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

**FORM 10-Q**

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

**For the quarterly period ended October 29, 2006**

**OR**

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

**Commission file number: 0-23985**

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

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction of**  
**Incorporation or Organization)**

**94-3177549**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**2701 San Tomas Expressway**  
**Santa Clara, California 95050**  
**(408) 486-2000**

**(Address, including Zip Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices  
and Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)**

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

Yes  No

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

x Large accelerated filer   o Accelerated filer   o Non-accelerated filer

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

No

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of November 10, 2006 was 355,544,989 shares.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)**

**NVIDIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>January 29, 2006</b>
		<b>(As Restated) (1)</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 741,746	\$ 551,756
Marketable securities	431,849	398,418
Accounts receivable, net	439,252	318,186
Inventories, net	373,558	254,870
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	36,801	24,387
Deferred income taxes	2,682	2,682
Total current assets	2,025,888	1,550,299
Property and equipment, net	220,540	178,152
Deposits and other assets	42,104	27,477
Goodwill	203,679	145,317
Intangible assets, net	26,538	15,421
Deferred Income Taxes	12,404	38,021
	\$ 2,531,153	\$ 1,954,687
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 324,396	\$ 179,395
Accrued liabilities	333,033	259,264
Notes Payable and other	340	-
Total current liabilities	657,769	438,659
Other long-term liabilities	27,667	20,036
Commitments and contingencies - see Note 12 and Note 14		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock	--	--
Common stock	380	360
Additional paid-in capital	1,200,723	965,604
Deferred compensation	--	(3,604)
Treasury stock	(387,120)	(212,142)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net	(1,325)	(1,957)
Retained earnings	1,033,059	747,731
Total stockholders' equity	1,845,717	1,495,992
	\$ 2,531,153	\$ 1,954,687

(1) See Note 2, “Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements, Audit Committee and Company Findings” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**NVIDIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(In thousands, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 29, 2006	October 30, 2005 (As Restated) (1)	October 29, 2006	October 30, 2005 (As Restated) (1)
Revenue	\$ 820,572	\$ 583,415	\$ 2,189,898	\$ 1,742,073
Cost of revenue (A)	486,630	355,420	1,275,155	1,086,842
Gross profit	333,942	227,995	914,743	655,231
Operating expenses:				
Research and development (A)	140,732	88,829	391,191	263,777
Sales, general and administrative (A)	75,597	55,436	208,614	151,322
Settlement costs	-	14,158	-	14,158
Total operating expenses	216,329	158,423	599,805	429,257
Operating income	117,613	69,572	314,938	225,974
Interest income	10,652	5,380	28,278	14,143
Interest expense	(22)	--	(29)	(13)
Other income (expense), net	84	766	(266)	1,608
Income before income tax expense	128,327	75,718	342,921	241,712
Income tax expense	21,816	11,271	58,297	37,910
Income before change in accounting principle	106,511	64,447	284,624	203,802
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of income tax	-	-	704	-
Net income	\$ 106,511	\$ 64,447	\$ 285,328	\$ 203,802
Basic net income per share:				
Prior to cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.60
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	-	-	-	-
Basic net income per share	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.60
Shares used in basic per share computation	352,657	340,254	342,741	338,478
Diluted net income per share:				
Prior to cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.56
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	-	-	-	-
Diluted net income per share	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.56
Shares used in diluted per share computation	391,155	366,857	380,281	363,216

(A) Results for the three and nine months ended October 29, 2006 and October 30, 2005 include stock-based compensation expense, net of associated payroll taxes, as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>October 30, 2005 (As Restated) (1)</b>	<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>October 30, 2005 (As Restated) (1)</b>
Cost of revenue	\$ 2,305	\$ 173	\$ 5,278	\$ 624
Research and development	18,730	892	49,744	4,113
Sales, general and administrative	10,700	899	27,804	(2,956)

(1) See Note 2, "Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements, Audit Committee and Company Findings" of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.



**NVIDIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended	
	October 29, 2006	October 30, 2005 (As Restated) (1)
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net Income	\$ 285,328	\$ 203,802
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax	(704)	-
Non-cash realized gain on investment exchange	-	(96)
In-process research and development	602	-
Depreciation and amortization	73,270	74,189
Deferred income taxes	25,617	-
Stock-based compensation	83,244	6,763
Bad debt expense	226	163
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	(22,559)	-
Other	36	85
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(112,335)	(55,621)
Inventories	(112,540)	30,671
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(10,502)	(3,956)
Deposits and other assets	(13,670)	(5,995)
Accounts payable	82,573	(62,494)
Accrued liabilities	78,130	33,514
Net cash provided by operating activities	356,716	221,025
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of marketable securities	(179,050)	(182,531)
Sales and maturities of marketable securities	146,745	217,286
Purchases of property and equipment and intangible assets	(69,564)	(56,155)
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash and cash equivalents	(67,037)	-
Investments in non-affiliates	(8)	(9,684)
Net cash used in investing activities	(168,914)	(31,084)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Stock repurchase	(174,978)	(138,509)
Common stock issued under employee stock plans	154,607	104,729
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	22,559	-
Retirement of common stock	-	491
Principal payments on capital leases	-	(856)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	2,188	(34,145)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	189,990	155,796
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	551,756	208,512
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 741,746	\$ 364,308
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ -	\$ 12
Cash paid for income taxes, net	\$ 27,226	\$ 2,659

## Other non-cash activities:

Acquisition of business - goodwill adjustment	\$	5	\$	25,000
Marketable security received from investment exchange	\$	-	\$	96
Asset retirement obligation	\$	-	\$	1,611
Deferred compensation	\$	3,604	\$	153
Unrealized losses from marketable securities	\$	1,052	\$	1,127
Assets acquired by assuming related liabilities	\$	51,463	\$	4,048

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**NVIDIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Unaudited)**

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Basis of presentation*

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments except as otherwise noted, considered necessary for a fair statement of results of operations and financial position have been included. The results for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for any future period. The following information should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended January 29, 2006.

*Fiscal year*

We operate on a 52 or 53-week year, ending on the Sunday nearest January 31. The third quarters of fiscal year 2007 and fiscal year 2006 were both 13-week quarters.

*Reclassifications*

Certain prior fiscal year balances were reclassified to conform to the current fiscal year presentation.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to revenue recognition, accounts receivable, inventories, stock-based compensation, income taxes and contingencies. These estimates are based on historical facts and various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable.

*Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements*

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, issued Interpretation No. 48, or FIN 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*. FIN 48 applies to all tax positions related to income taxes subject to FASB Statement 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. Under FIN 48 a company would recognize the benefit from a tax position only if it is more-likely-than-not that the position would be sustained upon audit based solely on the technical merits of the tax position. FIN 48 clarifies how a company would measure the income tax benefits from the tax positions that are recognized, provides guidance as to the timing of the derecognition of previously recognized tax benefits, and describes the methods for classifying and disclosing the liabilities within the financial statements for any unrecognized tax benefits. FIN 48 also addresses when a company should record interest and penalties related to tax positions and how the interest and penalties may be classified within the financial statements. Any differences between tax liability amounts recognized in the statements of operations as a result of adoption of FIN 48 would be accounted for as a cumulative effect adjustment to the beginning balance of retained earnings. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The provisions of FIN 48 will be effective as of first quarter of fiscal

2008. We are currently evaluating the impact that FIN 48 might have on our financial statements. We believe that the cumulative effect of adoption of FIN 48 could result in a change to the beginning balance of retained earnings.

In September 2006, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, or SAB No. 108, *Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements When Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements*, which provides interpretive guidance on how the effects of the carryover or reversal of prior year misstatements should be considered in quantifying a current year misstatement. We will be required to adopt the provisions of SAB No. 108 in our fiscal year 2008. We do not believe the adoption of SAB No. 108 will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. SFAS No. 157 establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The changes to current practice resulting from the application of this Statement relate to the definition of fair value, the methods used to measure fair value, and the expanded disclosures about fair value measurements. We will be required to adopt the provisions of SFAS No. 157 beginning with our fiscal quarter ending April 29, 2007. We do not believe the adoption of SFAS No. 157 will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**NVIDIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)**  
**(Unaudited)**

**Note 2 - Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements, Audit Committee and Company Findings**

In May 2006, following media reports of stock option accounting investigations at other companies, the management of NVIDIA decided to conduct a review of stock option grants made by NVIDIA. Management advised our Board of Directors, or the Board, of the review at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board on May 25, 2006. The Board directed management to report its findings to the Audit Committee. Management presented its findings to the Audit Committee in late June 2006. Following that presentation, the Audit Committee determined that it should perform its own independent review of stock option grants made by NVIDIA. The Audit Committee, with the assistance of outside legal counsel, began its review on approximately June 29, 2006.

The Audit Committee's review was completed on November 13, 2006 when the Audit Committee reported its findings to the full Board. The review covered option grants to all employees, directors and consultants for all grant dates during the period from our initial public offering in January 1999 through June 2006. As part of its review, the Audit Committee determined whether the correct measurement dates had been used under applicable accounting principles for these options. The measurement date means the date on which the option is deemed granted under applicable accounting principles, namely Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, or APB 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* and related interpretations, and is the first date on which all of the following are known: (1) the individual employee who is entitled to receive the option grant, (2) the number of options that an individual employee is entitled to receive, and (3) the option's exercise price.

Based on the findings of the Audit Committee and our internal review, we identified a number of occasions on which we used an incorrect measurement date for financial accounting and reporting purposes. These errors resulted primarily from our use during our fiscal years 2000, 2001 and 2002, of certain date selection methods discussed below which resulted in employees receiving options with stated exercise prices lower than the market prices as measured based upon the actual grant dates. We ceased using such practices beginning in our fiscal year 2003. The Audit Committee found that, beginning in our fiscal year 2003, we improved our stock option grant processes and have generally granted and priced our employee stock options in an objective and consistent manner since that time. However, for one Company-wide annual stock option grant we made in fiscal 2004, we did not finalize the number of options allocated to each employee as of the stated grant date in May 2003, which resulted in stock-based compensation charges due to the change in the measurement date to the date the grants were finalized. The Audit Committee's review did not identify any additional stock-based compensation charges from measurement date issues subsequent to that fiscal 2004 grant.

In accordance with APB 25, with respect to periods through January 29, 2006, we should have recorded stock-based compensation expense to the extent that the fair market value of our common stock on the correct measurement date exceeded the exercise price of each option granted. For periods commencing January 30, 2006 (the beginning of our fiscal year 2007), we record stock-based compensation expense in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R) (revised), or SFAS No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payment*. Changes in measurement dates have also contributed to incremental fair value of options under SFAS No. 123. As of the end of our fiscal year 2006, the unamortized incremental fair value charges resulting from the Audit Committee's review were approximately \$13.0 million, of which approximately \$9.0 million are expected to be amortized in our fiscal year 2007.

As a result of the measurement date errors identified from the Audit Committee's review, through January 29, 2006, we recorded aggregate non-cash stock-based compensation charges of \$127.4 million, net of related tax effects. These charges were based primarily on APB 25 (intrinsic value-based) charges and associated payroll taxes of \$199.6 million on a pre-tax basis, which are being amortized over the vesting term of the stock options in accordance with

Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 28, or FIN 28, *Accounting for Stock Appreciation Rights and Other Variable Stock Option or Award Plans*. We have amortized a substantial portion of these charges to expense during our fiscal years 2000 to 2006. If an option is forfeited prior to vesting, we reverse both the charges amortized to expense in prior periods as well as any remaining unamortized deferred stock-based compensation associated with the forfeited options. Accordingly, our net stock-based compensation charges amortized to our statement of income are lower than the aggregate stock-based compensation charges based on APB 25 (intrinsic-value based). As of January 29, 2006, the remaining APB 25 (intrinsic value-based) unamortized deferred stock-based compensation related to the errors identified during the review was approximately \$3.0 million.

The types of errors we identified were as follows:

*Improper Measurement Dates for Company-Wide Annual or Retention Stock Option Grants.* We determined that, in connection with certain annual or retention stock option grants that we made to employees during our fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, the final number of shares that an individual employee was entitled to receive was not determined and/or the proper approval of the related stock option grant had not been given until after the stated grant date. Therefore, the measurement date for such options for accounting purposes was actually subsequent to the stated grant date, resulting in new measurement dates for the related options.

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*Improper Measurement Dates for Stock Option Grants during Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002.* In connection with stock option grants that we made to newly-hired employees (and, to a much lesser degree, retention grants to existing employees) during fiscal years 2001 and 2002, our practice was to grant stock options with an exercise price based upon the lowest closing price of our common stock in the last few days of the month of hire or the last few days of any subsequent month in the quarter of hire. The selection of the grant date of the related option grants would be made at the end of the fiscal quarter and was based on achieving the lowest exercise price for the affected employees. As a result of these practices, the measurement date for such options for accounting purposes was actually subsequent to the stated grant date, resulting in new measurement dates for the related options.

*Improper Measurement Dates for Stock Option Grants during Fiscal Year 2000.* In connection with certain stock option grants to newly-hired employees (and, to a much lesser degree, retention grants to existing employees) during a portion of fiscal year 2000, our practice was to delay the selection of the related grant dates until the end of a two-month period in the fiscal quarter during which the employees who received the grants began their employment with NVIDIA. As a result of this practice, the exercise price of the related option grants was not determined until subsequent to the stated grant date. We also determined that, during fiscal year 2000, we generally set the grant date and exercise price of employee option grants for new hires and promotions at the lowest price of the last few business days of the month of their hire or promotion (or of the following month in certain two-month periods that were chosen for an indeterminate reason). As a result of these practices, the measurement date for such options for accounting purposes was actually subsequent to the stated grant date, resulting in new measurement dates for the related options. In addition, we also determined that the exercise price or the number of options to be granted had not been determined, or the proper approval had not been given, for various other miscellaneous option grants during fiscal year 2000 until after the stated grant date - resulting in new measurement dates for accounting purposes for the related options.

*Other Issues Identified.* We also identified instances where stock option grants did not comply with applicable terms and conditions of the stock plans from which the grants were issued. For example, two grants were made to officers of NVIDIA by the chief executive officer under delegated authority; however, under the terms of the applicable plan, the option grant should have been made by our Board or the Compensation Committee. There were also instances where (1) option grants were made to a small group of employees who joined NVIDIA pursuant to a business combination, and to a few other employees in certain instances, with stated exercise prices below the fair market value of our common stock on the actual measurement date of the related grants; and (2) option grants were made to a few individuals who were contractors rather than employees, without recording the appropriate accounting charges. The accounting impact of these items was cumulatively less than \$6.0 million. In addition, the Audit Committee did not find any evidence that these violations were committed for improper purposes.

The Audit Committee carefully considered the involvement of current members of management in the option grant process and concluded that the evidence did not give rise to any concern about the integrity of any current officer or director of NVIDIA. The Audit Committee also found that the accounting errors and improper practices brought to light during their review were not motivated by any intent to mislead investors, improve NVIDIA's reported financial results, or obtain any personal benefit. Based on its findings, the Audit Committee was unable to reach any conclusion regarding the integrity of former officers and employees.

As a result of the errors we identified, we have restated our historical financial statements from our fiscal year 2000 through our fiscal year 2006 to record \$127.4 million of charges related to stock-based compensation and associated payroll tax expense, net of related income tax effects. These errors resulted in after-tax charges of \$1.4 million, \$11.7

million and \$25.8 million for our fiscal years 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Additionally, the cumulative effect of the related after-tax charges for periods prior to our fiscal year ended January 25, 2004 was \$88.4 million. These additional stock-based compensation expense charges were non-cash and had no impact on our reported revenue, cash, cash equivalents or marketable securities for each of the restated periods.

As part of the restatement, for the three and nine month period ended October 30, 2005, we recorded incremental stock-based compensation charges of \$1.4 million and \$5.9 million, a net (benefit)/charge for payroll taxes resulting from the expiration of statute of limitations of \$0.6 million and \$(4.2) million, and associated income tax (benefit)/charges of \$(1.2) million and \$(1.0) million, respectively.

For all periods through the end of our fiscal year 2006, we have recorded aggregate non-cash stock-based compensation charges of \$190.2 million, associated payroll tax charges of \$9.4 million and a related income tax benefit of \$72.2 million.



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**(Unaudited)**

As part of this restatement, we also accrued liabilities and recorded charges to operating costs and expenses for certain payroll tax contingencies related to the incremental stock-based compensation expense in the amount of \$18.8 million for all annual periods from our fiscal year 2000 through our fiscal year 2006. We recorded such charges in the amount of \$3.1 million, \$1.3 million, and \$1.6 million for our fiscal years 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Upon expiration of the related statute of limitations, we also recorded benefits from the reversal of previously-recorded payroll tax liabilities of \$6.6 million and \$2.8 million in our fiscal years 2006 and 2005, respectively. As a result, the net benefit to our statements of income was \$3.5 million and \$1.5 million for our fiscal years 2006 and 2005, respectively. The cumulative payroll tax expense for periods prior to our fiscal year 2004 was \$12.8 million. For those stock option grants that we determined to have incorrect measurement dates for accounting purposes and that we had originally issued as incentive stock options, or ISOs, we recorded a liability for payroll tax contingencies in the event such grants would not be respected as ISOs under the principles of the Internal Revenue Code, or IRC, and the regulations thereunder. These liabilities were recorded with a charge to operating costs and expenses.

We also considered the application of Section 409A of the IRC to certain stock option grants where, under APB 25, intrinsic value existed at the time of grant. In the event such stock options grants are not respected as issued at fair market value at the original grant date under principles of the IRC and the regulations thereunder and are subject to Section 409A, potential remedial actions may be available. We do not expect to incur a material charge as a result of any such potential remedial actions.

As a result of the findings of the Audit Committee, we concluded that we needed to amend our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2006 to restate our consolidated financial statements for the years ended January 29, 2006, January 30, 2005, and January 25, 2004 and the related disclosures, and our Form 10-Q for the three months ended April 30, 2006.

**Note 3 - Stock-Based Compensation**

Effective January 30, 2006, we adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), or SFAS No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payment*. SFAS No. 123(R) establishes accounting for stock-based awards exchanged for employee services. Accordingly, stock-based compensation cost is measured at grant date, based on the fair value of the awards, and is recognized as expense over the requisite employee service period.

*Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R)*

Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), we applied Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, or APB No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related interpretations to account for our stock-based employee compensation plans. As such, compensation expense was recorded if on the date of grant the current fair value per share of the underlying stock exceeded the exercise price per share. We provided the disclosures required under SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, as amended by SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosures*, in our periodic reports.

