due primarily to the fact that the Expert is the primary obligor. Additionally, we perform as an agent without any risk of loss for collection, and are not involved in selecting the Expert or establishing the Expert's fee. We collect a fee from the consumer and retain a portion of the fee, and then remit the balance to the Expert. Revenue from these transactions is recognized when there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement, no significant obligations remain, collection of the resulting receivable is probable and the amount of fees to be paid is fixed or determinable.

## Stock-Based Compensation

We follow ASC 718-10, "Stock Compensation," which addresses the accounting for transactions in which an entity exchanges its equity instruments for goods or services, with a primary focus on transactions in which an entity obtains employee services in share-based payment transactions. ASC 718-10 requires measurement of the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of the award (with limited exceptions). Incremental compensation costs arising from subsequent modifications of awards after the grant date must be recognized.

As of September 30, 2017, there was approximately \$8.0 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock options. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2.6 years. As of September 30, 2017, there was approximately \$7.6 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested restricted stock units. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2.6 years.

#### Accounts Receivable

Our customers are located primarily in the United States. We perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers' financial condition (except for customers who purchase the LivePerson services by credit card via Internet download) and have established an allowance for doubtful accounts based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of customers, historical trends and other information that we believe to be reasonable, although they may change in the future. If there is a deterioration of a customer's credit worthiness or actual write-offs are higher than our historical experience, our estimates of recoverability for these receivables could be adversely affected. Although our large number of customers limits our concentration of credit risk we do have several large customers. If we experience a significant write-off from one of these large customers, it could have a material adverse impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements. No single customer accounted for or exceeded 10% of our total revenue in the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. One customer accounted for approximately 10% of accounts receivable as of September 30, 2017. No individual customer accounted for 10% or more of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2016.

A large proportion of our receivables are due from larger corporate customers that typically have longer payment cycles. We base our allowance for doubtful accounts on specifically identified credit risks of customers, historical trends and other information that we believe to be reasonable. Receivables are written-off and charged against its recorded allowance when we have exhausted collection efforts without success. We adjust our allowance for doubtful accounts when accounts previously reserved have been collected. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, our allowance for doubtful accounts decreased by \$0.4 million to approximately \$1.3 million. During 2016, we increased our allowance for doubtful accounts by \$0.5 million to approximately \$1.7 million.

#### Goodwill

In accordance with ASC 350, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are not amortized, but reviewed for impairment upon the occurrence of events or changes in circumstances that would reduce the fair value below its carrying amount. Goodwill is required to be tested for impairment at least annually. In September 2011, FASB issued ASU No. 2011-08, Intangibles — Goodwill and Other (Topic 350). ASU 2011-08 permits an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is "more likely than not" that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test described in Topic 350. The more-likely-than-not threshold is defined as having a likelihood of more than 50%. If it is determined that the fair value of a reporting unit is more likely than not to be less than its carrying value (including unrecognized intangible assets) than it is necessary to perform the second step of the goodwill impairment test. The second step of the goodwill impairment test is judgmental in nature and often involves the use of significant estimates and assumptions. Similarly, estimates and assumptions are used in determining the fair value of other intangible assets. These estimates and assumptions could have a significant impact on whether or not an impairment charge is recognized and also the magnitude of any such charge. We perform internal valuation analysis and consider other market information that is publicly available. Estimates of fair value are primarily determined using discounted cash flows and market comparisons. These approaches use significant estimates and assumptions including projected future cash flows (including timing), discount rates reflecting the risk inherent in future cash flows, perpetual growth rates, determination of appropriate market comparables and the determination of whether a premium or discount should be applied to such comparables.

We evaluate for goodwill impairment annually at September 30<sup>th</sup>. At the end of the third quarter of 2017, we determined that it was not more-likely that the fair value of the reporting units are less than their carrying amount. Accordingly, we did not perform the two-step goodwill impairment test.

## **Impairment of Long-Lived Assets**

In accordance with ASC 360-10, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-lived Assets," long-lived assets, such as property, plant and equipment and purchased intangibles subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. The amount of any impairment is measured as the difference between the carrying value and the fair value of the impaired asset. We do not have any long-lived assets, including intangible assets, which we consider to be impaired.

## Legal Contingencies

We are subject to legal proceedings and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. Periodically, we evaluate the status of each legal matter and assess our potential financial exposure. If the potential loss from any legal proceeding or litigation is considered probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated, we accrue a liability for the estimated loss. Significant judgment is required to determine the probability of a loss and whether the amount of the loss is reasonably estimable. The outcome of any proceeding is not determinable in advance. As a result, the assessment of a potential liability and the amount of accruals recorded are based only on the information available at the time. As additional information becomes available, we reassess the potential liability related to the legal proceeding or litigation, and may revise our estimates. Any revisions could have a material effect on our results of operations. See Note 12, Legal Matters, of the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on our legal proceedings and litigation.

## **Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In August 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2017-12 "Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities" ("ASU 2017-12"). This new standard refines and expands hedge accounting for both financial (e.g., interest rate) and commodity risks. Its provisions create more transparency around how economic results are presented, both on the face of the financial statements and in the footnotes, for investors and analysts. ASU 2017-12 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018, for public companies. Early adoption is permitted in any interim period or fiscal years before the effective date of the standard. We do not expect the adoption of ASU 2017-12 to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In May 2017, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2017-09, "Compensation-Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Scope of Modification Accounting" ("ASU 2017-09"). This update clarifies and reduces both (i) diversity in practice and (ii) cost and complexity when applying the guidance in Topic 718, to a change to the terms and conditions of a share-based payment award. ASU 2017-09 is effective for financial statements issued for annual periods, and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. The amendments in this ASU should be applied prospectively to an award modified on or after the adoption date. We are currently evaluating the impact of this updated standard, but does not believe this update will have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2017-04, "Intangibles —Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment" ("ASU 2017-04"). This update addresses concerns over the cost and complexity of the two-step goodwill impairment test. The amendments in this update remove the second step of the test. An entity will apply a one-step quantitative test and record the amount of goodwill impairment as the excess of a reporting unit's carrying amount over its fair value, not to exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to the reporting unit. The new guidance does not amend the optional qualitative assessment of goodwill impairment. ASU 2017-04 is effective for financial statements issued for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those annual periods. We do not expect the adoption of ASU 2017-04 to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In January 2017, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2017-01, "Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business" ("ASU 2017-01"). This update clarifies the definition of a business with the objective of adding guidance to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of businesses. The amendments in this update provide a screen to determine when a set is not a business. If the screen is not met, it (1) requires that to be considered a business, a set must include, at a minimum, an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create output and (2) removes the evaluation of whether a market participant could replace the missing elements. ASU 2017-01 is effective for financial statements issued for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those annual periods. We do not expect the adoption of ASU 2017-01 to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash.

In March 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09, "Compensation -Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting" ("ASU 2016-09"). This update is intended to improve the accounting for employee share-based payments and affects all organizations that issue share-based payment awards to their employees. Several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment award transactions are simplified, including:(a) income tax consequences; (b) classification of awards as either equity or liabilities; and(c)classification on the statement of cash flows. We adopted this ASU as of the beginning of the first quarter of 2017 and have elected to continue to estimate expected forfeitures over the course of a vesting period. Further, the ASU eliminates the requirement to delay the recognition of excess tax benefits until they reduce current taxes payable. The adoption of ASU 2016-09 did not have any material impact on our financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, "Leases" ("ASU 2016-02"). ASU 2016-02 requires lessees to recognize the following for all leases (with the exception of short-term leases) at the commencement date: a lease liability, which is a lessee's obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease, measured on a discounted basis; and a right-of-use asset, which is an asset that represents the lessee's right to use, or control the use of, a specified asset for the lease term. Under the new guidance, lessor accounting is largely unchanged. Certain targeted improvements were made to align, where necessary, lessor accounting with the lessee accounting model and Topic 606, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers". The new lease guidance also simplified the accounting for sale and leaseback transactions primarily because lessees must recognize lease assets and lease liabilities. Lessees will no longer be provided with a source of off-balance sheet financing. Lessees (for capital and operating leases) and lessors (for sales-type, direct financing, and operating leases) must apply a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. The modified retrospective approach would not require any transition accounting for leases that expired before the earliest comparative period presented. Lessees and lessors may not apply a full retrospective transition approach. ASU 2016-02 is effective for financial statements issued for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018. While we are currently assessing the impact ASU 2016-02 will have on our consolidated financial position upon adoption will be the recognition, on a discounted basis, of our minimum commitments under non-cancelable operating leases on our consolidated balance sheets resulting in the recognition, on a discounted basis, of our minimum commitments under non-cancelable operating leases are disclosed in

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASC Update No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("Topic 606"), which has been subsequently updated. The purpose of Update No. 2014-09 is to provide enhancements to the quality and consistency of how revenue is reported while also improving comparability in the financial statements of companies using U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. The core principle requires entities to recognize revenue in a manner that depicts the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration an entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. Topic 606, as amended, becomes effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, at which point we plan to adopt the standard. We currently plan to adopt the standard using the "modified retrospective method." Under that method, we will apply the rules to contracts that are not completed as of January 1, 2018, and recognize the cumulative effect of the initial adoption as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings.