The pro forma information required under SFAS No. 123(R) for periods prior to fiscal 2007 as if we had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 to awards granted under our equity incentive plans was as follows for the three and nine month periods ended October 30, 2005:



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**(Unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended October 30, 2005 (As Restated) (In thousands, except per share data)</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended October 30, 2005 (As Restated) (In thousands, except per share data)</b>
Net income, as reported	\$ 64,447	\$ 203,802
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects	1,410	5,700
Deduct: Stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(22,001)	(66,542)
Pro forma net income	\$ 43,856	\$ 142,960
Basic net income per share - as reported	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.60
Basic net income per share - pro forma	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.42
Diluted net income per share - as reported	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.56
Diluted net income per share - pro forma	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.40

*Impact of the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R)*

We elected to adopt the modified prospective application method beginning January 30, 2006 as provided by SFAS No. 123(R). Accordingly, during the three and nine months ended October 29, 2006, we recorded stock-based compensation expense equal to the amount that would have been recognized if the fair value method required for pro forma disclosure under SFAS No. 123 had been in effect for expense recognition purposes, adjusted for estimated forfeitures. We recognized stock-based compensation expense using the straight-line attribution method. Previously reported amounts have not been restated. The effect of stock-based compensation expense, net of associated payroll taxes for the three and nine month periods ended October 29, 2006 on net income was as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended October 29, 2006 (In thousands, except per share data)</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended October 29, 2006 (In thousands, except per share data)</b>
Stock-based compensation expense by type of award:		
Employee stock options	\$ 28,939	\$ 78,344
Employee stock purchase plan	2,938	6,078
Amount capitalized as inventory	(142)	(1,596)
Total stock-based compensation	31,735	82,826
Tax effect of stock-based compensation	(6,594)	(12,104)
Net effect on net income	\$ 25,141	\$ 70,722
Effect on net income per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.21

Diluted	\$	0.07	\$	0.19
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Prior to adopting SFAS No. 123(R), we presented all tax benefits resulting from the exercise of stock options as operating cash flows in our Statement of Cash Flows. However, as required by our adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) during the three and nine months ended October 29, 2006, we began classifying cash flows resulting from excess tax benefits as a part of cash flows from financing activities. Excess tax benefits are realized tax benefits from tax deductions for exercised options in excess of the deferred tax asset attributable to stock-based compensation for such options. The effect of this change in classification on our Statement of Cash Flows for the three and nine months ended October 29, 2006 is as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b> <b>October 29, 2006</b> <b>(In thousands)</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended</b> <b>October 29, 2006</b> <b>(In thousands)</b>
Cash flows from operations	\$ (8,197)	\$ (22,559)
Cash flows from financing activities	\$ 8,197	\$ 22,559

The adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) resulted in a cumulative benefit from accounting change of \$0.7 million for the three months ended April 30, 2006, which reflects the net cumulative impact of estimating forfeitures in the determination of period expense by reversing the previously recognized cumulative compensation expense related to those forfeitures, rather than recording forfeitures when they occur as previously permitted.

As of January 29, 2006, we had unearned stock-based compensation related to stock options of \$167.9 million before the impact of estimated forfeitures. In our pro forma footnote disclosures prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), we accounted for forfeitures upon occurrence. SFAS No. 123(R) requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of grant and revised if necessary in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. Accordingly, as of January 30, 2006, we estimated that stock-based compensation expense for the awards that are not expected to vest was \$32.4 million, and, therefore, the unearned stock-based compensation expense related to stock options was adjusted to \$135.5 million after estimated forfeitures.

During the three and nine months ended October 29, 2006, we granted approximately 3.9 million and 10.7 million stock options, respectively, with an estimated total grant-date fair value of \$49.5 million and \$123.1 million, respectively, and a weighted average grant date fair value of \$12.62 per option and \$11.44 per option, respectively. Of this amount, we estimated that the stock-based compensation expense related to the awards that are not expected to vest was \$9.6 million and \$23.8 million for the three and nine months ended October 29, 2006, respectively. During the three and nine months ended October 29, 2006, we recorded stock-based compensation expense related to stock options of \$28.9 million and \$78.3 million, respectively.

As of October 29, 2006, the aggregate amount of unearned stock-based compensation expense related to our stock options was \$175.5 million, adjusted for estimated forfeitures, which we will recognize over an estimated weighted average amortization period of 2.1 years.

Approximately \$0.1 and \$1.6 million of stock-based compensation was capitalized as inventory for the three months and nine months ending October 29, 2006, respectively.

Stock-based compensation expense that would have been recorded under APB No. 25 during the three and nine months ended October 29, 2006 was approximately \$0.8 million and \$3.3 million, respectively. Upon our adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), we reclassified the unearned stock-based compensation expense balance of approximately \$3.6 million that would have been recorded under APB No. 25 to additional-paid-in-capital in our Condensed Consolidated

Balance Sheet.

*Valuation Assumptions*

During the three months ended May 1, 2005, we transitioned from a Black-Scholes model to a binomial model for calculating the estimated fair value of new stock-based compensation awards granted under our stock option plans. As a result of regulatory guidance, including SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107, *Share-Based Payment*, and in anticipation of the impending effective date of SFAS No. 123(R), we reevaluated the assumptions we used to estimate the value of employee stock options and shares issued under our employee stock purchase plan, beginning with stock options granted and shares issued under our employee stock purchase plan in the first quarter of fiscal 2006. At that time, our management also determined that the use of implied volatility is expected to be more reflective of market conditions and, therefore, could reasonably be expected to be a better indicator of our expected volatility than historical volatility.

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Additionally, in the first quarter of fiscal 2006, we began segregating options into groups for employees with relatively homogeneous exercise behavior in order to calculate the best estimate of fair value using the binomial valuation model. As such, the expected term assumption used in calculating the estimated fair value of our stock-based compensation awards using the binomial model is based on detailed historical data about employees' exercise behavior, vesting schedules, and death and disability probabilities. Our management believes the resulting binomial calculation provides a more refined estimate of the fair value of our employee stock options. For our employee stock purchase plan we continued to use the Black-Scholes model. The fair value of stock options granted under our stock option plans, and shares issued under our employee stock purchase plan have been estimated at the date of grant using a straight-line attribution method with the following assumptions:

	<b>Stock Options</b>		<b>Employee Stock Purchase Plan</b>	
	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 29, 2006</b> <i>(Using a binomial model)</i>	<b>October 30, 2005</b> <i>(Using a binomial model)</i>	<b>October 29, 2006</b> <i>(Using the Black-Scholes model)</i>	<b>October 30, 2005</b> <i>(Using the Black-Scholes model)</i>
Expected life (in years)	3.6 - 5.1	3.6 - 5.1	0.5 - 2.0	0.5 - 2.0
Risk free interest rate	4.7%	4.4%	2.3% - 5.2%	0.9% - 3.7%
Volatility	44% - 47%	34% - 38%	30% - 47%	30% - 45%
Dividend yield	--	--	--	--

	<b>Stock Options</b>		<b>Employee Stock Purchase Plan</b>	
	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 29, 2006</b> <i>(Using a binomial model)</i>	<b>October 30, 2005</b> <i>(Using a binomial model)</i>	<b>October 29, 2006</b> <i>(Using the Black-Scholes model)</i>	<b>October 30, 2005</b> <i>(Using the Black-Scholes model)</i>
Expected life (in years)	3.6 - 5.1	3.6 - 5.1	0.5 - 2.0	0.5 - 2.0
Risk free interest rate	4.7% - 5.1%	4.0% - 4.4%	1.6% - 5.2%	0.9% - 3.7%
Volatility	39% - 51%	34% - 48%	30% - 47%	30% - 45%
Dividend yield	--	--	--	--

*Equity Incentive Program*

**Overview.** We consider equity compensation to be long term compensation and an integral component of our efforts to attract and retain exceptional executives, senior management and world-class employees. We believe that properly structured equity compensation aligns the long-term interests of stockholders and employees by creating a strong, direct link between employee compensation and stock appreciation, as stock options are only valuable to our employees if the value of our common stock increases after the date of grant.

2000 Nonstatutory Equity Incentive Plan. The 2000 Nonstatutory Equity Incentive Plan, or the 2000 Plan, provides for the issuance of our common stock to employees and affiliates who are not directors, officers or 10% stockholders. The 2000 Plan provides for the issuance of nonstatutory stock options, stock bonuses, restricted stock unit awards, stock appreciation rights and restricted stock purchase rights. Option grants issued under the 2000 plan generally expire in six to ten years. Grants made after May 8, 2003 generally have six year terms. Until April 2004, initial options granted to new employees would vest over four years, with 25% of the shares vesting one year from the date of grant and the remaining 75% of the shares vesting each quarter over the subsequent three years. During this same time period, stock options granted to existing employees generally would vest each quarter over a four-year period from the date of grant. Beginning in April 2004, initial options granted to new employees generally vest over a three-year period on a quarterly basis. Grants to existing employees in recognition of performance generally also vest as to 25% of the shares two years and three months after the date of grant and as to the remaining 75% of the shares subject to the option vest in equal quarterly installments over a nine month period. We amended our 2000 Plan in October 2006 to add the ability to issue restricted stock unit awards and stock appreciation rights and make certain other modifications.



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1998 Equity Incentive Plan. The Equity Incentive Plan, or the 1998 Plan, provides for the issuance of stock bonuses, restricted stock purchase rights, stock appreciation rights, incentive stock options or nonstatutory stock options. Option grants issued under the 1998 Plan generally expire in six to ten years. Vesting periods are determined by the Board of Directors, or Board, or the Compensation Committee of the Board. Initial option grants made after February 10, 2004 under the 1998 Plan to new employees generally vest over a three year period on a quarterly basis. Subsequent option grants to existing employees are generally granted for performance and generally vest as to 25% of the shares two years and three months after the date of grant and as to the remaining 75% of the shares subject to the option vest in equal quarterly installments over a nine month period.

1998 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. In February 1998, our Board adopted the 1998 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan, or the Directors' Plan, to provide for the automatic grant of non-qualified options to purchase shares of our common stock to our directors who are not employees or consultants of, or of an affiliate of, NVIDIA.

In July 2000, the Board amended the 1998 Plan to incorporate the automatic grant provisions of the Directors' Plan into the 1998 Plan. Future automatic grants to non-employee directors will be made according to the terms of the Directors' Plan, but will be made out of the 1998 Plan until such time as shares may become available for issuance under the amended Directors' Plan. In May 2002, the Directors' Plan was amended further to reduce the number of shares granted to our non-employee directors. The altered automatic grant provisions of the Directors' Plan are also incorporated into the 1998 Plan. In March 2006, the Board amended the Directors' Plan, to reduce the number of shares issuable pursuant to each of the initial non-employee director stock option grants and the annual non-employee director stock option grants by 40%. The Directors' Plan was also amended to eliminate the annual option grant made to members of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The terms of the amended Directors' Plan are described below.

- *Initial Grants.* Initial stock option grants of 90,000 are automatically made to each non-employee director who is elected or appointed to our Board on the date of election or appointment.
- *Annual Grants—Board Members.* On August 1st of each year, each non-employee director is automatically granted an option to purchase 30,000 shares. These options begin to vest quarterly on the second anniversary of the date of grant and will be fully vested on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- *Annual Grants—Committee Members.* On August 1st of each year, each non-employee director who is a member of a committee of the Board is automatically granted an option to purchase 10,000 shares. These options vest in full on the first anniversary of the date of the grant. Beginning in fiscal year 2007, Board members will no longer receive a Committee grant for serving as a member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan. The 1998 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, or the Purchase Plan, is intended to qualify as an "employee stock purchase plan" under Section 423 of the IRC. Under the Purchase Plan, the Board has authorized participation by eligible employees, including officers, in periodic offerings following the adoption of the Purchase Plan. Under the Purchase Plan, separate offering periods shall be no longer than 27 months. Under the current offering adopted pursuant to the Purchase Plan, each offering period is 24 months, which is divided into four purchase periods of 6 months.

Employees are eligible to participate if they are employed by NVIDIA or an affiliate of NVIDIA as designated by the Board. Employees who participate in an offering may have up to 10% of their earnings withheld pursuant to the

Purchase Plan up to certain limitations and applied on specified dates determined by the Board to purchase shares of our common stock. The Board may increase this percentage at its discretion, up to 15%. The price of common stock purchased under the Purchase Plan will be equal to the lower of the fair market value of the common stock on the commencement date of each offering period and the purchase date of each offering period at 85% at the fair market value of the common stock on the relevant purchase date. Employees may end their participation in the Purchase Plan at any time during the offering period, and participation ends automatically on termination of employment with us and in each case their contributions are refunded.

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The following table summarizes the combined activity under the 2000 Plan, 1998 Plan, and the Directors' Plan as of and for the nine months ended October 29, 2006:

	Options Available for Grant	Options Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Balances, January 29, 2006	31,310,976	87,958,480	\$ 9.50		
Authorized	-	-			
Granted	(10,730,037)	10,730,037	27.56		
Exercised	-	(16,261,655)	8.01		
Cancelled	1,568,544	(1,568,544)	12.86		
Balances, October 29, 2006	22,149,483	80,858,318	\$ 12.13	3.96	\$ 1,637,735,270
Vested and expected to vest at October 29, 2006		78,261,487	\$ 11.17	3.95	\$ 1,659,437,435
Options exercisable at October 29, 2006		46,422,137	\$ 8.55	3.50	\$ 1,106,069,538

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value for in-the-money options at October 29, 2006, based on the \$32.38 closing stock price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, which would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options as of that date. The total number of in-the-money options outstanding and exercisable as of October 29, 2006 was 80.9 million and 46.4 million, respectively.

	Three Months Ended October 29, 2006	Nine Months Ended October 29, 2006
Weighted average grant date fair value of options granted	\$ 12.62 per share	\$ 11.44 per share
Total intrinsic value of options exercised	97.3 million	293.9 million
Total cash received from employees as a result of employee stock option exercises	39.6 million	130.3 million
Tax benefits realized as a result of employee stock option exercises	\$ 11.9 million	\$ 34.4 million

We settle employee stock option exercises with newly issued common shares. We do not have any equity instruments outstanding other than options described above as of October 29, 2006.

#### Note 4 - Net Income Per Share

Basic net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of common and dilutive common equivalent shares outstanding during the period, using the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock

method, the effect of stock options outstanding is not included in the computation of diluted net income per share for periods when their effect is anti-dilutive, which in the current period includes consideration of unearned stock-based compensation as required by SFAS No. 123(R). The following is a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted net income per share computations for the periods presented:

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	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>October 30, 2005</b>	<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>October 30, 2005</b>
		<b>(As Restated)</b>		<b>(As Restated)</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>			
Numerator:				
Net income	\$ 106,511	\$ 64,447	\$ 285,328	\$ 203,802
Denominator:				
Denominator for basic net income per share, weighted average shares	352,657	340,254	342,741	338,478
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Stock options outstanding	38,498	26,603	37,540	24,738
Denominator for diluted net income per share, weighted average shares	391,155	366,857	380,281	363,216
Net income per share:				
Basic net income per share	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.60
Diluted net income per share	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.56

Diluted net income per share for the three and nine months ended October 29, 2006 does not include the effect of 9.6 million and 10.6 million anti-dilutive common equivalent shares, respectively. Diluted net income per share for the three and nine months ended October 30, 2005 does not include the effect of 9.6 million and 11.2 million anti-dilutive common equivalent shares, respectively.

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**Note 5 - Acquisition of ULi Electronics, Inc.**

On February 20, 2006, we completed our acquisition of ULi Electronics, Inc., or ULi, a core logic developer for the personal computer, or PC, industry. The acquisition represents our ongoing investment in our platform solution strategy and is expected to strengthen our sales, marketing, and customer engineering presence in Taiwan and China. The aggregate purchase price consisted of cash consideration of approximately \$53.1 million.

We allocated the purchase price to tangible assets, liabilities and identifiable intangible assets acquired, as well as in-process research and development, or IPR&D, if identified, based on their estimated fair values. The excess of purchase price over the aggregate fair values was recorded as goodwill. The fair value assigned to identifiable intangible assets acquired was based on estimates and assumptions determined by management. Purchased intangibles are amortized on a straight-line basis over their respective useful lives. The allocation of the purchase price has been prepared on a preliminary basis and reasonable changes are expected as additional information becomes available. The following is a summary of estimated fair values of the assets we acquired and liabilities we assumed as of October 29, 2006:

	<b>Fair Market Value</b>	<b>Straight-Line Depreciation / Amortization Period</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Cash	\$ 21,551	
Accounts receivable	8,148	--
Inventories	4,552	--
Other assets	935	--
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Property and equipment	1,010	months
Goodwill	30,461	--
Intangible assets:		
Existing technology	2,490	3 years
Customer relationships	653	3 years
Total assets acquired	69,800	
Current liabilities	(15,844)	--
Acquisition related costs	(881)	--
Total liabilities assumed	(16,725)	
Net assets acquired	\$ 53,075	

The pro forma results of operations have not been presented for the acquisition of ULi because the effect of this acquisition was not considered material.

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**Note 6 - Acquisition of Hybrid Graphics Ltd.**

On March 29, 2006, we completed our acquisition of Hybrid Graphics Ltd., or Hybrid Graphics. Hybrid Graphics is a developer of embedded 2D and 3D graphics software for handheld devices. We believe that the acquisition will enable the customers of both companies to deploy rich graphics solutions for the worldwide handheld market. The aggregate purchase price consisted of cash consideration of approximately \$36.7 million.

We allocated the purchase price to tangible assets, liabilities and identifiable intangible assets acquired, as well as IPR&D, if identified, based on their estimated fair values. The excess of purchase price over the aggregate fair values was recorded as goodwill. The fair value assigned to identifiable intangible assets acquired was based on estimates and assumptions determined by management. Purchased intangibles are amortized on a straight-line basis over their respective useful lives. The allocation of the purchase price has been prepared on a preliminary basis and reasonable changes are expected as additional information becomes available. The following is a summary of estimated fair values of the assets we acquired and liabilities we assumed as of October 29, 2006:

	<b>Fair Market Value</b>	<b>Straight-Line Depreciation / Amortization Period</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Cash	\$ 1,180	
Accounts receivable	808	--
Other assets	73	--
Property and equipment	135	1 month - 36 months
In-process research and development	602	--
Goodwill	27,885	--
<b>Intangible assets:</b>		
Existing technology	5,179	3 years
Customer relationships	2,650	3 years
Trademark	482	3 years
Non-compete agreements	72	3 years
Total assets acquired	39,066	
Current liabilities	(1,374)	--
Acquisition related costs	(719)	--
Long-term liabilities	(301)	
Total liabilities assumed	(2,394)	
Net assets acquired	\$ 36,672	

The amount of the IPR&D represents the value assigned to research and development projects of Hybrid Graphics that had commenced but had not yet reached technological feasibility and had no alternative future use. In accordance with SFAS No. 2, *Accounting for Research and Development Costs*, as clarified by FIN 4, *Applicability of FASB Statement No. 2 to Business Combinations Accounted for by the Purchase Method an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 2*, amounts assigned to IPR&D meeting the above-stated criteria were charged to expense as part of the allocation of the purchase price.

The pro forma results of operations have not been presented for the acquisition of Hybrid Graphics because the effect of this acquisition was not considered material.



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**Note 7 - Guarantees**

FASB Interpretation No. 45, or FIN 45, *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others*, requires that upon issuance of a guarantee, the guarantor must recognize a liability for the fair value of the obligation it assumes under that guarantee. In addition, FIN 45 requires disclosures about the guarantees that an entity has issued, including a tabular reconciliation of the changes of the entity's product warranty liabilities.

We record a reduction to revenue for estimated product returns at the time revenue is recognized primarily based on historical return rates. The reductions to revenue for estimated product returns for the three and nine months ended October 29, 2006 and October 30, 2005 are as follows:

Description	Balance at Beginning of Period	Additions (1)	Deductions (2)	Balance at End of Period
	(In thousands)			
Three months ended October 29, 2006				
Allowance for sales returns	\$ 12,381	\$ 6,697	\$ (5,567)	\$ 13,511
Three months ended October 30, 2005				
Allowance for sales returns	\$ 10,687	\$ 8,576	\$ (9,237)	\$ 10,026
Nine months ended October 29, 2006				
Allowance for sales returns	\$ 10,239	\$ 30,887	\$ (27,615)	\$ 13,511
Nine months ended October 30, 2005				
Allowance for sales returns	\$ 11,687	\$ 22,720	\$ (24,381)	\$ 10,026

(1) Allowances for sales returns are charged as a reduction to revenue.

(2) Represents amounts written off against the allowance for sales returns.

In connection with certain agreements that we have executed in the past, we have at times provided indemnities to cover the indemnified party for matters such as tax, product and employee liabilities. We have also on occasion included intellectual property indemnification provisions in our technology related agreements with third parties. Maximum potential future payments cannot be estimated because many of these agreements do not have a maximum stated liability. As such, we have not recorded any liability in our consolidated financial statements for such indemnifications.

**Note 8 - Comprehensive Income**

Comprehensive income consists of net income and other comprehensive income or loss. Other comprehensive income or loss components include unrealized gains or losses on available-for-sale securities, net of tax. The components of comprehensive income, net of tax, were as follows:

Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
October 29, 2006	October 30, 2005 (As restated)	October 29, 2006	October 30, 2005 (As restated)
(In thousands)			

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Net income	\$	106,511	\$	64,447	\$	285,328	\$	203,802
Net change in unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities		1,796		(1,093)		1,140		(2,338)
Tax effect of unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities		(718)		219		(456)		468
Reclassification adjustments for net realized losses on available-for-sale securities included in net income		(47)		910		(88)		1,210
Tax effect of reclassification adjustments for net realized losses on available-for-sale securities included in net income		19		(182)		36		(242)
Total comprehensive income	\$	107,561	\$	64,301	\$	285,960	\$	202,900

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**Note 9 - 3dfx Asset Purchase**

During fiscal year 2002, we completed the purchase of certain assets from 3dfx Interactive, Inc., or 3dfx, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$74.2 million. The 3dfx asset purchase was accounted for under the purchase method of accounting and closed on April 18, 2001. Under the terms of the Asset Purchase Agreement, the cash consideration due at the closing was \$70.0 million, less \$15.0 million that was loaned to 3dfx pursuant to a Credit Agreement dated December 15, 2000. The Asset Purchase Agreement also provided, subject to the other provisions thereof, that if 3dfx properly certified that all its debts and other liabilities had been provided for, then we would have been obligated to pay 3dfx two million shares of NVIDIA common stock. If 3dfx could not make such a certification, but instead properly certified that its debts and liabilities could be satisfied for less than \$25.0 million, then 3dfx could have elected to receive a cash payment equal to the amount of such debts and liabilities and a reduced number of shares of our common stock, with such reduction calculated by dividing the cash payment by \$25.00 per share. If 3dfx could not certify that all of its debts and liabilities had been provided for, or could not be satisfied for less than \$25.0 million, we would not be obligated under the agreement to pay any additional consideration for the assets.

In October 2002, 3dfx filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California. In March 2003, we were served with a complaint filed by the Trustee appointed by the Bankruptcy Court which sought, among other things, payments from us as additional purchase price related to our purchase of certain assets of 3dfx. In early November 2005, after many months of mediation, NVIDIA and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of 3dfx reached a conditional settlement of the Trustee's claims against NVIDIA. This conditional settlement, which will be subject to the review and approval of the Bankruptcy Court, calls for a payment of approximately \$30.6 million to the 3dfx estate. Under the settlement, \$5.6 million relates to various administrative expenses and Trustee fees, and \$25.0 million relates to the satisfaction of debts and liabilities owed to the general unsecured creditors of 3dfx. As such, during the three months ended October 30, 2005, we recorded \$5.6 million as a charge to settlement costs and \$25.0 million as additional purchase price for 3dfx. Please see Note 14 for further information regarding this litigation.

The 3dfx asset purchase price of \$95.0 million and \$4.2 million of direct transaction costs were allocated based on fair values presented below.

	<b>Fair Market Value (In thousands)</b>	<b>Straight-Line Amortization Period (Years)</b>
Property and equipment	\$ 2,433	1-2
Trademarks	11,310	5
Goodwill	85,418	--
Total	\$ 99,161	

The final allocation of the purchase price of the 3dfx assets is contingent upon the amount of and circumstances surrounding additional consideration, if any, that we may pay related to the 3dfx asset purchase.

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**Note 10 - Goodwill and Intangible Assets**

We are currently amortizing our intangible assets with definitive lives over periods ranging from one to five years on a straight-line basis. The components of our amortizable intangible assets are as follows:

	October 29, 2006			January 29, 2006		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
	(In thousands)					
Technology licenses	\$ 23,086	\$ (16,465)	\$ 6,621	\$ 21,586	\$ (13,595)	\$ 7,991
Patents	33,951	(23,433)	10,518	23,750	(19,911)	3,839
Acquired intellectual property	38,612	(29,420)	9,192	27,086	(24,516)	2,570
Trademarks	11,310	(11,310)	-	11,310	(10,807)	503
Other	1,494	(1,287)	207	1,494	(976)	518
Total intangible assets	\$ 108,453	\$ (81,915)	\$ 26,538	\$ 85,226	\$ (69,805)	\$ 15,421

The increase in the gross carrying amount of acquisition-related intangible assets as of October 29, 2006 as compared to intangible assets as of January 29, 2006 is primarily related to \$3.1 million and \$8.4 million of intangible assets that resulted from our acquisitions of ULi and Hybrid Graphics, respectively, during the three months ended April 30, 2006. Please refer to Note 5 and Note 6 of our Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further information. In addition, the \$10.2 million increase in the gross carrying amount of patents is related primarily to patents licensed from Opti Incorporated for \$8.0 million as a result of the license and settlement agreements described in Note 14 of our Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

During the three months ended October 29, 2006 we entered into a confidential patent licensing arrangement. As part of this arrangement, we recorded a charge of \$16.0 million to the cost of revenue category in our statement of income related to past usage of certain patents subject to the arrangement. Our commitment for future license payments under this arrangement could range from \$97 million to \$110.0 million over a ten year period; however, the net outlay under this arrangement may be reduced by the occurrence of certain events covered by the arrangement.

Amortization expense associated with intangible assets for the three and nine months ended October 29, 2006 was \$4.0 million and \$12.1 million, respectively. Amortization expense associated with intangible assets for the three and nine months ended October 29, 2005 was \$4.2 million and \$12.9 million, respectively. Amortization expense for the net carrying amount of intangible assets at October 29, 2006 is estimated to be \$3.5 million for the remainder of fiscal 2007, \$11.5 million in fiscal 2008, \$6.7 million in fiscal 2009, and \$4.8 million in fiscal 2010 and thereafter.

As of October 29, 2006 and January 29, 2006, the carrying amount of goodwill is as follows:

<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>January 29, 2006</b>
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	<b>(In thousands)</b>			
3dfx	\$	75,326	\$	75,326
MediaQ		52,913		52,913
ULi		30,461		-
Hybrid Graphics		27,885		-
Other		17,094		17,078
Total goodwill	\$	203,679	\$	145,317

During the nine months ended October 29, 2006, we recorded \$30.4 million and \$27.9 million as goodwill related to our acquisitions of ULi and Hybrid Graphics, respectively. These acquisitions were accounted for under the purchase method of accounting. We intend to assign the goodwill related to our acquisition of ULi to our media and communications processor, or MCP, Business and the goodwill related to our acquisition of Hybrid Graphics to our Handheld graphics processing unit, or GPU, Business.

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**Note 11 - Marketable Securities**

We account for our investment instruments in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 115, or SFAS No. 115, *Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities*. All of our cash equivalents and marketable securities are treated as “available-for-sale” under SFAS No. 115. Cash equivalents consist of financial instruments which are readily convertible into cash and have original maturities of three months or less at the time of acquisition. Marketable securities consist primarily of highly liquid investments with a maturity of greater than three months when purchased. We classify our marketable securities at the date of acquisition in the available-for-sale category as our intention is to convert them into cash for operations. These securities are reported at fair value with the related unrealized gains and losses included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), a component of stockholders’ equity, net of tax. Realized gains and losses on the sale of marketable securities are determined using the specific-identification method. Net realized gains for the three months and nine months ended October 29, 2006 were not material, and \$0.1 million, respectively. Net realized gains for the three months ended October 29, 2005 were \$0.2 million, and net realized losses for the nine months ended October 29, 2005 were \$0.1 million.

**Note 12 - Balance Sheet Components**

Certain balance sheet components are as follows:

	October 29, 2006	January 29, 2006
<b>Prepaid expenses and other current assets:</b>	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Prepaid expenses	\$ 30,193	\$ 19,265
Other current assets	6,608	5,122
Total prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 36,801	\$ 24,387

	October 29, 2006	January 29, 2006
<b>Deposits and other assets:</b>	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Investments in non-affiliates	\$ 12,496	\$ 11,684
Long-term prepayments	20,320	7,504
Other	9,288	8,289
Total deposits and other assets	\$ 42,104	\$ 27,477

	October 29, 2006	January 29, 2006
<b>Inventories:</b>	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Raw materials	\$ 47,602	\$ 25,743
Work in-process	127,636	107,847
Finished goods	198,320	121,280
Total inventories	\$ 373,558	\$ 254,870

The significant increase in finished goods inventories primarily relates to our build-up of inventory levels of several of our GeForce 7 products in fiscal 2007 to meet forecasted sales demand and for the product launch of GeForce 8800, which was introduced in November 2006.

At October 29, 2006, we had outstanding inventory purchase obligations totaling approximately \$405 million.

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	<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>January 29, 2006</b>
<b>Accrued Liabilities:</b>	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Accrued customer programs	\$ 148,583	\$ 90,056
Taxes payable	66,353	58,355
Accrued payroll and related expenses	60,751	53,080
Deferred rent	12,049	11,879
Accrued legal settlement	30,600	30,600
Other	14,697	15,294
Total accrued liabilities	\$ 333,033	\$ 259,264

	<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>January 29, 2006</b>
<b>Other Long-term Liabilities:</b>	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Asset retirement obligations	\$ 6,309	\$ 6,440
Other long-term liabilities	21,358	13,596
Total other long-term liabilities	\$ 27,667	\$ 20,036

**Note 13 - Segment Information**

Our Chief Executive Officer, who is considered to be our chief operating decision maker, or CODM, reviews financial information presented on an operating segment basis for purposes of making operating decisions and assessing financial performance. Our operating segments are organized to bring all of our major product groups in line with our strategy to be the worldwide leader in programmable graphics processor technologies. We report financial information for four product-line operating segments to our CODM: the GPU Business is composed of products that support desktop PCs, notebook PCs and professional workstations; the MCP Business is composed of NVIDIA nForce products that operate as a single-chip or chipset that can off-load system functions, such as audio processing and network communications, and perform these operations independently from the host central processing unit, or CPU; the Handheld GPU Business is composed of products that support handheld personal digital assistants, cellular phones and other handheld devices; and the Consumer Electronics Business is concentrated in products that support video game consoles and other digital consumer electronics devices and is composed of revenue from our contractual arrangements with Sony Computer Entertainment, or SCE, to jointly develop a custom GPU for SCE's PlayStation3, revenue from sales of our Xbox-related products, revenue from our license agreement with Microsoft relating to the successor product to their initial Xbox gaming console, the Xbox360, and related devices. In addition to these operating segments, we have the "All Other" category that includes human resources, legal, finance, general administration, corporate marketing expenses, and stock-based compensation, which total \$62.6 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2007, \$48.1 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2006, \$172.7 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2007, and \$103.5 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2006, that we do not allocate to our other operating segments. "All Other" also includes the results of operations of other miscellaneous operating segments that are neither individually reportable, nor aggregated with another operating segment. Revenue in the "All Other" category is primarily derived from sales of memory devices. Certain prior period amounts have been restated to conform to the presentation of our current fiscal quarter.





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Our CODM does not review any information regarding total assets on an operating segment basis. Operating segments do not record intersegment revenue, and, accordingly, there is none to be reported. The accounting policies for segment reporting are the same as for NVIDIA as a whole.

	GPU	MCP	Handheld GPU	Consumer Electronics	All Other (As Restated)	Consolidated (As Restated)
	(In thousands)					
<b>Three Months Ended October 29, 2006:</b>						
Revenue	\$ 529,743	\$ 187,416	\$ 25,961	\$ 22,257	\$ 55,195	\$ 820,572
Depreciation expense	\$ 8,481	\$ 4,442	\$ 777	\$ 2,898	\$ 7,671	\$ 24,269
Operating income (loss)	\$ 162,217	\$ 27,897	\$ (11,009)	\$ 16,248	\$ (77,740)	\$ 117,613
<b>Three Months Ended October 30, 2005:</b>						
Revenue	\$ 427,564	\$ 90,329	\$ 23,194	\$ 9,929	\$ 32,399	\$ 583,415
Depreciation expense	\$ 8,442	\$ 2,869	\$ 3,144	\$ 305	\$ 7,887	\$ 22,647
Operating income (loss)	\$ 110,873	\$ 4,611	\$ (3,992)	\$ 1,882	\$ (43,802) (A)	\$ 69,572 (A)
<b>Nine Months Ended October 29, 2006:</b>						
Revenue	\$ 1,441,251	\$ 444,941	\$ 84,026	\$ 76,240	\$ 143,440	\$ 2,189,898
Depreciation expense	\$ 23,989	\$ 12,873	\$ 9,927	\$ 3,049	\$ 22,951	\$ 72,789
Operating income (loss)	\$ 419,241	\$ 38,743	\$ (16,744)	\$ 56,749	\$ (183,051)	\$ 314,938
<b>Nine Months Ended October 30, 2005:</b>						
Revenue	\$ 1,223,316	\$ 238,006	\$ 33,091	\$ 149,550	\$ 98,110	\$ 1,742,073
Depreciation expense	\$ 24,721	\$ 9,059	\$ 9,184	\$ 1,002	\$ 23,589	\$ 67,555
Operating income (loss)	\$ 261,741	\$ 16,874	\$ (29,967)	\$ 71,609	\$ (94,283) (A)	\$ 225,974 (A)

(A) Operating loss in the "All Other" category for the three months and nine months ended October 30, 2005, include \$2.0 million and \$1.8 million, respectively, related to restated stock-based compensation expense. Please refer to Note 2 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.



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Revenue by geographic region is allocated to individual countries based on the location to which the products are initially billed even if our customers' revenue is attributable to end customers that are located in a different location. The following tables summarize information pertaining to our revenue from customers based on invoicing address in different geographic regions:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>October 30, 2005</b>	<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>October 30, 2005</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>	<b>(In thousands)</b>			
United States	\$ 81,490	\$ 51,511	\$ 238,017	\$ 282,722
Other Americas	28,696	6,660	93,196	13,625
China	158,478	102,251	429,657	281,401
Taiwan	348,600	323,272	865,580	862,553
Other Asia Pacific	129,866	69,037	354,822	168,677
Europe	73,442	30,684	208,626	133,095
Total revenue	\$ 820,572	\$ 583,415	\$ 2,189,898	\$ 1,742,073

Revenue from significant customers, those representing approximately 10% or more of total revenue for the respective periods, is summarized as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>October 30, 2005</b>	<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>October 30, 2005</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Customer A	5%	18%	5%	15%
Customer B	13%	13%	13%	12%

**Note 14 - Litigation**

*3dfx*

On December 15, 2000, NVIDIA Corporation and one of our indirect subsidiaries entered into an agreement to purchase certain graphics chip assets from 3dfx which closed on April 18, 2001.

In May 2002, we were served with a California state court complaint filed by the landlord of 3dfx's San Jose, California commercial real estate lease, CarrAmerica. In December 2002, we were served with a California state court complaint filed by the landlord of 3dfx's Austin, Texas commercial real estate lease, Carlyle Fortran Trust. The landlords' complaints both assert claims for, among other things, interference with contract, successor liability and fraudulent transfer and seek to recover, among other things, amounts owed on their leases with 3dfx in the aggregate amount of approximately \$15 million. In October 2002, 3dfx filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California. The landlords' actions were subsequently removed to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California and consolidated with a complaint filed by the Trustee in the 3dfx bankruptcy case for purposes of discovery. Upon motion by NVIDIA in 2005, the District Court withdrew the reference to the Bankruptcy Court and the landlord actions were removed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. On November 10, 2005, the District Court granted our motion to dismiss the landlords' respective amended complaints and allowed the landlords to have until February 4, 2006 to

amend their complaints. The landlords re-filed claims against NVIDIA in early February 2006, and NVIDIA again filed motions requesting the District Court to dismiss all such claims. The District Court took both motions under submission. On September 29, 2006, the court dismissed the CarrAmerica action in its entirety and without leave to amend. The court found, among other things, that CarrAmerica lacks standing to bring the lawsuit and that such standing belongs exclusively to the bankruptcy trustee. On October 27, 2006, CarrAmerica filed a notice of appeal from that order. We await a ruling on the motion to dismiss the Carlyle Fortran Trust complaint. Discovery is stayed pending this hearing and no trial date has been set in that action. We believe the claims asserted against us by the Carlyle Fortran Trust are without merit and we will continue to defend ourselves vigorously.