We have reached preliminary conclusions on our key revenue streams related to the standard and are finalizing our accounting policies. Based on our initial assessment, we believe the timing of revenue recognition for our primary revenue stream, hosted services within our Business segment, will not materially change. Upon adopting Topic 606, we will provide additional

disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, specifically related to disaggregated revenue, contract balances and performance obligations.

In the third quarter of 2017, we provided global training to our finance team on Topic 606. In the fourth quarter of 2017, we will perform a simulation of our new accounting processes and procedures to prepare our team for the month-end close process upon adoption of Topic 606. We will implement new internal controls to address risks associated with applying the five-step model, specifically related to judgments made in connection to variable consideration and applying the constraint. Additionally, we will establish monitoring controls to identify new sales arrangements and changes in our business environment that could impact our current accounting assessment. We expect to finalize our impact assessment and redesign impacted processes, policies and controls during the fourth quarter of 2017.

#### Revenue

The majority of our revenue is generated from monthly service revenues and related professional services from the sale of the LivePerson services. We charge a monthly, quarterly or annual fee, which varies by service and customer usage. The majority of our larger customers also pay a professional services fee related to implementation and ongoing optimization services. A large proportion of our revenue from new customers comes from large corporations. These companies typically have more significant implementation requirements and more stringent data security standards. Such customers also have more sophisticated data analysis and performance reporting requirements, and are likely to engage our professional services organization to provide such analysis and reporting on a recurring basis.

Revenue from our Business segment accounted for 92% of total revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 93% of total revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016. Revenue attributable to our monthly hosted Business services accounted for 89% of total Business revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, and 88% and 89% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively. Our service agreements typically have twelve month terms and, in some cases, are terminable or may terminate upon 30 to 90 days' notice without penalty. Given the time required to schedule training for our customers' operators and our customers' resource constraints, we have historically experienced a lag between signing a customer contract and recognizing revenue from that customer. Although this lag typically ranges from 30 to 90 days, it may take more or less time between contract signing and recognizing revenue in certain situations.

Revenue from our Consumer segment is generated from online transactions between Experts and Users and is recognized net of Expert fees and accounted for approximately 8% of total revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, and 7% and 6% of total revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively.

We also have entered into contractual arrangements that complement our direct sales force and online sales efforts. These are primarily with call center service companies, pursuant to which LivePerson is paid a commission based on revenue generated by these service companies from our referrals. To date, revenue from such commissions has not been material.

## Costs and Expenses

Our cost of revenue consists of:

- compensation costs relating to employees who provide customer support and implementation services to our customers;
- outside labor provider costs;
- compensation costs relating to our network support staff;
- depreciation of certain hardware and software;
- · allocated occupancy costs and related overhead;
- the cost of supporting our infrastructure, including expenses related to server leases, infrastructure support costs and Internet connectivity;
- the credit card fees and related payment processing costs associated with consumer and self-service customers; and
- amortization of certain intangibles.

Our sales and marketing expenses consist of compensation and related expenses for sales personnel and marketing personnel, online marketing, allocated occupancy costs and related overhead, advertising, marketing events, sales commissions, public relations, promotional materials, travel expenses and trade show exhibit expenses.

Our general and administrative expenses consist primarily of compensation and related expenses for executive, accounting, legal, information technology and human resources personnel, allocated occupancy costs and related overhead, professional fees, provision for doubtful accounts and other general corporate expenses.

Our product development expenses consist primarily of compensation and related expenses for product development personnel, allocated occupancy costs and related overhead, outsourced labor and expenses for testing new versions of our software. Product development expenses are charged to operations as incurred.

## Non-Cash Compensation Expense

The net non-cash compensation amounts are as follows:

	 Three Months E	nded Septe	ember 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	 2017 2016			2017			2016	
	(in the	ousands)		(in thousands)				
Stock-based compensation expense	\$ 1,843	\$	2,255	\$	6,103	\$	7,600	

## **Results of Operations**

We are organized into two operating segments: Business and Consumer. The Business segment facilitates real-time online interactions — chat, voice and content delivery, across multiple channels and screens for global corporations of all sizes. The Consumer segment facilitates online transactions between Experts and Users seeking information and knowledge for a fee via real-time chat.

## Comparison of the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

#### Revenue

	Three Months Ended September 30,						Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2017		2016	% Change		2017 2016		2016	% Change	
	(in thousands)				(in thousands)						
Revenue by Segment:											
Business	\$	52,138	\$	50,474	3%	\$	148,501	\$	154,614	(4)%	
Consumer		4,355		4,044	8%		12,985		12,048	8 %	
Total	\$	56,493	\$	54,518	4%	\$	161,486	\$	166,662	(3)%	

Business revenue increased by 3% to \$52.1 million in the three months ended September 30, 2017, from \$50.5 million in the comparable period in 2016. This variance is primarily attributable to the increase in revenue from new customers by approximately \$2.0 million and in revenue that is variable based on pay for performance, and interactions and usage of approximately \$0.9 million; offset in part by the decrease of revenue from existing customers and professional services of approximately \$1.3 million.

Business revenue decreased by 4% to \$148.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017, from \$154.6 million in the comparable period in 2016. This variance is primarily attributable to the decrease in revenue from existing customers by approximately \$12.3 million, and in revenue that is variable based on pay for performance, and interactions and usage of approximately \$2.5 million; offset in part by the increase of revenue from new customers and professional services of approximately \$8.7 million.

Overall nine month decrease in business revenue is primarily attributable to our focus on migration of current customers from our old platform to our new LiveEngage platform instead of selling to new customers or expanding our services to existing customers in 2016, which has a carry-over effect in 2017. As of January 1, 2017, our focus shifted back to selling and expanding our base of messaging customers. In addition, the majority of customers have been notified for end of life on the legacy offering in 2017, and not every legacy customer has elected to move to LiveEngage. We continue however to see a decrease in existing customer cancellations quarter over quarter, which contributed to the three month increase in business revenue.

Consumer revenue increased by 8% to \$4.4 million and \$13.0 million in the three months and nine months ended ended September 30, 2017 from \$4.0 million and \$12.0 million in the comparable periods in 2016. This variance is driven by an increase in price per minute, which was partially offset by a decrease in chat minutes.

## Cost of Revenue - Business

Cost of revenue consists of compensation costs relating to employees who provide customer service to our customers, compensation costs relating to our network support staff, outside labor provider costs, the cost of supporting our server and network infrastructure, and allocated occupancy costs and related overhead

	Three Months Ended September 30,					 Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2017		2016	% Change	2017		2016	% Change
	(\$ in thousands)				 (\$ in thousands)				
Cost of revenue - business	\$	13,681	\$	14,215	(4)%	\$ 40,794	\$	46,145	(12)%
Percentage of total revenue		24%		26%		25%		28%	
Headcount (at period end):		228		251	(9)%	228		251	(9)%

Cost of revenue decreased by 4% to \$13.7 million in the three months ended September 30, 2017, from \$14.2 million in the comparable period in 2016. This variance is primarily attributable to decreases in total compensation and related costs for customer service and network operations personnel of approximately \$0.6 million, in primary and backup server facilities and allocated overhead related to costs supporting our server and network infrastructure of approximately \$0.3 million and in depreciation and amortization expense of approximately \$0.2 million. This was offset partially by increases in outsourced labor and other business services of approximately \$0.5 million.

Cost of revenue decreased by 12% to \$40.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017, from \$46.1 million in the comparable period in 2016. This variance is primarily attributable to decreases in total compensation and related costs for customer service and network operations personnel of approximately \$3.5 million, depreciation by approximately \$1.3 million, and in primary and backup server facilities and allocated overhead related to costs supporting our server and network infrastructure of approximately \$1.3 million. This was offset partially by increases in amortization expenses of \$0.5 million and in outsourced labor and other business services of approximately \$0.3 million.

The decrease in cost of revenue was tied to our ability to operationalize cost savings by moving brands off of our legacy platform and realigning our go-to-market strategy around LiveEngage.

## Cost of Revenue - Consumer

Cost of revenue consists of compensation costs relating to employees who provide customer service to Experts and Users, compensation costs relating to our network support staff, the cost of supporting our server and network infrastructure, credit card and transaction processing fees and related costs, and allocated occupancy costs and related overhead.

		Three M	onths	Ended Septe	ember 30,		Nine M	onths	Ended Septer	nber 30,	
		2017 2016 % (\$ in thousands)		2017 2016 %		% Change		2017		2016	% Change
				_		(\$ in tl	housan	ıds)			
Cost of revenue - consumer	\$	860	\$	622	38%	\$	2,662	\$	2,065	29%	
Percentage of total revenue		2%		1%			2%		1%		
Headcount (at period end)		18		18	-%		18		18	-%	

Cost of revenue increased by 38% to \$0.9 million in the three months ended September 30, 2017, from \$0.6 million in the comparable period in 2016. This variance is primarily due to increases in salary and related employee expenses of approximately \$0.9 million offset partially by decreases in in primary and backup server facilities and allocated overhead related to costs supporting our server and network infrastructure of approximately \$0.7 million.

Cost of revenue increased by 29% to \$2.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017, from \$2.1 million in the comparable period in 2016. This variance is primarily due to increases in salary, outsourced labor, and related employee expenses of approximately \$1.0 million and depreciation expense of approximately \$0.2 million. This was offset partially by decreases in in primary and backup server facilities and allocated overhead related to costs supporting our server and network infrastructure of approximately \$0.6 million.

## Sales and Marketing - Business

Our sales and marketing expenses consist of compensation and related expenses for sales and marketing personnel, as well as advertising, marketing events, public relations, trade show exhibit expenses and allocated occupancy costs and related overhead.

		Three M	Ionth	s Ended Sept	ember 30,		Nine M	ember 30,			
		2017 20 (\$ in thousands)		2017 2016 %		% Change		2017		2016	% Change
				nds)			(\$ in tl	housands)			
Sales and marketing - business	\$	19,554	\$	20,278	(4)%	\$	60,338	\$	62,606	(4)%	
Percentage of total revenue		35%		37%			37%		38%		
Headcount (at period end):		288		317	(9)%		288		317	(9)%	

Sales and marketing expenses decreased by 4% in the three months ended September 30, 2017 from the comparable period in 2016. There were decreases in compensation and related costs for sales and marketing personnel of approximately \$2.3 million partially offset by increases in outsourcing and subcontracted labor by approximately \$0.9 million, in marketing events, advertising, public relations, and tradeshow exhibit expenses of approximately \$0.4 million, and in depreciation expense of approximately \$0.2 million

Sales and marketing expenses decreased by 4% to \$60.3 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017 from \$62.6 million in the comparable period in 2016. There were decreases in compensation and related costs for sales and marketing personnel of approximately \$5.6 million partially offset by increases in marketing events, advertising, public relations, and tradeshow exhibit expenses of approximately \$2.2 million, in outsourcing and subcontracted labor by approximately \$1.5 million, and in depreciation expense of approximately \$0.2 million.

We have realigned our go-to-market strategy around LiveEngage 2.0. Our outreach efforts are primarily focused on fostering a community of thought and industry leadership by targeting a few hundred of the world's largest brands through conference calls and events.

## Sales and Marketing - Consumer

Our sales and marketing expenses consist of compensation and related expenses for marketing personnel, as well as online promotion, public relations and allocated occupancy costs and related overhead.

	 Three M	1onths	Ended Septe	ember 30,		Nine M	mber 30,		
	 2017 2016		2016	% Change		2017		2016	% Change
	 (\$ in thousands)					(\$ in t	housaı	ıds)	
Sales and marketing - consumer	\$ 2,049	\$	1,789	15%	\$	6,357	\$	5,225	22%
Percentage of total revenue	4%		3%			4%	)	3%	
Headcount (at period end):	13		10	30%		13		10	30%

Sales and marketing expenses increased by 15% to \$2.0 million in the three months ended September 30, 2017 and by 22% to \$6.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017 from \$1.8 million and \$5.2 million in the comparable periods in 2016. The increase was primarily attributable to adverting and online expenses.

## **General and Administrative**

Our general and administrative expenses consist of compensation and related expenses for executive, accounting, legal, human resources and administrative personnel, professional fees and other general corporate expenses.

	Three Months Ended September 30,						Nine M	ember 30,										
	2017 2016 % ( (\$ in thousands)		% Change		% Change		% Change		% Change		% Change		% Change		2017		2016	% Change
				(\$ in th			nds)											
General and administrative	\$	10,398	\$	10,069	3 %	\$	30,528	\$	29,758	3 %								
Percentage of total revenue		18%		18%			19%		18%									
Headcount (at period end):		101		113	(11)%		101		113	(11)%								

General and administrative expenses increased by 3% to \$10.4 million in the three months ended September 30, 2017 from \$10.1 million in the comparable period in 2016. This variance is primarily attributable to increases in non-recurring litigation expense of approximately \$0.7 million and outsourced labor and other business services of approximately \$0.3 million. This was

partially offset by decrease in total compensation and related employee expenses of approximately \$0.5 million. Non-recurring litigation expense was \$1.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017.

General and administrative expenses increased by 3% to \$30.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017 from \$29.8 million in the comparable period in 2016. This variance is primarily attributable to increases in non-recurring litigation expense of approximately \$2.0 million. This was partially offset by decreases in and total compensation and related employee expenses of approximately \$1.1 million and outsourced labor and other business services of approximately \$0.3 million. Non-recurring litigation expense was \$4.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

## **Product Development**

Our product development expenses consist of compensation and related expenses for product development personnel as well as allocated occupancy costs and related overhead and outsourced labor and expenses for testing new versions of our software.

		Three Months Ended September 30, Nine Months Ended Septe							mber 30,	
		2017 2016 % Chair (\$ in thousands)		% Change	2017		2016		% Change	
						(\$ in th	iousa	nds)		
Product development	\$	9,726	\$	9,495	2 %	\$	29,011	\$	29,428	(1)%
Percentage of total revenue		17%		17%			18%		18%	
Headcount (at period end):		306		312	(2)%		306		312	(2)%

Product development costs increased by 2% to \$9.7 million in the three months ended September 30, 2017, from \$9.5 million in the comparable period in 2016. This variance relates to increases in depreciation expense and backup server facilities and allocated overhead related to costs of supporting our server and network infrastructure of approximately \$0.6 million. This was partially offset by decreases in total compensation, outside labor, and associated costs for existing product development personnel of approximately \$0.3 million.

Product development costs decreased by 1% to \$29.0 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017, from \$29.4 million in the comparable period in 2016. This variance relates to decreases in total compensation, outside labor, and associated costs for existing product development personnel of approximately \$1.7 million partially offset by increases in depreciation expense and backup server facilities and allocated overhead related to costs of supporting our server and network infrastructure of approximately \$1.3 million.

We continue to invest in new product development efforts to expand the capability of LiveEngage 2.0. We recognize that every brand is unique and employs an individualized and complex approach to managing their users. In accordance with ASC 350-40 - "Internal- Use Software", as new projects are initiated that provide functionality to the LiveEngage platform, the associated development and employee costs will be capitalized. Upon completion, the project costs will be depreciated over five years. In the three months ended September 30, 2017, \$2.0 million was capitalized. In the nine months ended September 30, 2017, \$6.1 million was capitalized.

## **Restructuring Costs**

Restructuring costs consist of re-prioritizing and reallocating resources to focus on areas showing high growth potential.

	 Three M	Ionths	Ended Septe	ember 30,		Nine M	mber 30,		
	 2017		2016	% Change		2017		2016	% Change
	(\$ in thousands)			(\$ in tl	nousar	ıds)			
g costs	\$ _	\$	(384)	(100)%	\$	2,315	\$	(384)	(703)%
revenue	%		(1)%			1%		—%	

Restructuring costs incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 amounted to approximately \$2.3 million. This consisted primarily of wind down costs of our legacy platform and severance. There were no additional restructuring costs incurred during the three months ended September 30, 2017. Restructuring costs incurred during the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2016 amounted to approximately \$(0.4) million. This consisted primarily of collection of amounts which previously were written off.