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In March 2003, we were served with a complaint filed by the Trustee appointed by the Bankruptcy Court to represent the interests of the 3dfx bankruptcy estate. The Trustee's complaint asserts claims for, among other things, successor liability and fraudulent transfer and seeks additional payments from us. On October 13, 2005, the Court held a hearing on the Trustee's motion for summary adjudication. On December 23, 2005, the Court issued its ruling denying the Trustee's Motion for Summary Adjudication in all material respects and holding that NVIDIA is prevented from disputing that the value of the 3dfx transaction to NVIDIA was less than \$108.0 million. The Court expressly denied the Trustee's request to find that the value of the 3dfx assets conveyed to NVIDIA were at least \$108.0 million. In early November 2005, after many months of mediation, NVIDIA and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, or the Creditors' Committee, reached a conditional settlement of the Trustee's claims against NVIDIA. This conditional settlement, presented as the centerpiece of a proposed Plan of Liquidation in the bankruptcy case, is subject to a confirmation process through a vote of creditors and the review and approval of the Bankruptcy Court after notice and hearing. The scope and schedule for that confirmation process has yet to be determined. The Trustee has advised that he intends to object to the settlement. The settlement with the Creditors' Committee calls for a payment of approximately \$30.6 million to the 3dfx estate. Under the settlement, \$5.6 million relates to various administrative expenses and Trustee fees, and \$25.0 million relates to the satisfaction of debts and liabilities owed to the general unsecured creditors of 3dfx. Accordingly, during the three month period ended October 30, 2005, we recorded \$5.6 million as a charge to settlement costs and \$25.0 million as additional purchase price for 3dfx.

The Bankruptcy Court, over objection of the Creditors' Committee and NVIDIA, ordered the discovery portion of the Trustee's litigation to proceed while the conditional settlement is pending approval through the confirmation process. The expert discovery is now completed, but the Bankruptcy Court thereafter ruled on a Trustee discovery motion allowing additional discovery of NVIDIA. Because that order would have required NVIDIA to disclose privileged attorney-client communications, NVIDIA has asked the District Court to review that order and to stay its execution while the District Court's review is pending. The District Court did issue the requested stay order on August 3, 2006. Oral argument on that matter was held on November 15, 2006 and the matter is now under submission to the District Court. No trial date has been set in the Trustee's action. In addition, following the Trustee's filing of a Form 8-K on behalf of 3dfx, in which the Trustee disclosed the terms of the proposed settlement agreement between NVIDIA and the Creditor's Committee, certain shareholders of 3dfx filed a petition with the Bankruptcy Court to appoint an official committee to represent the claimed interests of 3dfx shareholders. That petition was granted and an Equity Holders Committee was appointed. Since that appointment, the Equity Holders Committee has filed a competing plan of reorganization/liquidation. The Equity Holders plan assumes that 3dfx can raise additional equity capital that would be used to retire all of 3dfx's debts. Upon the payment of that debt, the Equity Holders Committee contends that NVIDIA would be obliged to pay the stock consideration provided for in the asset purchase agreement. By virtue of stock splits since the execution of the asset purchase agreement, the stock consideration would now total four million shares of our common stock. The Equity Holders' Committee filed a motion with the Bankruptcy Court for an order giving it standing to bring that lawsuit to enforce the Asset Purchase Agreement. Over our objection, the Bankruptcy Court granted that motion on May 1, 2006 and the Equity Holders' Committee filed its Complaint for Declaratory Relief against NVIDIA that same day. NVIDIA moved to dismiss the Complaint for Declaratory Relief, and the Bankruptcy court granted that motion with leave to amend. The Equity Committee thereafter amended its complaint, and NVIDIA has moved to dismiss that amended complaint as well. The hearing on that motion is scheduled for December 21, 2006. In addition, the Equity Holders Committee has filed a motion seeking Bankruptcy court approval of investor protections for Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd., an equity investment firm that has conditionally agreed to pay no more than \$51.5 million for preferred stock in 3dfx. The hearing on that motion is now scheduled for December 20, 2006. The Bankruptcy Court still has not set a schedule for presentation of either of the proposed plans of reorganization and liquidation to the creditors for a vote. The judge who has been handling this matter has now retired and the bankruptcy case, along with the Trustee's and Equity Holders' Committee lawsuits, has

been reassigned to a newly appointed Bankruptcy Judge.

*Opti Incorporated*

On October 19, 2004, Opti Incorporated, or Opti, filed a complaint for patent infringement against NVIDIA in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. In its complaint, Opti asserted that unspecified NVIDIA chipsets infringe five United States patents held by Opti. Opti sought unspecified damages for our alleged conduct, attorneys' fees and triple damages for alleged willful infringement by NVIDIA. We filed a response to this complaint in December 2004. A case management conference was held in July 2005 where a trial date was set for July 2006. A Court mandated mediation was held in January 2006 and did not resolve the matter. The discovery period formally ended on May 6, 2006. On April 24, 2006, the District Court issued a Markman ruling adopting Opti's proposed construction on 13 of the 15 terms at issue and Opti dropped from the lawsuit two of the five United States patents that Opti alleged NVIDIA infringes, and elected to pursue the three remaining patents at trial.

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In August 2006, Opti and NVIDIA settled this litigation. Under that settlement, NVIDIA was obligated to pay to Opti \$11.0 million dollars for past and present licenses to the patents in suit and NVIDIA agreed to make additional quarterly payments to Opti should NVIDIA use certain patented technology after January 31, 2007. The case has now been dismissed with prejudice. The agreements with Opti call for us to pay \$11.0 million in exchange for Opti's dismissal of its lawsuit against us and for certain patent license rights. The agreements also provide for us to pay additional quarterly royalty payments in future periods commencing in February 2007 under certain circumstances. As a result of the settlement, during the three months ended July 30, 2006, we accrued a liability of \$11.0 million in our consolidated balance sheet. Of this \$11.0 million, we recorded \$8.0 million as a patent-related intangible asset and \$3.0 million as a charge to cost of revenue.

*Lawsuits related to our historical stock option granting practices and SEC inquiry*

Since September 29, 2006, nine derivative cases have been filed in state and federal courts asserting claims concerning errors related to our historical stock option granting practices and associated accounting for stock-based compensation expense. These complaints have been filed in various courts, including the California Superior Court, Santa Clara County, the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, and the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County. All cases purport to be brought derivatively on behalf of NVIDIA against members of our Board and several of our current and former officers. The cases are not currently consolidated, although all allege in substantially similar fashion claims for, among other things, breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, insider selling, abuse of control, gross mismanagement, waste, constructive fraud, and violations of Sections 10(b) and 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act. The plaintiffs seek to recover for NVIDIA, among other things, damages in an unspecified amount, rescission, punitive damages, treble damages for insider selling, and fees and costs. Plaintiffs also seek an accounting, a constructive trust and other equitable relief. We intend to take all appropriate action in response to these complaints.

We voluntarily contacted the SEC regarding the Audit Committee's review and, as of the date of the filing of this Form 10-Q, the SEC is continuing the inquiry of our historical stock option grant practices it began in late August 2006. In October 2006, we met with the SEC and provided it with a review of the status of the Audit Committee's review and in November 2006 we voluntarily provided the SEC with further documents. We plan to continue to cooperate with the SEC in its inquiry.

*Grand Jury Investigation*

On November 29, 2006, we received a subpoena from the San Francisco Office of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, or DOJ, in connection with the DOJ's investigation into potential antitrust violations related to graphics processing units and cards. No specific allegations have been made against us. We plan to cooperate with the DOJ in its investigation. On December 7, 2006, NVIDIA was served with four complaints seeking class action status which were filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Each of these complaints makes claims against NVIDIA for, among other things, alleged violation of both federal and state antitrust laws, violation of state consumer protection laws, unfair competition and unjust enrichment. We believe the allegations are without merit and intend to vigorously defend the cases.

**Note 15 - Stock Repurchase Program**

On August 9, 2004, we announced that our Board, or the Board, had authorized a stock repurchase program to repurchase shares of our common stock, subject to certain specifications, up to an aggregate maximum amount of



\$300.0 million. On March 6, 2006, we announced that the Board had approved a \$400.0 million increase to the original stock repurchase program we had announced in August 2004. As a result of this increase, the amount of common stock the Board has authorized to be repurchased has now been increased to a total of \$700.0 million. As part of our stock repurchase program, we have entered into and we may continue to enter into structured share repurchase transactions with financial institutions. These agreements generally require that we make an up-front payment in exchange for the right to receive a fixed number of shares of our common stock upon execution of the agreement, and a potential incremental number of shares of our common stock, within a pre-determined range, at the end of the term of the agreement. During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we did not repurchase any of our common stock. Through the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we have repurchased an aggregate of 24.5 million shares under our under a structured share repurchase program, which we recorded on the trade date of the transaction for a total cost of \$388.2 million.

#### **Note 16 - Stockholders' Equity and Stock Split**

In March 2006, our Board approved a two-for-one stock split of our outstanding shares of common stock to be effected in the form of a 100% stock dividend. The stock split was effective on Thursday, April 6, 2006 for stockholders of record at the close of business on Friday, March 17, 2006. Each stockholder of record received one additional share for every outstanding share of common stock held. The transfer agent distributed the shares resulting from the split on April 6, 2006. All share and per-share numbers contained herein, for all periods presented, reflect this stock split.

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**Note 17 - Subsequent Events**

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*Agreement and Plan of Merger with PortalPlayer, Inc.*

On November 6, 2006, we entered into a definitive Agreement and Plan of Merger, or the Merger Agreement, with PortalPlayer, Inc., or PortalPlayer. PortalPlayer is a leading supplier of semiconductors, firmware, and software for personal media players or PMPs and secondary display-enabled computers.

Under terms of the Merger Agreement, we will pay \$13.50 in cash for each outstanding share of PortalPlayer common stock, which represents a total purchase price of approximately \$357 million plus direct acquisition costs incurred. This acquisition has been approved by our Board and the board of directors of PortalPlayer and is subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. The consummation of the acquisition is subject to certain customary closing conditions, including antitrust approvals and adoption of the Merger Agreement by the stockholders of PortalPlayer. The acquisition is expected to close during our fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 and may not be completed if any of the closing conditions are not satisfied or waived.

*Listing on The NASDAQ Stock Market*

On September 11, 2006, NVIDIA filed a Form 12b-25 with the SEC to report that we would not timely file our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 30, 2006. On September 12, 2006 NVIDIA announced that we would request a hearing before the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel, or the Panel, in response to the receipt of a NASDAQ Staff Determination letter on September 11, 2006 indicating that NVIDIA was not in compliance with the filing requirements for continued listing as set forth in Marketplace Rule 4310(c)(14). As anticipated, the letter was issued in accordance with NASDAQ procedures due to the delayed filing of our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 30, 2006. Pending a decision by the Panel, NVIDIA shares will remain listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. On October 19, 2006, we appeared for an oral hearing before the Panel. The Panel confirmed that our appeal had stayed the delisting action pending a final written decision by the Panel. On November 30, 2006, the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel formally notified us that we had regained compliance with the continued listing standards of The NASDAQ Stock Market.



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

The following discussion contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which are subject to the “safe harbor” created by those sections. When used in this report, the words “expects,” “believes,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” “plans,” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements relate to future periods and include, but are not limited to, statements as to the features, benefits, capabilities, performance, production and availability of our technologies and products, seasonality, possible acquisitions and the results of acquisitions, product cycles, our gross margin, product mix, our inventories, average selling prices, our strategies as to our primary businesses, growth of and factors contributing to the growth of our primary businesses, our competitors' focuses, expensing of stock options, the impact of stock-based compensation expense, use of the binomial model, our critical accounting policies, mix and sources of revenue, anticipated revenue, our relationship with SCE, our expectations regarding increases in and reasons for our expenditures, capital expenditures, our cash flow and cash balances, our liquidity, uses of cash, investments and marketable securities, our stock repurchase program, our results of operations, our competition and our competitive position, our intellectual property, the importance of our strategic relationships, customer demand, reliance on a limited number of customers, our internal control over financial reporting, our disclosure controls and procedures, our taxes, our international operations, our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel, our foreign currency risk strategy, compliance with environmental laws and regulations, charges we may take, the filings we amended in connection with our restatements, the periods we restated, our continued listing on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, litigation or regulatory action arising from the Audit Committee's review and our restatements, results of ongoing litigation, the DOJ subpoena, the SEC inquiry, Section 409A of the IRC and possible remedial measures, and the adoption of best practices in connection with the Audit Committee's review. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the risks discussed below as well as unanticipated decreases in average selling prices of a particular product, difficulties associated with conducting international operations, increased sales of lower margin products, difficulty in collecting accounts receivable, our inability to decrease inventory purchase commitments, our inability to compete in new markets, the write-down of the value of inventory, entry of new competitors in our established markets, reduction in demand for or market acceptance of our products or our customers' products, defects in our products, the impact of competitive pricing pressure, new product announcements or introductions by our competitors, disruptions in our relationships with our key suppliers, fluctuations in general economic conditions, failure to achieve design wins, the seasonality of the PC and in the markets of our other primary businesses, international and political conditions, the concentration of sales of our products to a limited number of customers, decreases in demand for our products, delays in the development of new products by us or our partners, delays in volume production of our products, developments in and expenses related to litigation, our inability to realize the benefits of acquisitions we have made, the outcome of litigation or regulatory actions and the matters set forth under Item 1A. - Risk Factors. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof. Except as required by law, we expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in our expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

In this report, all references to “NVIDIA,” “we,” “us,” or “our,” mean NVIDIA Corporation and our subsidiaries.

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**Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements, Audit Committee and Company Findings**

In May 2006, following media reports of stock option accounting investigations at other companies, the management of NVIDIA decided to conduct a review of stock option grants made by NVIDIA. Management advised our Board of the review at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board on May 25, 2006. The Board directed management to report its findings to the Audit Committee. Management presented its findings to the Audit Committee in late June 2006. Following that presentation, the Audit Committee determined that it should perform its own independent review of stock option grants made by NVIDIA. The Audit Committee, with the assistance of outside legal counsel, began its review on approximately June 29, 2006.

The Audit Committee's review was completed on November 13, 2006, when the Audit Committee reported its findings to the full Board. The review covered option grants to all employees, directors and consultants for all grant dates during the period from our initial public offering in January 1999 through June 2006. As part of its review, the Audit Committee determined whether the correct measurement dates had been used under applicable accounting principles for these options. The measurement date means the date on which the option is deemed granted under applicable accounting principles, namely Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, or APB 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* and related interpretations, and is the first date on which all of the following are known: (1) the individual employee who is entitled to receive the option grant, (2) the number of options that an individual employee is entitled to receive, and (3) the option's exercise price.

Based on the findings of the Audit Committee and our internal review, we identified a number of occasions on which we used an incorrect measurement date for financial accounting and reporting purposes. These errors resulted primarily from our use during our fiscal year 2000, 2001 and 2002, of certain date selection methods discussed below which resulted in employees receiving options with stated exercise prices lower than the market prices as measured based upon the actual grant dates. We ceased using such practices beginning in our fiscal year 2003. The Audit Committee found that, beginning in our fiscal year 2003, we improved our stock option grant processes and have generally granted and priced our employee stock options in an objective and consistent manner since that time. However, for one Company-wide annual stock option grant we made in fiscal 2004, we did not finalize the number of options allocated to each employee as of the stated grant date in May 2003, which resulted in stock-based compensation charges due to the change in the measurement date to the date the grants were finalized. The Audit Committee's review did not identify any additional stock-based compensation charges from measurement date issues subsequent to that fiscal 2004 grant.

In accordance with APB 25, with respect to periods through January 29, 2006, we should have recorded stock-based compensation expense to the extent that the fair market value of our common stock on the correct measurement date exceeded the exercise price of each option granted. For periods commencing January 30, 2006 (the beginning of our fiscal year 2007), we record stock-based compensation expense in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R) (revised), or SFAS No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payment*. Changes in measurement dates have also contributed to incremental fair value of options under SFAS No. 123. As of the end of our fiscal year 2006, the unamortized incremental fair value charges resulting from the Audit Committee's review were approximately \$13.0 million, of which approximately \$9.0 million are expected to be amortized in our fiscal year 2007.

As a result of the measurement date errors identified from the Audit Committee's review, through January 29, 2006, we recorded aggregate non-cash stock-based compensation charges of \$127.4 million, net of related tax effects. These charges were based primarily on APB 25 (intrinsic value-based) charges and associated payroll taxes of \$199.6 million on a pre-tax basis, which are being amortized over the vesting term of the stock options in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 28, or FIN 28, *Accounting for Stock Appreciation Rights and Other Variable Stock Option or Award Plans*. We have amortized a substantial portion of these charges to expense during our fiscal years 2000 to 2006. If an option is forfeited prior to vesting, we reverse both the charges amortized to expense in prior periods as well as any remaining unamortized deferred stock-based compensation associated with the forfeited options. Accordingly, our net stock-based compensation charges amortized to our statement of income are lower than the aggregate stock-based compensation charges based on APB 25 (intrinsic-value based). As of January 29, 2006, the remaining APB 25 (intrinsic value-based) unamortized deferred stock-based compensation related to the errors identified during the review was approximately \$3.0 million.

The types of errors we identified were as follows:

*Improper Measurement Dates for Company-Wide Annual or Retention Stock Option Grants.* We determined that, in connection with certain annual or retention stock option grants that we made to employees during our fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, the final number of shares that an individual employee was entitled to receive was not determined and/or the proper approval of the related stock option grant had not been given until after the stated grant date. Therefore, the measurement date for such options for accounting purposes was actually subsequent to the stated grant date, resulting in new measurement dates for the related options.

*Improper Measurement Dates for Stock Option Grants during Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002.* In connection with stock option grants that we made to newly-hired employees (and, to a much lesser degree, retention grants to existing employees) during fiscal years 2001 and 2002, our practice was to grant stock options with an exercise price based upon the lowest closing price of our common stock in the last few days of the month of hire or the last few days of any subsequent month in the quarter of hire. The selection of the grant date of the related option grants would be made at the end of the fiscal quarter and was based on achieving the lowest exercise price for the affected employees. As a result of these practices, the measurement date for such options for accounting purposes was actually subsequent to

the stated grant date, resulting in new measurement dates for the related options.

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*Improper Measurement Dates for Stock Option Grants during Fiscal Year 2000.* In connection with certain stock option grants to newly-hired employees (and, to a much lesser degree, retention grants to existing employees) during a portion of fiscal year 2000, our practice was to delay the selection of the related grant dates until the end of a two-month period in the fiscal quarter during which the employees who received the grants began their employment with NVIDIA. As a result of this practice, the exercise price of the related option grants was not determined until subsequent to the stated grant date. We also determined that, during fiscal year 2000, we generally set the grant date and exercise price of employee option grants for new hires and promotions at the lowest price of the last few business days of the month of their hire or promotion (or of the following month in certain two-month periods that were chosen for an indeterminate reason). As a result of these practices, the measurement date for such options for accounting purposes was actually subsequent to the stated grant date, resulting in new measurement dates for the related options. In addition, we also determined that the exercise price or the number of options to be granted had not been determined, or the proper approval had not been given, for various other miscellaneous option grants during fiscal year 2000 until after the stated grant date - resulting in new measurement dates for accounting purposes for the related options.