## **Amortization of Purchased Intangibles**

	 Three Months Ended September 30,						Nine Months Ended Sept				
	 2017 2016		% Change	2017 2016				% Change			
	(\$ in th	ousan	ıds)			(\$ in tl	ıousan	ıds)			
Amortization of purchased intangibles	\$ 470	\$	1,013	(54)%	\$	1,412	\$	2,954	(52)%		
Percentage of total revenues	1%		2%			1%		2%			

Amortization expense for purchased intangibles decreased by 54% to \$0.5 million in the three months ended September 30, 2017 and by 52% to \$1.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017 from \$1.0 million and \$3.0 million in the comparable periods in 2016. The decrease is primarily attributable to the full amortization of Engage and Amadesa technology intangibles along with continued amortization of our 2014 acquisitions of CAO!, Synchronite, and our investments in technology licenses.

Additional amortization expense in the amount of \$0.6 million and \$0.7 million is included in cost of revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and \$2.6 million and \$2.1 million is included in cost of revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

## Other Income (Expense), net

Other income (expense), net consists of interest income on cash and cash equivalents, investment income and financial (expense) income which is a result of currency rate fluctuations associated with exchange rate movement of the U.S. dollar against the New Israeli Shekel, British Pound, Euro, Australian Dollar and Japanese Yen.

		Three M	Ionths	Ended Sep	tember 30,		Nine M	Ended Sept	tember 30,	
	2	017		2016	% Change	2017			2016	% Change
		(\$ in th	ousan	ds)			(\$ in th	ousano	is)	
Other income (expense), net	\$	191	\$	(123)	(255)%	\$	412	\$	(135)	(405)%

The variance in other income in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 from the comparable periods in 2016 is attributable to a increase in financial income from currency exchange and hedging of approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

## **Provision For Income Taxes**

	 Three M	Ionths	Ended Se	ptember 30,		Nine M	onths	tember 30,	
	 2017		2016	2016 % Change		2017	2016		% Change
	 (\$ in th	ousan	ds)			(\$ in th	iousan	ıds)	
Provision for income taxes	\$ 1,256	\$	3,177	(60)%	\$	3,000	\$	5,038	(40)%

Income tax expense decreased by 60% to \$1.3 million and 40% to \$3.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively, from \$3.2 million and \$5.0 million for the comparable periods in 2016. Our consolidated effective tax rate is impacted by the statutory income tax rates applicable to each of the jurisdictions in which we operate.

## Net Loss

We had a net loss of \$1.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to a net loss of \$5.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016. During the three months ended September 30, 2017, there were increases in revenue by approximately \$2.0 million and in other income, net by approximately \$0.3 million. Furthermore, there were decreases in provision for income taxes by \$1.9 million and in operating expenses by approximately \$0.4 million.

We had a net loss of \$14.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to a net loss of \$16.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, revenue decreased by approximately \$5.2 million. This was partially offset by decreases in operating expenses by approximately \$4.4 million and provision for income taxes by \$2.0 million and increases in other income, net by \$0.5 million.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

	Time Homens Emaca			
	 September 30,			
	 2017		2016	
	 (in thousands)			
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Data:				
Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$ 3,518	\$	16,550	
Cash flows used in investing activities	(10,010)		(8,219)	
Cash flows provided by (used) in financing activities	6,007		(4,935)	

Nine Months Ended

As of September 30, 2017, we had approximately \$54.4 million in cash and cash equivalents, an increase of approximately \$3.5 million from December 31, 2016. The increase is primarily attributable to cash provided by financing activities relating to issuance of common stock net cash and cash provided by operating activities relating to deferred revenue, and non-cash expenses, partially offset by cash flows used in investing relating to purchases of fixed assets for our co-location facilities.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$3.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and consisted primarily of increases in deferred revenue and non-cash expenses related to depreciation, stock compensation, and amortization of purchased intangibles. This was offset partially by net loss, increases in accounts receivable and prepaid expenses, and decreases in accounts payable and accrued expenses. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$16.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 consisted primarily of net loss, non-cash expenses related to depreciation, stock compensation, and amortization of purchased intangibles, increases in deferred revenue and prepaid expenses, and decreases in accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued expenses.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$10.0 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and was due primarily to the purchase of fixed assets for our co-location facilities and capitalization of internally developed software offset by a partial release of restricted cash used with foreign currency forward contracts. Net cash used in investing activities was \$8.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and was due primarily to the purchase of fixed assets for our co-location facilities offset by a partial release of restricted cash used with foreign currency forward contracts.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$6.0 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and was due primarily to proceeds from the issuance of common stock in connection with the exercise of stock options by employees, partially offset by repurchase of our common stock. Net cash used in financing activities was \$4.9 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and consisted primarily of the repurchase of our common stock offset partially by issuance of common stock.

We have incurred significant expenses to develop our technology and services, to hire employees in our customer service, sales, marketing and administration departments, and for the amortization of purchased intangible assets, as well as non-cash compensation costs. Historically, we have incurred net losses and negative cash flows for various quarterly and annual periods since our inception, including during numerous quarters and annual periods in the past several years. As of September 30, 2017, we had an accumulated deficit of approximately \$159.4 million.

We anticipate that our current cash and cash equivalents will be sufficient to satisfy our working capital and capital requirements for at least the next twelve (12) months. However, we cannot assure you that we will not require additional funds prior to such time, and we would then seek to sell additional equity or debt securities through public financings, or seek alternative sources of financing. We cannot assure you that additional funding will be available on favorable terms, when needed, if at all. If we are unable to obtain any necessary additional financing, we may be required to further reduce the scope of our planned sales and marketing and product development efforts, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results. In addition, we may require additional funds in order to fund more rapid expansion, to develop new or enhanced services or products or to invest in or acquire complementary businesses, technologies, services or products.

# **Contractual Obligations and Commitments**

We do not have any special purposes entities, and other than operating leases, which are described below, we do not engage in off-balance sheet financing arrangements.

We lease facilities and certain equipment under agreements accounted for as operating leases. These leases generally require us to pay all executory costs such as maintenance and insurance. Rental expense for operating leases for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 was approximately \$2.1 million and \$6.7 million, respectively. Rental expense for operating leases for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 was approximately \$2.4 million and \$7.6 million, respectively.

As of September 30, 2017, our principal commitments were approximately \$25.4 million under various operating leases, of which approximately \$2.1 million is due in 2017. We currently expect that our principal commitments for the year ending December 31, 2017 will not exceed \$10.0 million in the aggregate.

Our contractual obligations at September 30, 2017 are summarized as follows:

	 Payments due by period							
	 (in thousands)							
	Less than 1 More than 5							
Contractual Obligations	Total		year		1-3 years		3-5 years	years
Operating leases	\$ 25,434	\$	8,845	\$	11,492	\$	4,392	\$ 705

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

#### Foreign Currency Exchange Risks

Our Israeli operations have currency rate fluctuation risk associated with the exchange rate movement of the U.S. dollar against the New Israeli Shekel ("NIS"). During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the U.S. dollar depreciated by approximately 6% as compared to the NIS. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, expenses generated by our Israeli operations totaled approximately \$14.3 million and \$44.1 million, respectively. During 2017, we hedged our foreign currency risk exposure relating to the NIS. We actively monitor the movement of the U.S. dollar against the NIS, Pound Sterling, Euro, AUS dollar and Japanese Yen and have considered the use of financial instruments, including but not limited to derivative financial instruments, which could mitigate such risk. If we determine that our risk of exposure materially exceeds the potential cost of derivative financial instruments, we may in the future enter in to these types of investments. The functional currency of our wholly-owned Israeli subsidiaries, LivePerson Ltd. (formerly HumanClick Ltd.) and Kasamba Ltd., is the U.S. dollar; the functional currency of our operations in the United Kingdom is the British Pound; the functional currency of our operations in the Netherlands, Germany, Italy and France is the Euro; the functional currency of our operations in Australia Dollar; and the functional currency of our operations in Japanese Yen.

#### Collection Risk

Our accounts receivable are subject, in the normal course of business, to collection risks. We regularly assess these risks and have established policies and business practices to protect against the adverse effects of collection risks. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, our allowance for doubtful accounts decreased by \$0.4 million to approximately \$1.3 million. During 2016, we increased our allowance for doubtful accounts from \$1.2 million to approximately \$1.7 million . A large proportion of our receivables are due from larger corporate customers that typically have longer payment cycles. We base our allowance for doubtful accounts on specifically identified credit risks of customers, historical trends and other information that we believe to be reasonable. Receivables are written-off and charged against its recorded allowance when we have exhausted collection efforts without success. We adjust our allowance for doubtful accounts when accounts previously reserved have been collected.

## **Interest Rate Risk**

Our investments consist of cash and cash equivalents. Therefore, changes in the market's interest rates do not affect in any material respect the value of the investments as recorded by us.

## **Inflation Risk**

We do not believe that inflation has had a material effect on our business, financial conditions or results of operations. If our costs were to become subject to significant inflationary pressures, we may not be able to fully offset such higher costs through price increases. Our inability or failure to do so could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

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

Our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our "disclosure controls and procedures," as that term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as of September 30, 2017. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2017 to ensure that the information we are required to disclose in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2017 identified in connection with the evaluation thereof by our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

# Limitations of the Effectiveness of Internal Control

A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can only provide reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the internal control system are met. Because of the inherent limitations of any internal control system, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues, if any, have been detected.

## **Part II. Other Information**

#### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

We previously filed an intellectual property suit against [24]7 Customer, Inc. in the Southern District of New York on March 6, 2014 seeking damages on the grounds that [24]7 reverse engineered and misappropriated our technology to develop competing products and misused our business information. On June 22, 2015, [24]7 Customer, Inc. filed suit against us in the Northern District of California alleging patent infringement. On December 7, 2015, [24]7 Customer Inc. filed a second patent infringement suit against us, also in the Northern District of California. On March 16, 2017, the New York case was voluntarily transferred and consolidated with the two California cases in the Northern District of California for all pre-trial purposes. Recent court rulings in our favor have invalidated multiple [24]7 patents that were asserted in the patent cases. Trial for our intellectual property and other claims asserted against [24]7 in the original litigation is currently set for November 26, 2018. We believe the claims filed by [24]7 are without merit and intend to defend them vigorously.

We routinely assess all of our litigation and threatened litigation as to the probability of ultimately incurring a liability, and record our best estimate of the ultimate loss in situations where we assess the likelihood of loss as probable.

From time to time, we are involved in or subject to legal, administrative and regulatory proceedings, claims, demands and investigations arising in the ordinary course of business, including direct claims brought by or against us with respect to intellectual property, contracts, employment and other matters, as well as claims brought against our customers for whom we have a contractual indemnification obligation. We accrue for a liability when it is both probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Significant judgment is required in both the determination of probability and the determination as to whether a loss is reasonably estimable. In addition, in the event we determine that a loss is not probable, but is reasonably possible, and it becomes possible to develop what we believe to be a reasonable range of possible loss, then we will include disclosure related to such matter as appropriate and in compliance with ASC 450. The accruals or estimates, if any, resulting from the foregoing analysis, are reviewed at least quarterly and adjusted to reflect the impact of negotiations, settlements, rulings, advice of legal counsel and other information and events pertaining to a particular matter. To the extent there is a reasonable possibility that the losses could exceed the amounts already accrued, we will, as applicable, adjust the accrual in the period the determination is made, disclose an estimate of the additional loss or range of loss, indicate that the estimate is immaterial with respect to our financial statements as a whole or, if the amount of such adjustment cannot be reasonably estimated, disclose that an estimate cannot be made.

From time to time, third parties assert claims against us regarding intellectual property rights, privacy issues and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business. Although we cannot be certain of the outcome of any litigation or the disposition of any claims, nor the amount of damages and exposure, if any, that we could incur, we currently believe that the final disposition of all existing matters will not have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. In addition, in the ordinary course of our business, we are also subject to periodic threats of lawsuits, investigations and claims. Regardless of the outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources and other factors.

#### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Our operations and financial results are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including those described in Part I, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed on March 10, 2017, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, and the trading price of our common stock. There have been no material changes to the risk factors described in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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

#### **Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities**

None

## Purchase of Equity Securities by the Issuer

A summary of our repurchase activity for the three months ended September 30, 2017 appears below:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	Average Price Paid per Share <sup>(1) (2)</sup>		Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>		Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(1) (2) (3)</sup>	
					\$	18,460,776	
7/1/2017 — 7/31/2017	_	\$	_	_		18,460,776	
8/1/2017 — 8/31/2017	_		_	_		18,460,776	
9/1/2017 — 9/30/2017	_		_	_		18,460,776	
Total	_	\$	_	_	\$	18,460,776	

- (1) On December 10, 2012, we announced that our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program through June 30, 2014. Under the stock repurchase program, we were authorized to repurchase shares of the our common stock, in the open market or privately negotiated transactions, at times and prices considered appropriate by the Board of Directors depending upon prevailing market conditions and other corporate considerations.
- As of June 30, 2014, approximately \$1.1 million remained available for purchases under the program as in effect at that time. On July 23, 2014, our Board of Directors extended the expiration date of the program out to December 31, 2014 and also increased the aggregate purchase price of the stock repurchase program from \$40.0 million to \$50.0 million. On March 5, 2015, our Board of Directors extended the expiration date of the program out to December 31, 2016. On February 16, 2016, our Board of Directors increased the aggregate purchase price of the total stock repurchase program by an additional \$14.0 million. On November 21, 2016, our Board of Directors increased the aggregate purchase price of the stock repurchase program from \$64.0 million to \$74.0 million and extended the expiration date of the program out to December 31, 2017. As of September 30, 2017, approximately \$18.5 million remained available for purchases under the program.
- (3) Transaction fees related to the share purchases are deducted from the total remaining allowable expenditure amount.

## Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

## **Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

None.

## **Item 5. Other Information**

As previously announced in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 1, 2017, Mr. Daniel Murphy, our Chief Financial Officer, will depart from this role and as an employee of the Company. On November 9, 2017, the Company and Mr. Murphy entered into a Separation Agreement and General Release (the "Separation Agreement") setting forth the terms and conditions of Mr. Murphy's departure from the Company, which include a period of transition through February 16, 2018, subject to earlier termination under certain circumstances, as specified in the Separation Agreement. During the transition period, Mr. Murphy will continue as an employee of the Company, will continue to receive his current base salary and benefits and will carry out all duties and responsibilities of his position with the Company, as further defined in a written transition plan to be agreed upon in the near future. Mr. Murphy will also facilitate a transition of his duties and responsibilities to a successor to be identified by the Company.

Further, in connection with Mr. Murphy's transition and separation, and in exchange for Mr. Murphy's performance under the Separation Agreement and signing of a general release of claims in favor of the Company, the following payments and benefits

will be provided to Mr. Murphy 30 days following his separation date: (i) a 2017 bonus payment equal to Mr. Murphy's 2017 bonus target amount of \$210,000, (ii) the full vesting of any stock options and restricted stock units (RSUs) that are held by Mr. Murphy and are unvested as of the separation date; (iii) a cash lump-sum severance payment equal to three months of Mr. Murphy's current base salary; and (iv) the extension of the exercisability of all vested stock options held by Mr. Murphy as of his separation date (including those vested in connection with the Separation Agreement) for 180 days more than what would have applied under the terms of the applicable award agreements (for a total of 270 days). The foregoing payments and benefits are subject to Mr. Murphy signing and not revoking a General Release and continuing with the Company through February 16, 2018, provided that in the event the Company terminates Mr. Murphy's employment without cause prior to such date with 7 days' notice, or as a result of his death or loss of legal capacity, or if Mr. Murphy resigns for good reason (defined as Company's breach of its payment obligations under the Separation Agreement) during the transition period, Mr. Murphy will be entitled to receive these benefits. Except as provided above, Mr. Murphy is not entitled to receive any other payments from the Company related to the termination of his employment.

The Separation Agreement, together with the Proprietary Information, Developments and Non-Compete Agreement previously entered into by and between the Company and Mr. Murphy and which will continue in effect following his departure from the Company, also contains various restrictive covenants, including covenants relating to non-competition, non-solicitation, confidentiality, and cooperation.