*Other Issues Identified.* We also identified instances where stock option grants did not comply with applicable terms and conditions of the stock plans from which the grants were issued. For example, two grants were made to officers of NVIDIA by the chief executive officer under delegated authority; however, under the terms of the applicable plan, the option grant should have been made by our Board or the Compensation Committee. There were also instances where (1) option grants were made to a small group of employees who joined NVIDIA pursuant to a business combination, and to a few other employees in certain instances, with stated exercise prices below the fair market value of our common stock on the actual measurement date of the related grants; and (2) option grants were made to a few individuals who were contractors rather than employees, without recording the appropriate accounting charges. The accounting impact of these items was cumulatively less than \$6.0 million. In addition, the Audit Committee did not find any evidence that these violations were committed for improper purposes.

The Audit Committee carefully considered the involvement of current members of management in the option grant process and concluded that the evidence did not give rise to any concern about the integrity of any current officer or director of NVIDIA. The Audit Committee also found that the accounting errors and improper practices brought to light during their review were not motivated by any intent to mislead investors, improve NVIDIA's reported financial results, or obtain any personal benefit. Based on its findings, the Audit Committee was unable to reach any conclusion regarding the integrity of former officers and employees.

As a result of the errors we identified, we have restated our historical financial statements from our fiscal year 2000 through our fiscal year 2006 to record \$127.4 million of charges related to stock-based compensation and associated payroll tax expense, net of related income tax effects. These errors resulted in after-tax charges of \$1.4 million, \$11.7 million and \$25.8 million for our fiscal years 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Additionally, the cumulative effect of the related after-tax charges for periods prior to our fiscal year ended January 25, 2004 was \$88.4 million. These additional stock-based compensation expense charges were non-cash and had no impact on our reported revenue, cash, cash equivalents or marketable securities for each of the restated periods.

As part of the restatement, for the three and nine month period ended October 30, 2005, we recorded incremental stock-based compensation charges of \$1.4 million and \$5.9 million, a net (benefit)/charge for payroll taxes resulting from the expiration of statute of limitations of \$0.6 million and \$(4.2) million, and associated income tax (benefit)/charges of \$(1.2) million and \$(1.0) million, respectively.

For all periods through the end of our fiscal year 2006, we have recorded aggregate non-cash stock-based compensation charges of \$190.2 million, associated payroll tax charges of \$9.4 million and a related income tax benefit of \$72.2 million.



As part of this restatement, we also accrued liabilities and recorded charges to operating costs and expenses for certain payroll tax contingencies related to the incremental stock-based compensation expense in the amount of \$18.8 million for all annual periods from our fiscal year 2000 through our fiscal year 2006. We recorded such charges in the amount of \$3.1 million, \$1.3 million, and \$1.6 million for our fiscal years 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Upon expiration of the related statute of limitations, we also recorded benefits from the reversal of previously-recorded payroll tax liabilities of \$6.6 million and \$2.8 million in our fiscal years 2006 and 2005, respectively. As a result, the net benefit to our statements of income was \$3.5 million and \$1.5 million for our fiscal years 2006 and 2005, respectively. The cumulative payroll tax expense for periods prior to our fiscal year 2004 was \$12.8 million. For those stock option grants that we determined to have incorrect measurement dates for accounting purposes and that we had originally issued as incentive stock options, or ISOs, we recorded a liability for payroll tax contingencies in the event such grants would not be respected as ISOs under the principles of the IRC and the regulations thereunder. These liabilities were recorded with a charge to operating costs and expenses.

We also considered the application of Section 409A of the IRC to certain stock option grants where, under APB 25, intrinsic value existed at the time of grant. In the event such stock options grants are not respected as issued at fair market value at the original grant date under principles of the IRC and the regulations thereunder and are subject to Section 409A, potential remedial actions may be available. We do not expect to incur a material charge as a result of any such potential remedial actions.

As a result of the findings of the Audit Committee, we concluded that we needed to amend our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2006 to restate our consolidated financial statements for the years ended January 29, 2006, January 30, 2005, and January 25, 2004 and the related disclosures, and our Form 10-Q for the three months ended April 30, 2006.

## Overview

### *Our Company*

NVIDIA Corporation is the worldwide leader in programmable graphics processor technologies. Our products are designed to enhance the end-user experience on consumer and professional computing devices. We have four major product-line operating segments: the graphics processing unit, or GPU, Business; the media and communications processor, or MCP, Business; the Handheld GPU Business, and the Consumer Electronics Business. Our GPU Business is composed of products that support desktop personal computers, or PCs, notebook PCs and professional workstations; our MCP Business is composed of NVIDIA nForce products that operate as a single-chip or chipset that can off-load system functions, such as audio processing and network communications, and perform these operations independently from the host central processing unit, or CPU; our Handheld GPU Business is composed of products that support handheld personal digital assistants, cellular phones and other handheld devices; and our Consumer Electronics Business is concentrated in products that support video game consoles and other digital consumer electronics devices and is composed of our contractual arrangements with Sony Computer Entertainment, or SCE, to jointly develop a custom GPU for SCE's PlayStation3, sales of our Xbox-related products, revenue from our license agreement with Microsoft Corporation, or Microsoft, relating to the successor product to their initial Xbox gaming console, the Xbox360, and related devices. We were incorporated in California in April 1993 and reincorporated in Delaware in April 1998. Our headquarter facilities are in Santa Clara, California. Our Internet address is [www.nvidia.com](http://www.nvidia.com).

Original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs, original design manufacturers, or ODMs, add-in-card manufacturers, system builders and consumer electronics companies worldwide utilize NVIDIA processors as a core component of their entertainment and business solutions. Our GPUs deliver superior performance and crisp visual quality for PC-based applications such as manufacturing, science, e-business, entertainment and education. Our MCPs perform highly demanding multimedia processing for secure broadband connectivity, communications and storage. Our handheld GPUs deliver an advanced visual experience by accelerating graphics and video applications while implementing design techniques that are designed to result in high performance and low power consumption.

### *Seasonality*

Our industry is largely focused on the consumer products market. Due to the seasonality in this market, we typically expect to see stronger revenue performance in the second half of the calendar year related to the back-to-school and holiday seasons.

## Recent Developments, Future Objectives and Challenges

### *GPU Business*

The combination of our GeForce 6, GeForce 7 and GeForce 8 series of GPUs and our Scalable Link Interface, or SLI, technology has created a new class of gaming PCs and professional workstations. SLI technology takes advantage of the increased bandwidth of the peripheral component interconnect, or PCI, Express bus architecture to allow up to four NVIDIA-based graphics cards to operate in a single PC or up to two NVIDIA-based graphics cards to operate in a notebook PC or professional workstation.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2007, we shipped eight new GeForce 7 series GPUs for desktop and notebook PCs, expanding the offering of products in the GeForce 7 GPU family. In March 2006, we shipped our first Quad SLI system for desktop PCs, enabling the use of four GPUs per system. We also shipped the GeForce Go 7800 GTX notebook GPU featuring SLI technology for notebook PCs.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2007, our NVIDIA GeForce Go notebook GPU product line achieved record revenue for the second consecutive quarter. In addition, our NVIDIA Quadro professional product line increased its revenue 27% from the second quarter of fiscal 2006. We transitioned from our highly popular NVIDIA GeForce 6600 to the NVIDIA GeForce 7600, which delivers almost a 100% performance increase at the same price point.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we continued to experience growth in sales of our GeForce 7 series products, with most of the growth coming in the mainstream and performance segments. Our NVIDIA GeForce Go notebook GPU product line achieved record revenue for the third consecutive quarter, primarily through increased sales in the notebook standalone GPU segment.

In June 2006, we shipped the GeForce 7950 GX2, which provides 2500x1600 resolution. This is the resolution of cinematic film, thirteen times the resolution of television, and brings the 16:9 panoramic experience of cinema to gaming. We also announced PureVideo HD technology - a combination of hardware acceleration from an NVIDIA GPU, high definition movie player integration and HDCP feature support, to enable manufacturers and consumers to build PCs that can play HD DVD or Blu-ray movies.

In August 2006, we introduced the NVIDIA Quadro Plex 1000, the world's first dedicated Visual Computing System. The NVIDIA Quadro Plex 1000 offers advanced scalability in a desktop or dense 3U rackmount configuration for demanding professional applications such as those powering multiple streams of 4K high-definition video, 3D styling and design, scientific and medical visualization, oil and gas exploration, or visual simulation and training.

In November 2006, we introduced our GeForce 8 series GPUs, which is based on an unified shader architecture. We believe that our GeForce 8 series GPUs represents an ambitious undertaking in our history. Instead of separate vertex and pixel shading processors, the GeForce 8800 has 128 stream processors, operating at 1.35GHz, that can process either vertex or pixel shader programs. GeForce 8800 is also the world's first DX10 GPU. DX10 is a major new Application Programming Interface, or API, for Windows Vista, and includes many new important features. We also announced Compute Unified Device Architecture, or CUDA, a new mode of operation on GPUs where the massive computational power of the GPU can be utilized for computation-intensive applications.

We expect additional growth in our GPU Business during the remainder of fiscal 2007. We believe that sales of our desktop and notebook GPU products will be increased by share gains from our anticipated position in the market, the release of Microsoft's next generation operating system, Microsoft Windows Vista, or Vista, the introduction of high-definition, or HD, and Blu-ray video. The GeForce 6, GeForce 7 and GeForce 8 series of desktop and notebook GPUs are designed to be compatible with Vista. We believe that in the upcoming year there will be increased demand for HD and Blu-ray video, and that SCE's PlayStation3 will be a key driver of demand for HD. We expect HD and Blu-ray video to promote increased demand for the video processing capabilities of our next generation GPUs.

#### *MCP Business*

In February 2006, we completed our acquisition of ULi Electronics, Inc., or ULi, a core logic developer for the PC industry. This acquisition represents our ongoing investment in our platform solution strategy and is expected to strengthen our sales, marketing, and customer engineering presence in Taiwan and China.

In March 2006, we shipped our first integrated graphics processor, or IGP, core-logic solution for Advanced Micro Devices, or AMD,-based notebook PCs - the GeForce Go 6100 GPU and NVIDIA nForce Go 430 MCP. This core logic solution is the industry's first high-definition IGP to provide hardware accelerated H.264 high-definition video playback.

In May 2006, we shipped our new NVIDIA nForce 590 SLI, a high-performance motherboard solution for the latest and upcoming x86 PC platforms, including those based on socket AM2 processors by AMD. The NVIDIA nForce 590 SLI can utilize the power of up to one, two, or even four NVIDIA GeForce GPUs for extreme HD gaming.

In June 2006, we introduced the NVIDIA nForce 590 SLI for Intel Core2 Duo and Core 2 Extreme CPUs.

In November 2006, we introduced our new NVIDIA nForce 680i SLI MCPs, which deliver top performance for Intel Corporation, or Intel, CPUs and are designed specifically for enthusiasts with features such as SLI, Dual Net Gigabit Ethernet, and MediaShield RAID. The introduction of our NVIDIA nForce 680i SLI MCPs extends our nForce products for Intel CPUs with a performance platform for Intel's Core2 Duo and new Core 2 Quad CPUs.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2006, our nForce MCP product line achieved record revenue for its ninth consecutive quarter. The nForce MCP business doubled in revenue from the third quarter of fiscal 2006 and grew 35% sequentially from the second quarter of fiscal 2007. Our MCP growth was driven in part by increased adoption of our nForce notebook solutions by large PC manufacturers. We believe that the transition by AMD to K8, our extension into new segments, and our entry into the Intel market will result in continued growth in the MCP Business. Furthermore, we believe that our ability to simultaneously innovate using our GPU, MCP, and software knowledge base will allow us to make additional platform innovations in the future.

*Handheld GPU Business*

In March 2006, NVIDIA and Intel, announced a collaboration to bring a high-performance 3D gaming and multimedia platform to handheld devices. The collaboration combines the NVIDIA GoForce family of handheld GPUs with Intel's newest processor family, which is based on the third-generation Intel XScale architecture, to deliver a powerful development platform to content developers.

Our GoForce handheld GPUs are now shipping in the Motorola 3G RAZR V3X, SLVR L6i, SLVR L7i, MOTORAZR Maxx, and Sony Ericsson Walkman phones. Our newest handheld GPU, the NVIDIA GoForce 5500 GPU, has been designed into Digital Video Broadcast - Handheld, or DVB-H, phones in North America, Europe, and Integrated Services Digital Broadcasting - Terrestrial, or ISDB-T, in Japan.

In addition, in March 2006 we acquired Hybrid Graphics Ltd., a developer of embedded 2D and 3D graphics software for handheld devices. We believe that this acquisition will enable the customers of both companies to deploy rich graphics solutions for the worldwide handheld market.

In June 2006, we launched our MobileMedia Platform for handheld devices running Windows Mobile 5.0. The MobileMedia Platform is a development kit, containing both software and hardware components, that enables handheld manufacturers to design and release digital media-rich devices with Windows Mobile 5.0.

Our strategy in the Handheld GPU Business is to lead innovation and capitalize on the emergence of the cellular phone as a versatile consumer lifestyle device and to build a new class of low power GPUs for multimedia rich devices like 3G cell phones, smart phones, and portable media players. The increasing availability of digital media content for 3G has increased demand for our handheld GPUs. We believe that the graphics and multimedia capability of our handheld GPUs has put us in the position to benefit from the increasing multimedia demands of smart phones. We believe that there will be an increase in demand for mobile video products that deliver compelling and tangible improvements to the overall end user experience of these new services, and we believe that we are well positioned to increase our share of the handheld segment.

#### *Gross Margin Improvement*

We continue to remain intensely focused on improving our gross margin. Beginning in fiscal 2005, we implemented profit improvement initiatives across our company, which were designed to improve business and operational processes. During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, our gross margin was 40.7%, which represents an increase of 160 basis points from our gross margin of 39.1% for the third quarter of fiscal 2006. In addition to the positive impact on our gross margin of our implementation of profit improvement measures, we realized a significant contribution from our GeForce 7 products, which have experienced higher average gross margins than previous generations of our products.

Our gross margin is significantly impacted by product mix, which is often difficult to estimate with accuracy and thus if we achieve significant revenue growth in our lower margin businesses, it may negatively impact our gross margin. We believe that we can continue to improve our gross margin during the remainder of fiscal 2007.

#### *Stock-Based Compensation*

Effective January 30, 2006, we adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), or SFAS No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payment*. SFAS No. 123(R) establishes accounting for stock-based awards exchanged for employee services. Accordingly, stock-based compensation cost is measured at grant date, based on the fair value of the awards, and is recognized as expense over the requisite employee service period. As such, our stock-based compensation expense, net of associated payroll taxes totaled \$31.7 and \$82.8 million during the third quarter and the first nine months of fiscal 2007, respectively.

#### *Subsequent Events*

*Listing on the NASDAQ Stock Market.* On September 11, 2006, NVIDIA filed a Form 12b-25 with the SEC to report that we would not timely file our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 30, 2006. On September 12, 2006 NVIDIA announced that we would request a hearing before the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel, or the Panel, in response to the receipt of a NASDAQ Staff Determination letter on September 11, 2006 indicating that NVIDIA was not in compliance with the filing requirements for continued listing as set forth in Marketplace Rule 4310(c)(14). As anticipated, the letter was issued in accordance with NASDAQ procedures due to the delayed filing of our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 30, 2006. Pending a decision by the Panel, NVIDIA common stock will remain listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. On October 19, 2006, we appeared for an oral hearing before the Panel and the Panel confirmed that our appeal had stayed the delisting action pending a final written decision by the

Panel. On November 30, 2006, the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel formally notified us that we had regained compliance with the continued listing standards of The NASDAQ Stock Market.

*Agreement and Plan of Merger with PortalPlayer Inc.* On November 6, 2006, we entered into a definitive Agreement and Plan of Merger, or the Merger Agreement, with PortalPlayer, Inc., or PortalPlayer. PortalPlayer is a leading supplier of semiconductors, firmware, and software for personal media players and secondary display-enabled computers.

Under terms of the Merger Agreement, we will pay \$13.50 in cash for each outstanding share of PortalPlayer common stock, which represents a total purchase price of approximately \$357 million, plus direct acquisition costs incurred. This acquisition has been approved by our Board and the board of directors of PortalPlayer and is subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. The consummation of the acquisition is subject to certain customary closing conditions, including antitrust approvals and adoption of the Merger Agreement by the stockholders of PortalPlayer. The acquisition is expected to close during our fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 and may not be completed if any of the closing conditions are not satisfied or waived.

*Grand Jury Investigation.* On November 29, 2006, we received a subpoena from the San Francisco Office of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, or DOJ, in connection with the DOJ's investigation into potential antitrust violations related to graphics processing units and cards. No specific allegations have been made against us. We plan to cooperate with the DOJ in its investigation. On December 7, 2006, NVIDIA was served with four complaints seeking class action status which were filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Each of these complaints makes claims against NVIDIA for, among other things, alleged violation of both federal and state antitrust laws, violation of state consumer protection laws, unfair competition and unjust enrichment. We believe the allegations are without merit and intend to vigorously defend the cases.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, cost of revenue, expenses and related disclosure of contingencies. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to revenue recognition, accounts receivable, inventories, stock-based compensation, income taxes, and goodwill. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities.

*Stock-Based Compensation.* Effective January 30, 2006, we adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R). We estimate the fair value of stock options using a binomial model, consistent with the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R) and SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107, *Share-Based Payment*. Option-pricing models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the price volatility of the underlying stock. During the first quarter of fiscal 2006, we determined that the use of implied volatility is expected to be more reflective of market conditions and, therefore, could reasonably be expected to be a better indicator of our expected volatility than historical volatility. Additionally, during the first quarter of fiscal 2006 we began segregating options into groups for employees with relatively homogeneous exercise behavior in order to calculate the best estimate of fair value using the binomial valuation model. As such, the expected term assumption used in calculating the estimated fair value of our stock-based compensation awards using the binomial model is based on detailed historical data about employees' exercise behavior, vesting schedules, and death and disability probabilities. In addition, we are required to estimate the expected forfeiture rate and only recognize expense for those shares expected to vest. We estimate the forfeiture rate based on historical experience of our stock-based awards that are granted, exercised and cancelled. We believe the resulting binomial calculation provides a more refined estimate of the fair value of our employee stock options. For our employee stock purchase plan, we decided to continue to use the Black-Scholes model to calculate the estimated fair value.