The foregoing description of the Separation Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Separation Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 10.5(b) hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

# **ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

10.5 (b)	Separation Agreement and General Release between LivePerson and Dan Murphy, dated as of November 9, 2017
31.1	Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2	Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
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<sup>\*\*</sup> These certifications are not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are not to be incorporated by reference in any filing we make under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, irrespective of any general incorporation language in any filings.

<sup>†</sup> In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, these XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) documents are furnished and not filed or a part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and otherwise are not subject to liability under these sections.

# **SIGNATURES**

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

# LIVEPERSON, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: November 9, 2017 By: /s/ ROBERT P. LOCASCIO

Name: Robert P. LoCascio

Title: Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)

Date: November 9, 2017 By: /s/ DANIEL R. MURPHY

Name: Daniel R. Murphy

Title: Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer)

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## SEPARATION AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

This Separation Agreement and General Release ("Agreement") is entered into by and between LivePerson, Inc. (the "Company") and Daniel Murphy (the "Executive" and, together with the Company, the "Parties"), and effective as of November 9, 2017 (the "Effective Date").

WHEREAS, the Executive has expressed his intent to terminate his employment relationship with the Company to become effective following a Transition Period (as defined below) mutually agreed upon by the Parties;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Parties desire to set forth their mutual obligations during the Transition Period and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to set forth the terms of the Executive's separation agreement and general release of claims;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and conditions set forth herein, and for other good and sufficient consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Company and the Executive agree as follows:

1. The period from the Effective Date of this Agreement until this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Paragraph 4 below will be referred to as the "Transition Period". During the Transition Period, the Executive will continue in his current role as Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Executive agrees to carry out all duties and responsibilities commensurate with the position of Chief Financial Officer in good faith. In addition, Executive will assist with and facilitate an orderly transition of some or all of those duties and responsibilities at the end of the Transition Period pursuant to a mutually agreed Transition Plan, to be documented and agreed upon between Executive and Company no later than one week following the date hereof. During the Transition Period Executive will not make public statements on behalf of the Company except as authorized by the Company and provided that Executive may in the ordinary course of carrying out his role conduct conversations and relay information consistent with information the Company has already shared publicly. Absent a written agreement to the contrary, the Executive's employment relationship with the Company will terminate pursuant to the terms of this Agreement upon the conclusion of the Transition Period pursuant to Paragraph 4 hereof. The date on which this Agreement terminates pursuant to Paragraph 4 hereof is referred to in this Agreement as the "Separation Date". Following the Separation Date, Executive shall execute a general release of claims in the form attached hereto as Schedule A (the "General Release") that becomes effective and irrevocable no later than thirty (30) days following the Separation Date (such deadline, the "Release Deadline").

- 2. During the Transition Period, and subject to Paragraph 7 below, the Company agrees to continue Executive's base salary and benefits that are in effect on the date of the execution of this Agreement until the Separation Date.
- 3. Subject to Paragraph 7 below, and in exchange for Executive's execution of and compliance with this Agreement, including without limitation execution and non-revocation of the General Release by the Release Deadline, the Company agrees to provide the following payments and benefits:
  - (a) the bonus for the 2017 fiscal year equal to Executive's target bonus for such fiscal year in the amount of Two Hundred Ten Thousand (US\$210,000);
  - (b) all unvested employee stock options and RSUs held by Executive as of the Separation Date will be immediately vested as of the Release Deadline.
  - (c) a separation payment equal to three (3) months of Executive's current base salary, payable as a lump sum:
  - (d) all vested stock options (including those vested as a result of the acceleration of vesting set forth in Paragraph 3(b)) held by Executive as of the Separation Date will be modified to remain exercisable for an additional period of one hundred eighty (180) days (for a total period of two hundred seventy (270) days immediately following the Separation Date), but in no event shall any employee equity be extended to remain exercisable beyond the original end of the term of such option.
- 4. This Agreement and the Executive's employment will terminate upon the earliest to occur of the following: (a) close of business on February 16, 2018 (the "Transition Date"); (b) an earlier Separation Date of which Company notifies Executive in writing upon 7 days advance notice; (c) the Executive's provision of written notice to the Company of his resignation for Good Reason (as defined in Paragraph 6) and the Company's failure to cure such Good Reason within 10 days of such notice; (d) the Company's provision of written notice of Executive's termination with Cause as defined in Paragraph 5 below; (e) the Company's earlier termination due to the Executive's death or loss of legal capacity. For purposes of clarification, any termination of Executive's employment pursuant to this Paragraph 4 shall qualify as a "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A (as defined below).
- 5. As used in this Agreement "Cause" shall mean: (a) the Executive's material and willful failure or refusal to perform his duties and responsibilities set forth in Paragraph 1 above which is not cured, within ten (10) days of notice of such failure or refusal; (b) the intentional misappropriation of the funds or property of the Company; (c) the use of illegal drugs; (d) the

conviction in a court of law, or entering into a plea of guilty or no contest to any felony or any crime involving moral turpitude, fraud, or theft; or (e) the willful commission by the Executive of any act of gross misconduct that materially injures the reputation, business, or business relationships of the Company.

- 6. As used in this Agreement "Good Reason" shall mean the Company's failure to meet its obligations to pay Executive's base salary and continue Executive's benefits during the Transition Period as set forth in Paragraph 2 of this Agreement.
- 7. The following shall govern all compensation, benefits, separation and other consideration payable to Executive hereunder:
  - a.If the Transition Period terminates as set forth herein on the Transition Date or an earlier date pursuant to Paragraph 4(b) above; or due to Executive's termination for Good Reason pursuant to Paragraph 4(c) above, the Executive shall be entitled to the full benefits and compensation set forth in Paragraph 3 of this Agreement, as of the Release Deadline and conditioned upon execution and non-revocation of the General Release described in Paragraph 1, and to those benefits and compensation described in Paragraph 2 that are actually earned and payable to him through the date of termination.
  - b.If this Agreement is terminated for Cause pursuant to Paragraph 4(d) above, or due to Executive's resignation without Good Reason prior to the Transition Date, Executive will be entitled to receive only those benefits and compensation described in Paragraph 2 that are actually earned and payable to him through the date of termination.
  - c.If the Agreement is terminated due to Executive's death or loss of legal capacity pursuant to Paragraph 4(e) above, the Executive shall be entitled to receive the full benefits and compensation set forth in Paragraph 3 of this Agreement as of the Release Deadline, provided that an authorized representative of Executive or his estate has signed and not revoked the General Release described in Paragraph 1 on behalf of Executive or his estate, and to those benefits and compensation described in Paragraph 2 that are actually earned and payable to him through the date of termination.
- 8. In exchange for the payments and benefits provided for in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Executive hereby forever unconditionally and irrevocably releases and discharges the Company, and each and all of its direct and indirect affiliates, parents, subsidiaries (wholly-owned or not), members, branches, divisions, business units or groups, agencies, predecessors, successors and assigns, any employee benefit plans established or maintained by any of the foregoing entities and each and all of their current and former officers, directors,

employees, trustees, plan administrators, agents, attorneys, representatives, partners, advisors and shareholders (collectively and individually, the "Released Parties"), from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, complaints, agreements, promises (express or implied), contracts, undertakings, covenants, guarantees, grievances, liabilities, damages, rights, obligations, expenses, debts and demands whatsoever, in law or equity, known or unknown, whether present or future, whether known or unknown, and of whatsoever kind or nature that the Executive, his heirs, executors, administrators, representatives and assigns ever had, now have or hereafter can, shall or may have, for, upon, or by reason of any alleged or actual matter, omission, act, cause or thing from the beginning of time until the date he signs this Agreement, including, but not limited to, those arising out of his employment or the termination thereof.

The Executive understands and acknowledges that by signing this Agreement he is waiving and releasing any and all claims he may have concerning the terms and conditions of his employment and the termination of his employment including those prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, sex, race, color, disability, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, handicap, marital status, citizenship or any other protected factor or characteristic, prohibiting discrimination for requesting or taking a family or medical leave, prohibiting discrimination with regard to benefits or any other terms and conditions of employment, or prohibiting retaliation in connection with any complaint or claim of alleged discrimination or harassment and that he intends to do so. As such, this release includes, but is not limited to, any claims arising under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, 42 U. S. C. § 2000e et seq.; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U. S. C. § 621, et seq.; the Older Workers' Benefit Protection Act, 29 U.S.C. §626(f), et seq.; the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S. C. § 12101 et seq.; the Employee Retirement and Income Security Act, 29 U. S. C. § 1001 et seq.; the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.; the Family Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 2601 et seq.; the New York State Human Rights Law, N.Y. Exec. Law § 290 et seq.; New York Equal Rights Law, N.Y. Civ. Rights Law § 40-c et seq.; New York Whistleblower Protection Law, N.Y. Lab. Law § 740 et seq.; New York Family Leave Law, N.Y. Lab. Law § 201-c; New York Equal Pay Law, N.Y. Lab. Law § 194; N.Y. Lab. Law § 215; the New York City Human Rights Law, Administrative Code of the City of New York, Section 8-101 et seq.; and any other federal or state constitutions, federal, state or local statutes, or any contract, quasi contract, common law or tort claims, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, concealed or hidden, or developed or undeveloped, up through the date of his execution of this Agreement. The Executive further agrees that he will not institute or authorize any other party, governmental or otherwise, to institute any administrative or legal proceeding seeking compensation or damages on his behalf against the Released Parties relating to or arising out of any aspect of his employment or termination.

- 9. The Executive represents that as of the Effective Date he was not denied a request for leave, or retaliated against for taking leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. §§2601 et seq., at any time during his employment with the Company.
- 10. The Executive acknowledges and agrees that throughout the Transition Period and after his employment he will continue to be obliged by the terms of the existing

Proprietary Information, Developments and Non-Compete Agreement executed by and between the Executive and the Company, and:

- a. The Executive agrees, with reasonable notice, to furnish information as may be in his possession and cooperate with the Company as may be reasonably requested in connection with any claims or legal action in which the Company is or may become a party. For any such request made after the Executive's termination, the Company shall compensate the Executive at one hundred dollars (\$100) per hour for such services.
- b. The Executive recognizes and acknowledges that all information pertaining to the software, business, clients, customers or other relationships of the Company is confidential and is a unique and valuable asset of the Company. The Executive will not give to any person, firm, governmental agency or other entity any information concerning the affairs, business, clients, or customers of the Company except as required by law. The Executive will not make use of this type of information for his own purposes or for the benefit of any person or organization other than the Company. The Executive will use his best efforts to prevent the disclosure of this information by others. All records, memoranda, software or intellectual property whether made by the Executive or otherwise coming into his possession are confidential and will remain the property of the Company. The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to information which is or becomes part of the public domain through no act or failure to act by the Executive. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b), Executive acknowledges that Executive will not be held criminally or civilly liable under any federal or state trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret if he/she (i) makes such disclosure in confidence to a federal, state, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney and such disclosure is made solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (ii) such disclosure was made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding if such filing is made under seal. Executive understands that if Executive files a lawsuit for retaliation by the Company for reporting a suspected violation of law, Executive may disclose the trade secret to Executive's attorney and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding if Executive (x) files any document containing the trade secret under seal, and (y) does not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order. Nothing in this Agreement, or any other agreement that Executive has with the Company, is intended to conflict with 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b) or create liability for disclosures of trade secrets that are expressly allowed by such section. Further, nothing in this Agreement or any other agreement that Executive has with the Company shall prohibit or restrict Executive from making any voluntary disclosure of information or documents concerning possible violations of law to any governmental agency or legislative body, or any self-regulatory organization, in each case, without advance notice to the Company.
- c. During the Transition Period and for a twelve (12) month period after the Separation Date (the "Restricted Period"), the Executive will not intentionally

make any statement or perform any acts intended to or which the Executive knew or should have known would have the effect of injuring the interest of the Company.

- d. During the Restricted Period, the Executive, without prior express written approval from the Company, will not engage with, or directly or indirectly own or hold proprietary interest in, manage, operate, or control or join or participate in the ownership, management, operation or control of, or furnish any capital to or be connected in any manner with, any party which directly competes with the business of the Company. For the purposes of this Agreement, proprietary interest means legal or equitable ownership, whether through stock holding or otherwise, or an equity interest in a business, firm or entity or ownership of more than two percent (2%) of any class of equity interest in a publicly-held company and the term "affiliate" shall include all subsidiaries and licensees of the Company.
- e. During the Restricted Period, the Executive, without express written approval from the Company, will not solicit any clients of the Company for any existing business of the Company.
- f. During the Restricted Period, the Executive (acting on his own behalf, or for or through others) will not actively solicit or induce any employee of the Company to terminate their employment with the Company or engage in activities that directly compete with the business of the Company.
- 11. The Executive acknowledges and agrees that the Company's obligation to make any payments under this Agreement shall cease upon any violation of Paragraph 10 above. The Company must first provide written notice to the Executive specifying the act which has violated Paragraph 10, and if such violation is not cured within fifteen (15) days, if capable of being cured, than the Company will inform the Executive of its termination of its post-employment payments. The Executive agrees that the restrictions contained in Paragraph 10 are essential elements of this Agreement, and, but for the Executive's agreement to comply with such restrictions, the Company would not have entered into this Agreement.
- 12. The Executive represents that upon the conclusion of the Transition Period he will certify that he has returned to the Company all Company property and equipment in his possession or control, including, but not limited to, computer equipment (including, but not limited to, computer hardware, software and printers, wireless handheld devices, cellular phones, pagers, etc.), customer information, customer lists, employee lists, Company files, notes, contracts, records, business plans, financial information, specifications, computer-recorded information, software, tangible property, identification badges and keys, and any other materials of any kind which contain or embody any proprietary or confidential material of the Company (and all reproductions thereof). The Executive also represents that upon the conclusion of the Transition Period he will certify that he has left intact all electronic Company documents, including those that he developed or helped to develop during his employment. The Executive further represents that he will certify that he has cancelled all accounts for his benefit, if any, in the Company's name including, but not limited to, credit cards, telephone charge cards, cellular phone accounts, pager accounts, and computer accounts, at the conclusion of the Transition Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company

will assist Executive in making an electronic copy of his contact list in whatever format Executive reasonably requests.

- 13. The Executive agrees that he will not, at any time, publicly disparage, criticize or ridicule the Company, nor make any negative public comments regarding the Company, its officers, employees, directors, products, services or business practices. The Company agrees that its officers, directors and authorized spokespersons will not at any time publicly disparage, criticize, or ridicule the Executive or make any negative public comments regarding the Executive. All amounts payable under this Agreement shall be subject to deduction for all federal, state and local taxes as may be required to be withheld pursuant to any applicable law or regulation and any other required deductions. The parties intend that all payments made under this Agreement comply with, or will be exempt from, the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the regulations and other guidance there under and any state law of similar effect (collectively "Section 409A") so that none of the payments or benefits will be subject to the adverse tax penalties imposed under Section 409A, and any ambiguities herein will be interpreted to so comply or be exempt. Each payment and benefit payable under this Agreement is intended to constitute separate payments for purposes of Section 1.409A-2(b)(2) of the Treasury Regulations. Company shall have no liability to the Executive or to any other person if the payments and benefits provided in this Agreement that are intended to be exempt from or compliant with Section 409A are not so exempt or compliant. In no event will the Company be responsible for or reimburse Executive for any taxes or other penalties that may be imposed on Executive as a result of Section 409A.
- 14. This Agreement amicably resolves any issues between the parties and they agree that this Agreement shall neither be interpreted nor construed as an admission of any wrongdoing or liability on the part of the Executive or the Company.
- 15. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. The Executive hereby submits to and acknowledges and recognizes the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York, or, if appropriate, a federal court located in New York (which courts, for purposes of this Agreement, are the only courts of competent jurisdiction) over any suit, action or other proceeding arising out of, under, or in connection with this Agreement or the subject matter hereof.
- 16. The provisions of this Agreement are severable. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed deleted from this Agreement and such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement, the balance of which will remain in and have its intended full force and effect; provided, however that if such invalid or unenforceable provision may be modified so as to be valid and enforceable as a matter of law, such provision shall be deemed to have been modified so as to be valid and enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law.
- 17. The Executive understands and agrees that he may have, and has had, at least twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date hereof to accept this Agreement. The Executive acknowledges that he was advised by the Company to consult with an attorney of his own choosing concerning the waivers contained in and the terms of this Agreement, and that the waivers he has

made and the terms he has agreed to herein are knowing, conscious and with full appreciation that he is forever foreclosed from pursuing any of the rights so waived.