Other than related to our implementation of SFAS No. 123(R) during the nine months ended October 29, 2006, as described above, there were no other material changes in our critical accounting policies and estimates during the first nine months of fiscal 2007 from those disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, or Form 10-K/A, for the year ended January 29, 2006. Please see Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" in our Form 10-K/A for a discussion of our critical accounting policies and estimates.



## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain items in our condensed consolidated income statements expressed as a percentage of revenue.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 29, 2006	October 30, 2005 (As Restated)	October 29, 2006	October 30, 2005 (As Restated)
Revenue	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of revenue	59.3	60.9	58.2	62.4
Gross profit	40.7	39.1	41.8	37.6
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	17.2	15.3	17.9	15.1
Sales, general and administrative	9.2	9.5	9.5	8.7
Settlement costs	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.8
Total operating expenses	26.4	27.2	27.4	24.6
Operating income	14.3	11.9	14.4	13.0
Interest and other income, net	1.3	1.1	1.3	0.9
Income before income tax expense	15.6	13.0	15.7	13.9
Income tax expense	2.6	1.9	2.7	2.2
Income before change in accounting principle	13.0	11.1	13.0	11.7
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax	-	-	-	-
Net income	13.0%	11.1%	13.0%	11.7%

*Three and Nine Months Ended October 29, 2006 and October 30, 2005*

### Revenue

Our operating segments are organized to bring all of our major product groups in line with our strategy to position ourselves as the worldwide leader in programmable graphics processor technologies. We report financial information for four product-line operating segments to our Chief Executive Officer, who is considered to be our chief operating decision maker, as follows: the GPU Business, the MCP Business, the Handheld GPU Business, and the Consumer Electronics Business. Revenue in the “All Other” category is primarily derived from sales of memory devices. Please refer to Note -13 of our Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

Revenue was \$820.6 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 and \$583.4 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2006, which represented an increase of 40.6%. Revenue was \$2.19 billion for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 and \$1.74 billion for the first nine months of fiscal 2006, which represented an increase of 25.9%. A discussion of our revenue results for each of our operating segments is as follows:

*GPU Business.* GPU Business revenue increased by 23.9% to \$529.7 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 compared to \$427.6 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2006. GPU Business revenue increased 18.0% to \$1.44 billion for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 compared to \$1.22 billion for the first nine months of fiscal 2006. The increases were a result of increased sales of our desktop GPU products, led by our GeForce 7-based products that serve the high-end segment. In addition, sales of our NVIDIA notebook products also continued to improve due to an increased mix of GeForce 7-based products, shipping for notebook PC design wins based on Intel’s Santa Rosa

platform. Our NVIDIA professional workstation product sales increased over the same time in the third quarter of fiscal 2006 due to increase in unit shipments.

*MCP Business.* MCP Business revenue increased by 107.5% to \$187.4 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 compared to \$90.3 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2006. MCP Business revenue increased by 86.9% to \$444.9 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 compared to \$238.0 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2006. The overall increase in MCP business revenue is primarily due to sales of newer NVIDIA nForce4 products, NVIDIA nForce5 products, and integrated AMD-based desktop products, which began shipping after the second quarter of fiscal 2006. In addition, revenue also increased as a result of our acquisition of ULi in February 2006.

*Handheld GPU Business.* Handheld GPU Business revenue increased by \$2.7 million to \$25.9 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 compared to \$23.2 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2006. Handheld GPU Business revenue increased by \$50.9 million to \$84.0 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 compared to \$33.1 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2006. These increases were primarily the result of increased unit sales.

*Consumer Electronics Business.* Consumer Electronics Business revenue increased by 125.3% to \$22.3 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 compared to \$9.9 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2006. This increase was primarily related to revenue from contractual development arrangements that we recognize using the percentage of completion method. Consumer Electronics Business revenue decreased by 49.1% to \$76.2 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 compared to \$149.6 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2006. This decrease in our Consumer Electronics Business is a result of discontinued sales of our Xbox-related products to Microsoft, partially offset by revenue recognized from our contractual development arrangements. The second quarter of fiscal 2006 was the last quarter during which we recognized revenue from the sale of our Xbox-related products to Microsoft.

### **Concentration of Revenue**

Revenue from sales to customers outside of the United States and other Americas accounted for 86.6% and 90.0% of revenue for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 and 2006, respectively. Revenue from sales to customers outside of the United States and other Americas accounted for 84.9% and 82.9% of revenue for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 and 2006, respectively. Revenue by geographic region is allocated to individual countries based on the location to which the products are initially billed even if the foreign contract equipment manufacturers, or CEMs', add-in board and motherboard manufacturers' revenue is attributable to end customers in a different location. The increase in the percentage of revenue from sales to customers outside of the United States and other Americas for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 as compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2006 is primarily due to decreased sales of processors used in the Microsoft Xbox product, which were billed to Microsoft in the United States.

Sales to our largest customers accounted for approximately 13% and approximately 31% of our revenue for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 and 2006, respectively. Sales to our largest customers accounted for approximately 13% and approximately 27% of our revenue for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 and 2006, respectively.

### ***Gross Profit***

Gross profit consists of total revenue, net of allowances, less cost of revenue. Cost of revenue consists primarily of the cost of semiconductors purchased from subcontractors, including wafer fabrication, assembly, testing and packaging, manufacturing support costs, including labor, overhead and non-cash stock-based compensation associated with such purchases, final test yield fallout, inventory provisions and shipping costs. Cost of revenue also includes development costs for license and service arrangements and license royalties directly related to the products we sell. Gross margin is the percentage of gross profit to revenue. Our gross margin can vary in any period depending on a number of factors, including the mix of types of products sold, average selling prices, introduction of new products, sales discounts, unexpected pricing actions by our competitors, the cost of product components, and the yield of wafers produced by the foundries that manufacture our products. Our gross margin was 40.7% and 39.1% for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 and 2006, respectively.

*GPU Business.* The gross margin of our GPU Business increased during the third quarter of fiscal 2007 as compared to the third quarter of 2006, as well as during the first nine months of fiscal 2007 as compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2006 primarily due to the success of our GeForce 7 series GPUs, which have experienced higher gross margins than our previous generations of GPUs.

*MCP Business.* The gross margin of our MCP Business increased during the third quarter of fiscal 2007 as compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2006, as well as during the first nine months of fiscal 2007 as compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2006, primarily due to a shift in product mix associated with the increased volume of NVIDIA nForce5 products, which are generally higher margin products than earlier NVIDIA nForce product families.

*Handheld GPU Business.* The gross margin of our Handheld GPU Business increased during the third quarter of fiscal 2007 as compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2006, as well as during the first nine months of fiscal 2007 as compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2006.

*Consumer Electronics Business.* The gross margin of our Consumer Electronics Business increased during the third quarter of fiscal 2007 as compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2006, as well as during the first nine months of fiscal 2007 as compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2006 primarily due to development, software and license revenue from our contractual development arrangements that have higher margins compared to Xbox products shipped in fiscal 2006.

**Consolidated Gross Margin**

The improvement in our gross margin reflects our continuing focus on delivering cost effective product architectures, enhancing business processes and delivering profitable growth.

During the three months ended October 29, 2006 we entered into a confidential patent licensing arrangement. As part of this arrangement, we recorded a charge of \$16.0 million to the cost of revenue category in our statement of income related to past usage of certain patents subject to the arrangement. We do not expect future license payments under this arrangement to have a significant impact on our gross margin.

Our gross margin is significantly impacted by product mix, which is often difficult to estimate with accuracy and thus if we achieve significant revenue growth in our lower margin businesses, it may negatively impact our gross margin. We believe that we can continue to improve our gross margin during the remainder of fiscal 2007.

***Operating Expenses******Research and Development***

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	October 29, 2006	October 30, 2005 (As Restated)	\$ Change	% Change	October 29, 2006	October 30, 2005 (As Restated)	\$ Change	% Change
	(In millions)							
<b>Research and Development:</b>								
Salaries and benefits	\$ 70.5	\$ 51.7	\$ 18.8	36%	\$ 205.5	\$ 150.7	\$ 54.8	36%
Computer software and lab equipment	15.2	11.9	3.3	28%	41.5	34.3	7.2	21%
New product development	10.9	6.6	4.3	65%	25.7	21.9	3.8	17%
Facility expense	10.1	8.0	2.1	26%	27.0	24.1	2.9	12%
Depreciation and amortization	14.5	14.5	-	-%	44.6	43.1	1.5	3%
Stock-based compensation	18.7	0.9	17.8	1,978%	49.7	4.1	45.6	1,112%
License and development project costs	(3.9)	(7.5)	3.6	48%	(14.6)	(21.8)	7.2	33%
Other	4.7	2.7	2.0	74%	11.8	7.4	4.4	59%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 140.7</b>	<b>\$ 88.8</b>	<b>\$ 51.9</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>\$ 391.2</b>	<b>\$ 263.8</b>	<b>\$ 127.4</b>	<b>48%</b>
Research and development as a percentage of net revenue	17%	15%			18%	15%		

Research and development expenses were \$140.7 million and \$88.8 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively, an increase of \$51.9 million, or 58%. This increase was primarily due to an \$18.8 million increase in salaries and benefits related to 761 additional personnel, which includes employees from our acquisitions of ULI and Hybrid Graphics in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. In addition, during the third quarter of fiscal 2007, non-cash stock based compensation expense related to research and development employees increased by \$17.8 as a result of our adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. New product development costs increased by \$4.3 million primarily due to the increased number of tape-outs related to our latest GeForce and NVIDIA nForce product lines. License and development project costs increased by \$3.6 million primarily due to a decrease in development costs and other engineering costs that are classified as cost of revenue in our condensed consolidated income statement, or were capitalized on our condensed consolidated balance sheet and will be expensed on a percentage of completion basis under development contracts. Computer software and lab equipment increased by \$3.3 million due to increased allocation based on the growth in headcount as compared to other functional organizations, as well as the growth of international region costs in the allocation. Facility expense increased \$2.1 million primarily due to our ongoing international expansion.

Research and development expenses were \$391.2 million and \$263.8 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively, an increase of \$127.4 million, or 48%. This increase was primarily due to a \$54.8 million increase in salaries and benefits related to 761 additional personnel, which includes employees from our acquisitions of ULI and Hybrid Graphics in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. In addition, during the first nine months of fiscal 2007, non-cash stock-based compensation expense related to research and development employees increased by \$45.6 million of as a result of our adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. License and development project costs decreased by \$7.2 of million primarily due to a decrease in development costs and other engineering costs that are classified as cost of revenue in our condensed consolidated income statement or were capitalized on our condensed consolidated balance sheet and will be expensed on a percentage of completion basis under development contracts. Computer software and lab equipment increased by \$7.2 million due to increased allocation based on the growth in headcount as compared to other functional organizations, as well as the growth of international region costs in the allocation. New product development costs increased by \$3.8 million primarily due to the increased number of tape-outs related to our GeForce 8 product line. Facility expense increased \$2.9 million primarily due to our ongoing international expansion.

We anticipate that we will continue to devote substantial resources to research and development, and we expect these expenses to increase in absolute dollars in the foreseeable future due to the increased complexity and the greater number of products under development. Research and development expenses are likely to fluctuate from time to time to the extent we make periodic incremental investments in research and development and these investments may be independent of our current level of revenue.

*Sales, General and Administrative*

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	October 29, 2006	October 30, 2005 (As Restated)	\$ Change	% Change	October 29, 2006	October 30, 2005 (As Restated)	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Sales, General and Administrative:</b>								
Salaries and benefits	\$ 35.2	\$ 28.0	\$ 7.2	26%	\$ 100.4	\$ 82.2	\$ 18.2	22%
Advertising and promotions	7.8	6.4	1.4	22%	25.9	19.2	6.7	35%
Legal and accounting fees	8.9	5.9	3.0	51%	15.5	14.5	1.0	7%
Facility expense	3.4	3.1	0.3	10%	11.7	9.2	2.5	27%
Depreciation and amortization	8.1	8.1	-	-%	24.2	24.4	(0.2)	(1)%
Stock-based compensation	10.7	0.9	9.8	1,089%	27.8	(2.9)	30.7	1,059%
Other	1.5	3.0	(1.5)	(50)%	3.1	4.7	(1.6)	(34)%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 75.6</b>	<b>\$ 55.4</b>	<b>\$ 20.2</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>\$ 208.6</b>	<b>\$ 151.3</b>	<b>\$ 57.3</b>	<b>38%</b>
Sales, general and administrative as a percentage of net revenue	9%	10%			10%	9%		

Sales, general and administrative expenses were \$75.6 million and \$55.4 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively, an increase of \$20.2 million, or 36%. During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, non-cash stock-based compensation expense related to sales, general and administrative employees increased by \$9.8 million of as a result of our adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. Salaries and benefits increased \$7.2 million primarily as a result of having 158 additional personnel within sales, general and administrative functions. Legal and accounting fees increased by \$3.0 million primarily due to professional fees associated with the stock option investigation and management fees associated with a patent license contract. Advertising and promotions increased \$1.4 million primarily related to an increase in certain advertising programs. These increases were offset by a \$1.5 million decrease in other expense primarily due to an employment settlement and a decrease in charitable contributions.

Sales, general and administrative expenses were \$208.6 million and \$151.3 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively, an increase of \$57.3 million, or 38%. Salaries and benefits increased \$18.2 million as a result of having 158 additional personnel. During the first nine months of fiscal 2007, non-cash stock-based compensation expense related to sales, general and administrative employees increased by \$30.7 million of as a result of our adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. Advertising and promotions increased \$6.7 million primarily related to an increase in marketing development fund programs and certain advertising programs. Facility expense increased \$2.5 million primarily due to our ongoing international expansion. Legal and accounting fees increased by \$1.0 million primarily due to the fees associated with the stock option investigation. These increases were offset by a \$1.6 million decrease in other expense primarily due to an employment settlement and a decrease in charitable contributions.

We expect sales, general and administrative expenses to continue to increase in absolute dollars as we continue to support our operations and global business expansion efforts, expand our sales, launch our new products, and protect our business interests.

### *Stock-Based Compensation*

Stock-based compensation expense totaled \$31.7 million during the third quarter of fiscal 2007 as compared to \$2.0 million during the third quarter of fiscal 2006. Stock-based compensation expense totaled \$82.8 million during the first nine months of fiscal 2007 as compared to \$1.8 million during the first nine months of fiscal 2006. Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), we applied Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, or APB No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related interpretations to account for our stock-based employee compensation plans. As such, compensation expense was recorded if on the date of grant the current fair value per share of the underlying stock exceeded the exercise price per share. Please see Item 2, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements, Audit Committee and Company Findings” for further discussion of our stock-based compensation recorded under APB No. 25. We elected to adopt the modified prospective application method beginning January 30, 2006 as provided by SFAS No. 123 (R). Accordingly, during the three and nine months ended October 29, 2006, we recorded stock-based compensation expense equal to the amount that would have been recognized had the fair value method required for pro forma disclosure under SFAS No. 123 had been in effect for expense recognition purposes, adjusted for estimated forfeitures. We recognized stock-based compensation expense using the straight-line attribution method. As of October 29, 2006, the unearned stock-based compensation balance was \$175.5 million and will be recognized over an estimated weighted average amortization period of 2.1 years. We anticipate that our stock-based compensation expense will increase during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007. Stock-based compensation charges are included in the “all other” category for segment reporting purposes.

### *Interest Income*

Interest income consists of interest earned on cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities. Interest income was \$10.7 million and \$5.4 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively, an increase of \$5.3 million. Interest income was \$28.3 million and \$14.1 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively, an increase of \$14.2 million. These increases were primarily the result of higher average balances of cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities and higher yields during the first nine months of fiscal 2007 when compared to the first nine months of fiscal 2006.

### *Income Taxes*

We recognized income tax expense of \$21.8 million and \$11.3 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively. Income tax expense as a percentage of income before taxes, or our annual effective tax rate, was 17% for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 and 14.9% for the third quarter of fiscal 2006. During the third quarter of fiscal 2006, our effective tax rate increased to 17% for the year due primarily due to changes in our geographical mix of income subject to tax. We recognized income tax expense of \$58.3 million and \$37.9 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively. Our annual effective tax rate was 17% for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 and 15.7% for the first nine months of fiscal 2006. Our effective tax rate is lower than the United States Federal Statutory rate of 35% due primarily to income earned in lower tax jurisdictions.



**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

	<b>As of October 29, 2006</b>	<b>As of January 29, 2006</b>
	<b>(In millions)</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 741.7	\$ 551.8
Marketable securities	431.8	398.4
Cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities	\$ 1,173.5	\$ 950.2

As of October 29, 2006, we had \$1.17 billion in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, an increase of \$223.3 million from \$950.2 million at the end of fiscal 2006. Our portfolio of cash equivalents and marketable securities is managed by several financial institutions. Our investment policy requires the purchase of top-tier investment grade securities, the diversification of asset type and certain limits on our portfolio duration.

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>October 29, 2006</b>	<b>October 30, 2005</b>
	<b>(In millions)</b>	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 356.7	\$ 221.0
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (168.9)	\$ (31.1)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) financing activities	\$ 2.2	\$ (34.1)

We generated cash from operating activities for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 primarily from our net income of \$285.3 million and the increase in accounts payable. Offsetting cash increases was an increase in inventory related to many of our newer GeForce 7 products and GeForce 8 product lines in anticipation of future sales of such products. In addition, we incurred total non-cash operating expenses of \$182.7 million, which includes \$73.3 million of depreciation and amortization, \$83.2 million of stock-based compensation and \$25.6 million of deferred taxes.

Cash used in investing activities has consisted primarily of investments in marketable securities and purchases of property and equipment, which include leasehold improvements for our facilities, and the purchase of intangible assets and businesses. Net cash used by investing activities during the first nine months of fiscal 2007 was primarily due to \$69.6 million for capital expenditures, including purchases of new research and development equipment, hardware equipment, technology licenses, software and intangible assets, \$67.0 million of cash used for business acquisitions and \$32.3 million of net purchases of marketable securities. We expect to spend approximately \$20 million to \$40 million for capital expenditures during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, primarily for purchases of software licenses, emulation equipment, computers and engineering workstations. In addition, we may use cash in connection with the acquisition of new businesses or assets. In November 2006, we entered into a merger agreement to acquire PortalPlayer, Inc. The merger is expected to close in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007. Under terms of the merger agreement, we will pay \$13.50 in cash for each outstanding share of PortalPlayer common stock, which represents a total purchase price of approximately \$357 million, plus direct acquisition costs incurred. As of September 30, 2006, PortalPlayer had approximately \$200 million of cash, cash and equivalents and short-term investments. Any such balances remaining at the close of the merger will belong to NVIDIA.

Financing activities provided cash of \$2.5 million during the first nine months of fiscal 2007, primarily as a result of \$154.6 million of common stock issued under employee stock plans, offset by \$174.9 million of cash used in our stock repurchase program.

***Stock Repurchase Program***

On August 9, 2004, we announced that our Board, or the Board, had authorized a stock repurchase program to repurchase shares of our common stock, subject to certain specifications, up to an aggregate maximum amount of

\$300.0 million. On March 6, 2006, we announced that the Board had approved a \$400.0 million increase to the original stock repurchase program we had announced in August 2004. As a result of this increase, the amount of common stock the Board has authorized to be repurchased has now been increased to a total of \$700.0 million. As part of our stock repurchase program, we have entered into and we may continue to enter into structured share repurchase transactions with financial institutions. These agreements generally require that we make an up-front payment in exchange for the right to receive a fixed number of shares of our common stock upon execution of the agreement, and a potential incremental number of shares of our common stock, within a pre-determined range, at the end of the term of the agreement. During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we made no repurchases of our common stock. Through the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we have repurchased an aggregate of 24.5 million shares under our under a structured share repurchase program, which we recorded on the trade date of the transaction for a total cost of \$388.2 million.

#### *Operating Capital and Capital Expenditure Requirements*

We believe that our existing cash balances and anticipated cash flows from operations will be sufficient to meet our operating, acquisition and capital requirements for at least the next 12 months. However, there is no assurance that we will not need to raise additional equity or debt financing within this time frame. Additional financing may not be available on favorable terms or at all and may be dilutive to our then-current stockholders. We also may require additional capital for other purposes not presently contemplated. If we are unable to obtain sufficient capital, we could be required to curtail capital equipment purchases or research and development expenditures, which could harm our business. Factors that could affect our cash used or generated from operations and, as a result, our need to seek additional borrowings or capital include:

- decreased demand and market acceptance for our products and/or our customers' products;
- inability to successfully develop and produce in volume production our next-generation products;
  - competitive pressures resulting in lower than expected average selling prices; and
  - new product announcements or product introductions by our competitors.

For additional factors see "Business Risks - Our operating results are unpredictable and may fluctuate, and if our operating results are below the expectations of securities analysts or investors, the trading price of our stock could decline."

### *Contractual Obligations*

During the three months ended October 29, 2006 we entered into a confidential patent licensing arrangement. Our commitment for future license payments under this arrangement could range from \$97 million to \$110.0 million over a ten year period; however, the net outlay under this arrangement may be reduced by the occurrence of certain events covered by the arrangement. There were no other material changes in our contractual obligations from those disclosed in our Form 10-K/A. Please see Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources" in our Form 10-K/A for a description of our contractual obligations.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, issued Interpretation No. 48, or FIN 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*. FIN 48 applies to all tax positions related to income taxes subject to FASB Statement 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. Under FIN 48 a company would recognize the benefit from a tax position only if it is more-likely-than-not that the position would be sustained upon audit based solely on the technical merits of the tax position. FIN 48 clarifies how a company would measure the income tax benefits from the tax positions that are recognized, provides guidance as to the timing of the derecognition of previously recognized tax benefits, and describes the methods for classifying and disclosing the liabilities within the financial statements for any unrecognized tax benefits. FIN 48 also addresses when a company should record interest and penalties related to tax positions and how the interest and penalties may be classified within the financial statements. Any differences between tax liability amounts recognized in the statements of operations as a result of adoption of FIN 48 would be accounted for as a cumulative effect adjustment to the beginning balance of retained earnings. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The provisions of FIN 48 will be effective as of the first quarter of our fiscal 2008. We are currently evaluating the impact that FIN 48 might have on our financial statements.

In September 2006, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, or SAB No. 108, *Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements When Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements*, which provides interpretive guidance on how the effects of the carryover or reversal of prior year misstatements should be considered in quantifying a current year misstatement. We will be required to adopt the provisions of SAB No. 108 in our fiscal year 2008. We do not believe the adoption of SAB No. 108 will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, or SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*. SFAS No. 157 establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The changes to current practice resulting from the application of this Statement relate to the definition of fair value, the methods used to measure fair value, and the expanded disclosures about fair value measurements. We will be required to adopt the provisions of SFAS No. 157 beginning with our fiscal quarter ending April 29, 2007. We do not believe the adoption of SFAS No. 157 will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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

### **Interest Rate Risk**

We invest in a variety of financial instruments, consisting principally of investments in commercial paper, money market fund and highly liquid debt securities of corporations, municipalities and the United States government and its agencies. These investments are denominated in United States dollars. As of October 29, 2006, we had \$1.17 billion in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities.

We account for our investment instruments in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 115, or SFAS No. 115, *Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities*. All of the cash equivalents and marketable securities are treated as “available-for-sale” under SFAS No. 115. Investments in both fixed rate and floating rate interest earning instruments carry a degree of interest rate risk. Fixed rate securities may have their market value adversely impacted due to a rise in interest rates, while floating rate securities may produce less income than expected if interest rates fall. Due in part to these factors, our future investment income may fall short of expectations due to changes in interest rates or we may suffer losses in principal if we are forced to sell securities that decline in market value due to changes in interest rates. However, because we classify our debt securities as “available-for-sale”, no gains or losses are recognized due to changes in interest rates unless such securities are sold prior to maturity or declines in fair value are determined to be other than temporary. These securities are reported at fair value with the related unrealized gains and losses included in accumulated other comprehensive income, a component of stockholders’ equity, net of tax.

## **Exchange Rate Risk**

We consider our direct exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations to be minimal. Currently, sales and arrangements with third-party manufacturers provide for pricing and payment in United States dollars, and, therefore, are not subject to exchange rate fluctuations. Increases in the value of the United States dollar relative to other currencies would make our products more expensive to our customers and could result in decreased sales of our products, which could negatively impact our ability to compete and our financial results. Conversely, decreases in the value of the United States dollar relative to other currencies could result in our suppliers raising their prices in order to continue doing business with us. To date, we have not engaged in any currency hedging activities, although we may do so in the future. Fluctuations in currency exchange rates could harm our business in the future.

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

### **Audit Committee Review into Past Option Grants and Practices and Restatement**

In May 2006, following media reports of stock option accounting investigations at other companies, the management of NVIDIA decided to conduct a review of stock option grants made by NVIDIA. Management advised our Board of the review at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board on May 25, 2006. The Board directed management to report its findings to the Audit Committee. Management presented its findings to the Audit Committee in late June 2006. Following that presentation, the Audit Committee determined that it should perform its own independent review of stock option grants made by NVIDIA. The Audit Committee, with the assistance of outside legal counsel, began its review on approximately June 29, 2006.

The Audit Committee's review was completed on November 13, 2006 when the Audit Committee reported its findings to the full Board. The review covered option grants to all employees, directors and consultants for all grant dates during the period from our initial public offering in January 1999 through June 2006. As part of its review, the Audit Committee determined whether the correct measurement dates had been used under applicable accounting principles for these options. The measurement date means the date on which the option is deemed granted under applicable accounting principles, namely Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, or APB 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* and related interpretations, and is the first date on which all of the following are known: (1) the individual employee who is entitled to receive the option grant, (2) the number of options that an individual employee is entitled to receive, and (3) the option's exercise price.

Based on the findings of the Audit Committee and our internal review, we identified a number of occasions on which we used an incorrect measurement date for financial accounting and reporting purposes. These errors resulted primarily from our use during our fiscal year 2000, 2001 and 2002, of certain date selection methods discussed below which resulted in employees receiving options with stated exercise prices lower than the market prices as measured based upon the actual grant dates. We ceased using such practices beginning in our fiscal year 2003. The Audit Committee found that, beginning in our fiscal year 2003, we improved our stock option grant processes and have generally granted and priced our employee stock options in an objective and consistent manner since that time. However, for one Company-wide annual stock option grant we made in fiscal 2004, we did not finalize the number of options allocated to each employee as of the stated grant date in May 2003, which resulted in stock-based compensation charges due to the change in the measurement date to the date the grants were finalized. The Audit Committee's review did not identify any additional stock-based compensation charges from measurement date issues subsequent to that fiscal 2004 grant.

In accordance with APB 25, with respect to periods through January 29, 2006, we should have recorded stock-based compensation expense to the extent that the fair market value of our common stock on the correct measurement date exceeded the

exercise price of each option granted. For periods commencing January 30, 2006 (the beginning of our fiscal year 2007), we record stock-based compensation expense in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R) (revised), or SFAS No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payment*. Changes in measurement dates have also contributed to incremental fair value of options under SFAS No. 123. As of the end of our fiscal year 2006, the unamortized incremental fair value charges resulting from the Audit Committee's review were approximately \$13.0 million, of which approximately \$9.0 million are expected to be amortized in our fiscal year 2007.

As a result of the measurement date errors identified from the Audit Committee's review, through January 29, 2006, we recorded aggregate non-cash stock-based compensation charges of \$127.4 million, net of related tax effects. These charges were based primarily on APB 25 (intrinsic value-based) charges and associated payroll taxes of \$199.6 million on a pre-tax basis, which are being amortized over the vesting term of the stock options in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 28, or FIN 28, *Accounting for Stock Appreciation Rights and Other Variable Stock Option or Award Plans*. We have amortized a substantial portion of these charges to expense during our fiscal years 2000 to 2006. If an option is forfeited prior to vesting, we reverse both the charges amortized to expense in prior periods as well as any remaining unamortized deferred stock-based compensation associated with the forfeited options. Accordingly, our net stock-based compensation charges amortized to our statement of income are lower than the aggregate stock-based compensation charges based on APB 25 (intrinsic-value based). As of January 29, 2006, the remaining APB 25 (intrinsic value-based) unamortized deferred stock-based compensation related to the errors identified during the review was approximately \$3.0 million.

The types of errors we identified were as follows:

*Improper Measurement Dates for Company-Wide Annual or Retention Stock Option Grants.* We determined that, in connection with certain annual or retention stock option grants that we made to employees during our fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, the final number of shares that an individual employee was entitled to receive was not determined and/or the proper approval of the related stock option grant had not been given until after the stated grant date. Therefore, the measurement date for such options for accounting purposes was actually subsequent to the stated grant date, resulting in new measurement dates for the related options.

*Improper Measurement Dates for Stock Option Grants during Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002.* In connection with stock option grants that we made to newly-hired employees (and, to a much lesser degree, retention grants to existing employees) during fiscal years 2001 and 2002, our practice was to grant stock options with an exercise price based upon the lowest closing price of our common stock in the last few days of the month of hire or the last few days of any subsequent month in the quarter of hire. The selection of the grant date of the related option grants would be made at the end of the fiscal quarter and was based on achieving the lowest exercise price for the affected employees. As a result of these practices, the measurement date for such options for accounting purposes was actually subsequent to the stated grant date, resulting in new measurement dates for the related options.

*Improper Measurement Dates for Stock Option Grants during Fiscal Year 2000.* In connection with certain stock option grants to newly-hired employees (and, to a much lesser degree, retention grants to existing employees) during a portion of fiscal year 2000, our practice was to delay the selection of the related grant dates until the end of a two-month period in the fiscal quarter during which the employees who received the grants began their employment with NVIDIA. As a result of this practice, the exercise price of the related option grants was not determined until subsequent to the stated grant date. We also determined that, during fiscal year 2000, we generally set the grant date and exercise price of employee option grants for new hires and promotions at the lowest price of the last few business days of the month of their hire or promotion (or of the following month in certain two-month periods that were chosen for an indeterminate reason). As a result of these practices, the measurement date for such options for accounting purposes was actually subsequent to the stated grant date, resulting in new measurement dates for the related options. In addition, we also determined that the exercise price or the number of options to be granted had not been determined, or the proper approval had not been given, for various other miscellaneous option grants during fiscal year 2000 until after the stated grant date - resulting in new measurement dates for accounting purposes for the related options.

*Other Issues Identified.* We also identified instances where stock option grants did not comply with applicable terms and conditions of the stock plans from which the grants were issued. For example, two grants were made to officers of NVIDIA by the chief executive officer under delegated authority; however, under the terms of the applicable plan, the option grant should have been made by our Board or the Compensation Committee. There were also instances where (1) option grants were made to a small group of employees who joined NVIDIA pursuant to a business combination, and to a few other employees in certain instances, with stated exercise prices below the fair market value of our common stock on the actual measurement date of the related grants; and (2) option grants were made to a few individuals who were contractors rather than employees, without recording the appropriate accounting charges. The accounting impact of these items was cumulatively less than \$6.0 million. In addition, the Audit Committee did not find any evidence that these violations were committed for improper purposes.

The Audit Committee carefully considered the involvement of current members of management in the option grant process and concluded that the evidence did not give rise to any concern about the integrity of any current officer or director of NVIDIA. The Audit Committee also found that the accounting errors and improper practices brought to light during their review were not motivated by any intent to mislead investors, improve NVIDIA's reported financial results, or obtain any personal benefit. Based on its findings, the Audit Committee was unable to reach any conclusion regarding the integrity of former officers and employees.

As a result of the errors we identified, we have restated our historical financial statements from our fiscal year 2000 through our fiscal year 2006 to record \$127.4 million of charges related to stock-based compensation and associated payroll tax expense, net of related income tax effects. These errors resulted in after-tax charges of \$1.4 million, \$11.7 million and \$25.8 million for our fiscal years 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Additionally, the cumulative effect of the related after-tax charges for periods prior to our fiscal year ended January 25, 2004 was \$88.4 million. These additional stock-based compensation expense charges were non-cash and had no impact on our reported revenue, cash, cash equivalents or marketable securities for each of the restated periods.

As part of the restatement, for the three and nine month period ended October 30, 2005, we recorded incremental stock-based compensation charges of \$1.4 million and \$5.9 million, a net (benefit)/charge for payroll taxes resulting from the expiration of statute of limitations of \$0.6 million and \$(4.2) million, and associated income tax (benefit)/charges of \$(1.2) million and \$(1.0) million, respectively.

For all periods through the end of our fiscal year 2006, we have recorded aggregate non-cash stock-based compensation charges of \$190.2 million, associated payroll tax charges of \$9.4 million and a related income tax benefit of \$72.2 million.



As part of this restatement, we also accrued liabilities and recorded charges to operating costs and expenses for certain payroll tax contingencies related to the incremental stock-based compensation expense in the amount of \$18.8 million for all annual periods from our fiscal year 2000 through our fiscal year 2006. We recorded such charges in the amount of \$3.1 million, \$1.3 million, and \$1.6 million for our fiscal years 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Upon expiration of the related statute of limitations, we also recorded benefits from the reversal of previously-recorded payroll tax liabilities of \$6.6 million and \$2.8 million in our fiscal years 2006 and 2005, respectively. As a result, the net benefit to our statements of income was \$3.5 million and \$1.5 million for our fiscal years 2006 and 2005, respectively. The cumulative payroll tax expense for periods prior to our fiscal year 2004 was \$12.8 million. For those stock option grants that we determined to have incorrect measurement dates for accounting purposes and that we had originally issued as incentive stock options, or ISOs, we recorded a liability for payroll tax contingencies in the event such grants would not be respected as ISOs under the principles of the IRC and the regulations thereunder. These liabilities were recorded with a charge to operating costs and expenses.

We also considered the application of Section 409A of the IRC to certain stock option grants where, under APB 25, intrinsic value existed at the time of grant. In the event such stock options grants are not respected as issued at fair market value at the original grant date under principles of the IRC and the regulations thereunder and are subject to Section 409A, potential remedial actions may be available. We do not expect to incur a material charge as a result of any such potential remedial actions.

As a result of the findings of the Audit Committee, we concluded that we needed to amend our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2006 to restate our consolidated financial statements for the years ended January 29, 2006, January 30, 2005, and January 25, 2004 and the related disclosures, and our Form 10-Q for the three months ended April 30, 2006.

#### *Management's Conclusion Regarding the Effectiveness of Internal Control over Stock Option Grant Practices*

In assessing whether our disclosure controls and procedures and our internal control over financial reporting were effective as of October 29, 2006, management considered, among other things, the impact of the restatement of our financial statements, the nature of the restatement as disclosed in Note 2 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, and the effectiveness of internal control in this area as of October 29, 2006.

#### **Management's Consideration of the Restatement**

In coming to the conclusion that our disclosure controls and procedures and our internal control over financial reporting were effective as of January 29, 2006, management considered, among other things, the control deficiencies related to accounting for stock-based compensation and the control environment. Management also considered the conclusions of the Audit Committee, following an extensive review of our past and current stock option grants and practices, that: (a) while NVIDIA used incorrect accounting measurement dates for certain stock option grants, as more fully discussed above, those errors were not a result of fraud; and (b) our option grant practices had improved significantly since May 2003. These control deficiencies resulted in the need to restate our previously-issued financial statements as disclosed in Note 2, "Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements, Audit Committee and Company Findings", of the Notes to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Management has concluded that the control deficiencies that resulted in the restatement of the previously-issued financial statements did not constitute a material weakness as of January 29, 2006 because management determined that as of January 29, 2006 there were effective controls designed and in place to prevent or detect a material misstatement and, therefore, the likelihood of our financial statements being materially misstated is remote.

Specifically, during our fiscal years 2003 through 2006, NVIDIA implemented new policies and processes to provide greater internal controls over our stock option grant approvals, including:

- enhanced processes surrounding Company-wide annual and semi-annual performance grants, especially pertaining to advanced planning, approval timelines, documentation, and communication;
- improved procedures related to the administration of option grants related to newly-hired employees;
  - hiring of additional qualified personnel in the areas of financial accounting and reporting as well as legal;
- documentation and testing of key controls in the area of stock administration, including controls based in processes driven by our human resource department;
- review and approval by the Compensation Committee of our stock option grant guidelines and policies;
    - timely approval of stock option grants by the Compensation Committee;
- enhanced focus on the establishment of guidelines in order to achieve a high level of objectivity in the determination of stock option grants made to all employees; and
- increased review of our stock option grant plans and approval processes and documentation by our legal counsel.

Management has concluded, therefore, that the control deficiencies that resulted in the restatement of the previously issued financial statements did not constitute a material weakness as of January 29, 2006.