- 18. The Executive has seven (7) days after the execution of this Agreement within which he may revoke this Agreement. In order to revoke this Agreement, the Executive must deliver to the Company's Human Resources Department, with a copy to the Company's General Counsel, on or before seven (7) days after the execution of this Agreement a letter stating that he is revoking this Agreement.
- 19. This Agreement shall be binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the Executive's heirs, executors, administrators, representatives and assigns and the Company's successors in interest and assigns. The Executive may not assign any of his rights or duties hereunder, except with the written consent of the Company. The Executive covenants and represents that he has not assigned or attempted to assign any rights or claims he may have against the Company at any time prior to signing this Agreement.
- 20. The Company will indemnify the Executive to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of Delaware in effect at that time, the Indemnification Agreement previously executed between the Executive and the Company, or the certificate of incorporation and by-laws of the Company, whichever affords the greater protection to the Executive.
- 21. The parties agree that this Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes and cancels any and all prior agreement or understanding on the subjects covered herein, and no agreements, representations or statements of either party not contained in this Agreement shall bind that party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Executive acknowledges that nothing herein supersedes any pre-existing duties of confidentiality, or the assignment of any invention or intellectual property or proprietary rights to the Company. This Agreement can be modified only in writing signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement.

Executive LivePerson, Inc.

By: /s/ Daniel R. Murphy By: /s/ Robert LoCascio

Date: 11/9/2017 Date: 11/9/2017

# SCHEDULE A

## GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

Pursuant to the Separation Agreement and General Release entered into by and between LivePerson, Inc. (the "Company") and Daniel Murphy (the "Executive"), dated effective as of November 9, 2017 (the "Separation Agreement"), Executive hereby enters into this General Release of All Claims (the "Release"). In consideration of the separation payments and benefits set forth in Paragraph 3 of the Separation Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Executive hereby forever unconditionally and irrevocably releases and discharges the Company, and each and all of its direct and indirect affiliates, parents, subsidiaries (wholly-owned or not), members, branches, divisions, business units or groups, agencies, predecessors, successors and assigns, any employee benefit plans established or maintained by any of the foregoing entities and each and all of their current and former officers, directors, employees, trustees, plan administrators, agents, attorneys, representatives, partners, advisors and shareholders (collectively and individually, the "Released Parties"), from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, complaints, agreements, promises (express or implied), contracts, undertakings, covenants, guarantees grievances, liabilities, damages, rights, obligations, expenses, debts and demands whatsoever, in law or equity, known or unknown, whether present or future, whether known or unknown, and of whatsoever kind or nature that the Executive, his heirs, executors, administrators, representatives and assigns ever had, now have or hereafter can, shall or may have, for, upon, or by reason of any alleged or actual matter, omission, act, cause or thing from the beginning of time until the date he signs this Release, including, but not limited to, those

arising out of his employment or the termination thereof; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not release Company from its continuing obligations set forth in the Separation Agreement.

The Executive understands and acknowledges that by signing this Release he is waiving and releasing any and all claims he may have concerning the terms and conditions of his employment and the termination of his employment including those prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, sex, race, color, disability, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, handicap, marital status, citizenship or any other protected factor or characteristic, prohibiting discrimination for requesting or taking a family or medical leave, prohibiting discrimination with regard to benefits or any other terms and conditions of employment, or prohibiting retaliation in connection with any complaint or claim of alleged discrimination or harassment and that he intends to do so. As such, this release includes, but is not limited to, any claims arising under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, 42 U. S. C. § 2000e et seq.; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U. S. C. § 621, et seq.; the Older Workers' Benefit Protection Act, 29 U.S.C. §626(f), et seq.; the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U. S. C. § 12101 et seq.; the Employee Retirement and Income Security Act, 29 U. S. C. § 1001 et seq.; the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.; the Family Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. §8 2601 et seq.; the New York State Human Rights Law, N.Y. Exec. Law § 290 et seq.; New York Equal Rights Law, N.Y. Civ. Rights Law § 40-c et seq.; New York Whistleblower Protection Law, N.Y. Lab. Law § 740 et seq.; New York Family Leave Law, N.Y. Lab. Law § 201-c; New York Whistleblower Protection Law, N.Y. Lab. Law § 215; the New York City Human Rights Law, Administrative Code of the City of New York, Section 8-101 et seq.; and any other federal or state constitutions, federal, state or local

statutes, or any contract, quasi contract, common law or tort claims, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, concealed or hidden, or developed or undeveloped, up through the date of his execution of this Release. The Executive further agrees that he will not institute or authorize any other party, governmental or otherwise, to institute any administrative or legal proceeding seeking compensation or damages on his behalf against the Released Parties relating to or arising out of any aspect of his employment or termination.

The Executive acknowledges and agrees that, as of the date of this Release, Executive has been paid all compensation (including without limitation any accrued but unused vacation or paid time off) for all of Executive's service with the Company except for compensation owed to Executive pursuant to the provisions of the Separation Agreement. The Executive represents that as of the date hereof he was not denied a request for leave, or retaliated against for taking leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. §§2601 et seq., at any time during his employment with the Company. Executive and the Company also hereby agree that nothing contained in this Release shall constitute or be treated as an admission of liability or wrongdoing or of any violation of law by the Company or the Executive.

This Release constitutes the entire agreement between the Executive and the Company with regard to the subject matter of this Release. This Release supersedes any other agreements, representations or understandings, whether oral or written and whether express or implied, which relate to the subject matter of this Release other than the continuing obligations of Executive and Company that are set forth in the Separation Agreement. The Executive understands and agrees that this Release may be modified only in a written document signed by the Executive and a duly authorized officer of the Company.

This Release shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. The Executive hereby submits to and acknowledges and recognizes the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York, or, if appropriate, a federal court located in New York (which courts, for purposes of this Release, are the only courts of competent jurisdiction) over any suit, action or other proceeding arising out of, under, or in connection with this Release or the subject matter hereof.

The provisions of this Release are severable. If any provision of this Release is held invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed deleted from this Release and such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Release, the balance of which will remain in and have its intended full force and effect. However that if such invalid or unenforceable provision may be modified so as to be valid and enforceable as a matter of law, such provision shall be deemed to have been modified so as to be valid and enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law.

By signing below, the Executive acknowledges that this Release affects substantial rights and that the Executive has been advised to consult with an attorney prior to execution of this Release. The Executive further understands and acknowledges that the Executive has up to twenty-one (21) days following the Separation Date (as defined in Paragraph 1 of the Separation Agreement) to review this Release and to discuss it with an attorney of the Executive's own choosing, at the Executive's own expense, whether or not the Executive wishes to sign this Release. Furthermore, the Executive understands and acknowledges that the Executive has seven (7) days after the Executive signs this Release during which time the Executive may revoke this Release. If the Executive wishes to revoke this Release, the

Executive may do so by delivering a letter of revocation to the Company's Human Resources Department with a copy to the Company's General Counsel, by 5 p.m. EST on the seventh (7) days after the Executive signs this Release.

Because of the revocation period, the Executive understands that this Release will not become effective or enforceable until the eighth (8th) day after the date the Executive signs this Release.

To accept this Release, the Executive must sign and date this Release and return it to the Company's Human Resources Department with a copy to the Company's General Counsel.

The Executive's agreement with the terms of this Release is signified by the Executive's signature below.

Furthermore, the Executive acknowledges that the Executive has read and understands this Release and that the Executive signs this Release of all claims voluntarily, with full appreciation that at no time in the future may the Executive pursue any of the rights that the Executive has waived in this Release.

Date*:	By:

\*Note that this Release must be executed on or after the Separation Date.

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

## I, Robert P. LoCascio, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of LivePerson, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e)) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
- (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
- (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2017 By: /s/ ROBERT P. LOCASCIO

Name: Robert P. LoCascio

Title: Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

## I, Daniel R. Murphy, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of LivePerson, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e)) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
- (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
- (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2017 By: /s/ DANIEL R. MURPHY

Name: Daniel R. Murphy

Title: Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Robert P. LoCascio, Chief Executive Officer of LivePerson, Inc. (the "Company"), certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Quarterly Report of the Company on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 9, 2017 By: /s/ ROBERT P. LOCASCIO

Name: Robert P. LoCascio

Title: Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)

This certification shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates it by reference.

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Daniel R. Murphy, Chief Financial Officer of LivePerson, Inc. (the "Company"), certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Quarterly Report of the Company on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2017, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 9, 2017 By: /s/ DANIEL R. MURPHY

Name: Daniel R. Murphy

Title: Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)

This certification shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates it by reference.