### **Audit Committee's Recommended Further Measures Regarding Stock Option Grants**

The Audit Committee noted that management had significantly improved our stock option grant practices since May 2003. However, the Audit Committee recommended, and the Board approved, the following best practices, which we intend to adopt, for consideration in light of its review into our past stock option grant processes:

- our management should establish pre-determined grant dates for all stock option grants made by NVIDIA;
- the Compensation Committee should establish stock option grant budgets and guidelines on no less than an annual basis, to be reviewed on a semi-annual basis;
  - a member of the Compensation Committee will be the final approver of all stock option grants;
- the Compensation Committee should be provided with enhanced support to assist with its monitoring of the compliance by the Company with the Compensation Committee's guidelines, the applicable stock plan terms and conditions, and the related accounting for stock option grants;
- our management should report quarterly to the Audit Committee regarding our stock option grant practices, including compliance with internal procedures, proper accounting principles, and applicable disclosure requirements;
- we should improve documentation of option grant approvals and approved grants should be promptly entered into our financial records and stock option database; and
  - our stock administration personnel should continue to receive regular training.

### **Controls and Procedures**

#### *Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

Based on their evaluation as of October 29, 2006, our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act) were effective to ensure that the material information required to be disclosed by us in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and instructions for Form 10-Q.

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

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during our last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### *Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls*

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal controls, will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within NVIDIA have been detected.

## **PART II: OTHER INFORMATION**

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

Please see Part I, Item 1, Note 14, "Litigation" for discussion of our legal proceedings.

### **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

A restated description of the risk factors associated with our business is set forth below. This description includes any material changes to and supersedes the description of risk factors associated with our business previously disclosed in Part I, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" of our Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2006 and our most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 30, 2006.

#### **Business Risks**

In evaluating NVIDIA and our business, the following factors should be considered in addition to the other information in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, or Form 10-Q. Any one of the following risks could seriously harm our business, financial condition and results of operations, which could cause our stock price to decline. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations.

#### **Risks Related to Our Operations**

*The matters relating to the Audit Committee of the Board's review of our historical stock option granting practices and the restatement of our consolidated financial statements may result in future litigation, which could harm our financial results.*

On August 10, 2006, NVIDIA announced that the Audit Committee of the Board, with the assistance of outside legal counsel, was conducting a review of our stock option practices covering the time from NVIDIA's initial public offering in 1999 (our fiscal year 2000) through June 2006. The Audit Committee reached a conclusion that incorrect measurement dates were used for financial accounting purposes for stock option grants in certain prior periods. As a result, NVIDIA has recorded additional non-cash stock-based compensation expense, and related tax effects, related to stock option grants.

The Audit Committee's review of NVIDIA's stock option practices identified a number of occasions on which the measurement date used for financial accounting and reporting purposes for stock options granted to certain of our employees was different from the actual grant date. To correct these accounting errors, we amended our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 30, 2006 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended April 30, 2006, to restate the consolidated financial statements contained in those reports.

This review of our historical stock option granting practices has required us to incur substantial expenses for legal, accounting, tax and other professional services, has diverted our management's attention from our business, and could in the future adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our historical stock option granting practices and the restatement of our prior financial statements have exposed us to greater risks associated with litigation and regulatory proceedings. Several derivative complaints have been filed pertaining to allegations relating to stock option grants. We cannot assure you that these or future similar complaints, or any future litigation or regulatory action will result in the same conclusions reached by the Audit Committee. The conduct and resolution of these matters will be time consuming, expensive and distracting from the conduct of our business.

We voluntarily contacted the SEC regarding the Audit Committee's review and, as of the date of the filing of this Form 10-Q, the SEC is continuing the inquiry of our historical stock option grant practices it began in late August 2006. In October 2006, we met with the SEC and provided it with a review of the status of the Audit Committee's review and in November 2006 we voluntarily provided the SEC with further documents. We plan to continue to cooperate with the SEC in its inquiry.

While we believe that we have made appropriate judgments in concluding the correct measurement dates for option grants, the SEC may also disagree with the manner in which we have accounted for and reported, or not reported, the financial impact of past option grant measurement date errors, and there is a risk that its inquiry could lead to circumstances in which we may have to further restate our prior financial statements, amend prior SEC filings, or otherwise take other actions not currently contemplated. Any such circumstance could also lead to future delays in filing our subsequent SEC reports and delisting of our common stock from the NASDAQ Global Select Market. Furthermore, if we are subject to adverse findings in any of these matters, we could be required to pay damages or penalties or have other remedies imposed upon us which could harm our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Please see Note 2, "Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements, Audit Committee and Company Findings" of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

***Because our gross margin for any period depends on a number of factors, our failure to forecast any change in such factors could adversely affect our gross margin.***

We continue to pursue measures in an effort to improve our gross margin. Our gross margin for any period depends on a number of factors, such as: the mix of our products sold; average selling prices; introduction of new products; sales discounts; unexpected pricing actions by our competitors; the cost of product components; and the yield of wafers produced by the foundries that manufacture our products. If we incorrectly forecast the impact of any of the aforementioned factors on our business, we may be unable to take action in time to counteract any negative impact on our gross margin. In addition, if we are unable to meet our gross margin target for any period or the target set by analysts, the trading price of our common stock may decline.

***We are dependent on key personnel and the loss of these employees could negatively impact our business.***

Our performance is substantially dependent on the performance of our executive officers and key employees. None of our executive officers or employees is bound by an employment agreement, meaning our relationships with our executive officers and employees are at will. We do not have “key person” life insurance policies on any of our employees. The loss of the services of any of our executive officers, technical personnel or other key employees, particularly Jen-Hsun Huang, our President and Chief Executive Officer, would harm our business. Our success will depend on our ability to identify, hire, train and retain highly qualified technical and managerial personnel. Our failure to attract and retain the necessary technical and managerial personnel would harm our business. The integration of new executives or personnel could disrupt our ongoing operations.

***Failure to achieve expected manufacturing yields for existing and/or new products could reduce our gross margin and could adversely affect our ability to compete effectively.***

Semiconductor manufacturing yields are a function both of product design, which is developed largely by us, and process technology, which typically is proprietary to the manufacturer. Since low yields may result from either design or process technology failures, yield problems may not be effectively determined or resolved until an actual product exists that can be analyzed and tested to identify process sensitivities relating to the design rules that are used. As a result, yield problems may not be identified until well into the production process. Resolution of yield problems requires cooperation by and communication between us and the manufacturer.

Because of our potentially limited access to wafer fabrication capacity from our manufacturers, any decrease in manufacturing yields could result in an increase in our per unit costs and force us to allocate our available product supply among our customers. This could potentially harm customer relationships, our reputation, our revenue and our gross profit. Our wafer manufacturers may be unable to achieve or maintain acceptable manufacturing yields in the future. Our inability to achieve planned yields from our wafer manufacturers could reduce our gross margin. We also face the risk of product recalls or product returns resulting from design or manufacturing defects that are not discovered during the manufacturing and testing process. A significant number of product returns due to a defect or recall could damage our reputation, result in our customers working with our competitors, and could adversely impact our financial results.

***To stay competitive, we may have to invest more resources in research and development than anticipated, which could increase our operating expenses and negatively impact our operating results.***

If new competitors, technological advances by existing competitors or other competitive factors require us to invest significantly greater resources than anticipated in our research and development efforts, our operating expenses would increase. We have increased our engineering and technical resources and have 2,327 full-time employees engaged in research and development as of October 29, 2006, compared to 2,156 employees as of July 30, 2006. Research and development expenditures were \$140.7 million and \$88.8 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively. Research and development expenses for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 included \$18.7 million related to

non-cash stock-based compensation, net of associated payroll taxes which we began to record in the first quarter of fiscal 2007 as a result of our adoption of SFAS No. 123(R). If we are required to invest significantly greater resources than anticipated in research and development efforts without an increase in revenue, our operating results could decline. In order to remain competitive, we anticipate that we will continue to devote substantial resources to research and development, and we expect these expenses to increase in absolute dollars in the foreseeable future due to the increased complexity and the greater number of products under development as well as hiring additional employees. Research and development expenses are likely to fluctuate from time to time to the extent we make periodic incremental investments in research and development and these investments may be independent of our level of revenue.

***Our operating expenses are relatively fixed and we may have limited ability to reduce operating expenses quickly in response to any revenue shortfalls.***

During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, our operating expenses, which are comprised of research and development expenses and sales, general and administrative expenses, represented 26.4% of our total revenue as compared to 24.8% of our total revenue during the third quarter of fiscal 2006. Operating expenses for the third quarter of fiscal 2007 included \$29.4 million related to non-cash stock-based compensation, net of associated payroll taxes which we began to record in the first quarter of fiscal 2007 as a result of our adoption of SFAS No. 123(R). Since we often recognize a substantial portion of our revenue in the last month of each quarter, we may not be able to adjust our operating expenses in a timely manner in response to any revenue shortfalls. If we are unable to reduce operating expenses quickly in response to any revenue shortfalls, our financial results would be negatively impacted.

***Failure to transition to new manufacturing process technologies could adversely affect our operating results and gross margin.***

Our strategy is to utilize the most advanced manufacturing process technology appropriate for our products and available from commercial third-party foundries. Use of advanced processes may have greater risk of initial yield problems and higher product cost. Manufacturing process technologies are subject to rapid change and require significant expenditures for research and development. We continuously evaluate the benefits of migrating to smaller geometry process technologies in order to improve performance and reduce costs. We currently use 0.15 micron, 0.14 micron, 0.13 micron, 0.11 micron, and 90 nanometer process technologies for our families of GPUs, MCPs and Handheld GPUs.

We have experienced difficulty in migrating to new manufacturing processes in the past and, consequently, have suffered reduced yields, delays in product deliveries and increased expense levels. We may face similar difficulties, delays and expenses as we continue to transition our products to smaller geometry processes. Moreover, we are dependent on our relationships with our third-party manufacturers to migrate to smaller geometry processes successfully. The inability by us or our third-party manufacturers to effectively and efficiently transition to new manufacturing process technologies may adversely affect our operating results and our gross margin.

***Our failure to estimate customer demand properly may result in excess or obsolete inventory or, conversely, may result in inadequate inventory levels, either of which could adversely affect our financial results.***

Our inventory purchases are based upon future demand forecasts, which may not accurately predict the quantity or type of our products that our customers will want in the future. In forecasting demand, we must make multiple assumptions any of which may prove to be incorrect. Situations that may result in excess or obsolete inventory, which could result in write-downs of the value of our inventory and/or a forced reduction in average selling prices, and where our gross margin could be adversely affected include:

- if there were a sudden and significant decrease in demand for our products;
- if there were a higher incidence of inventory obsolescence because of rapidly changing technology and customer requirements;
- if we fail to estimate customer demand properly for our older products as our newer products are introduced; or
- if our competition were to take unexpected competitive pricing actions.

Conversely, if we underestimate our customers' demand for either our older or newer products, we may have inadequate manufacturing capability and may not be able to obtain sufficient inventory to fill our customers' orders on a timely basis, which could adversely affect our revenue results. Even if we are able to increase production levels to meet customer demand, we may not be able to do so in a cost effective or timely manner. Inability to fill our customers' orders on a timely basis could damage our customer relationships, result in lost revenue, cause a loss in market share or damage our reputation.



***Because we order materials in advance of anticipated customer demand our ability to reduce our inventory purchase commitments quickly in response to any revenue shortfalls is limited.***

Substantially all of our sales are made on the basis of purchase orders rather than long-term agreements. As a result, we may commit resources to the production of products without having received advance purchase commitments from customers. Any inability to sell products to which we have devoted significant resources could harm our business. In addition, cancellation or deferral of product orders could result in our holding excess inventory, which could adversely affect our gross margin and restrict our ability to fund operations. We may build inventories during periods of anticipated growth. Additionally, because we often sell a substantial portion of our products in the last month of each quarter and, therefore, we recognize a substantial portion of our revenue in the last month of each quarter, we may not be able to reduce our inventory purchase commitments in a timely manner in response to any revenue shortfalls. We could be subject to excess or obsolete inventories and be required to take corresponding inventory write-downs if growth slows or if we incorrectly forecast product demand, which could negatively impact our gross margin and financial results.

***Our operating results are unpredictable and may fluctuate, and if our operating results are below the expectations of securities analysts or investors, the trading price of our stock could decline.***

Many of our revenue components fluctuate and are difficult to predict, and our operating expenses are largely independent of revenue in any particular period. It is, therefore, difficult for us to accurately forecast revenue and profits or losses. As a result, it is possible that in some quarters our operating results could be below the expectations of securities analysts or investors, which could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline, perhaps substantially. We believe that our quarterly and annual results of operations may continue to be affected by a variety of factors that could harm our revenue, gross profit and results of operations.

Any one or more of the factors discussed in this Form 10-Q or other factors could prevent us from achieving our expected future revenue or net income. Accordingly, we believe that period-to-period comparisons of our results of operations should not be relied upon as an indication of future performance. In addition, the results of any quarterly or full fiscal year period are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for a subsequent quarter or a full fiscal year.

### **Risks Related to Our Products**

***If we are unable to achieve design wins, our products may not be adopted by our target markets and customers either of which could negatively impact our financial results.***

The future success of our business depends to a significant extent on our ability to develop new competitive products for our target markets and customers. We believe achieving design wins, which entails having our existing and future products chosen for hardware components or subassemblies designed by PC OEMs, ODMs, and add-in board and motherboard manufacturers, will aid our future success. Our OEM, ODM, and add-in board and motherboard manufacturers' customers typically introduce new system configurations as often as twice per year, typically based on spring and fall design cycles or in connection with trade shows. Accordingly, when our customers are making their design decisions, our existing products must have competitive performance levels or we must timely introduce new products in order to be included in new system configurations. This requires that we do the following:

- anticipate the features and functionality that customers and consumers will demand;
- incorporate those features and functionalities into products that meet the exacting design requirements of OEMs, ODMs, and add-in board and motherboard manufacturers;
  - price our products competitively; and
- introduce products to the market within the limited design cycle for OEMs, ODMs, and add-in board and motherboard manufacturers.

If OEMs, ODMs, and add-in board and motherboard manufacturers do not include our products in their systems, they will typically not use our products in their design systems until at least the next design configuration. Therefore, we endeavor to develop close relationships with our OEMs and ODMs in an attempt to allow us to better anticipate and address customer needs in new products so that our products will achieve design wins.

Our ability to achieve design wins also depends in part on our ability to identify and be compliant with evolving industry standards. Unanticipated changes in industry standards could render our products incompatible with products developed by major hardware manufacturers and software developers, including AMD, Intel and Microsoft. Such changes would require us to invest significant time and resources to redesign our products to be compliant with relevant standards. If our products are not in compliance with prevailing industry standards for a significant period of time, our ability to achieve design wins could suffer. If we are unable to achieve new design wins for existing or new customers, we may lose market share and our operating results would be negatively impacted.

***Achievement of design wins may not result in the success of our products and could result in a loss of market share.***

The process of being qualified for inclusion in an OEM product can be lengthy and could cause us to miss a cycle in the demand of end users for a particular product feature, which also could result in a loss of market share and harm our business. Even if we do have design wins for OEM and ODM products, we may not be able to successfully develop or introduce new products in sufficient volumes within the appropriate time to meet both the OEM, ODM, add-in board and motherboard manufacturers' design cycles as well as other market demand. Additionally, even if we achieve a significant number of design wins, there can be no assurance that our OEM and ODM customers will actually take the design to production or that the design will be commercially successful. Furthermore, there may be changes in the timing of product orders due to unexpected delays in the introduction of our customers' products that could negatively impact the success of our products. Any of these factors could result in a loss of market share and could negatively impact our financial results.

***Our business results could be adversely affected if our product development efforts are unsuccessful.***

We have in the past experienced delays in the development of some new products. Any delay in the future or failure of our GPUs or other processors to meet or exceed specifications of competitive products could materially harm our business. The success of our new product introductions will depend on many factors, including the following:

- proper new product definition;
- timely completion and introduction of new product designs;
- the ability of third-party manufacturers to effectively manufacture our new products in a timely manner;
- dependence on third-party subcontractors for assembly, testing and packaging of our products and in meeting product delivery schedules and maintaining product quality;
  - the quality of any new products;
  - differentiation of new products from those of our competitors;
  - market acceptance of our products and our customers' products; and
- availability of adequate quantity and configurations of various types of memory products.

A critical component of our product development effort is our partnerships with leaders in the computer aided design, or CAD, industry. We have invested significant resources to develop relationships with industry leaders, including Cadence Design Systems, Inc. and Synopsys, Inc., often assisting these companies in the product definition of their new products. We believe that forming these relationships and utilizing next-generation development tools to design, simulate and verify our products will help us remain at the forefront of the 3D graphics, communications and networking segments and develop products that utilize leading-edge technology on a rapid basis. We believe this approach assists us in meeting the new design schedules of PC OEMs and other manufacturers. If these relationships are not successful, we may not be able to develop new products in a timely manner, which could result in a loss of market share, a decrease in revenue and a negative impact on our operating results. Our failure to successfully develop, introduce or achieve market acceptance for new processors would harm our business.

***Our failure to identify new market or product opportunities, or develop new products could harm our business.***

As our GPUs or other processors develop and competition increases, we anticipate that product life cycles at the high end will remain short and average selling prices will decline. In particular, we expect average selling prices and gross margins for our processors to decline as each product matures and as unit volume increases. As a result, we will need to introduce new products and enhancements to existing products to maintain or improve overall average selling prices and gross margins. In order for our processors to achieve high volumes, leading PC OEMs, ODMs, and add-in board and motherboard manufacturers must select our processor for design into their products, and then successfully complete the designs of their products and sell them. We may be unable to successfully identify new product opportunities or to develop and bring to market new products in a timely fashion. In addition, we cannot guarantee that new products we develop will be selected for design into PC OEMs', ODMs', and add-in board and motherboard manufacturers' products, that any new designs will be successfully completed, or that any new products will be sold.

As the complexity of our products and the manufacturing process for our products increases, there is an increasing risk that we will experience problems with the performance of our products and that there will be delays in the development, introduction or volume shipment of our products. We may experience difficulties related to the production of current or future products or other factors that may delay the introduction or volume sale of new products we develop. In addition, we may be unable to successfully manage the production transition risks with respect to future products. Failure to achieve any of the foregoing with respect to future products or product enhancements could result in rapidly declining average selling prices, reduced margins and reduced demand for products or loss of market share. In addition, technologies developed by others may render our processors non-competitive or obsolete or result in our holding excess inventory, any of which would harm our business.

*We could suffer a loss of market share if our products contain significant defects.*

Products as complex as those we offer may contain defects or experience failures when introduced or when new versions or enhancements to existing products are released. We have in the past discovered defects and incompatibilities with customers' hardware in some of our products and may experience delays or loss of revenue to correct any defects or incompatibilities in the future. Errors in new products or releases after commencement of commercial shipments could result in failure to achieve market acceptance or loss of design wins. Our products typically go through only one verification cycle prior to beginning volume production and distribution. As a result, our products may contain defects or flaws that are undetected prior to volume production and distribution. If these defects or flaws exist and are not detected prior to volume production and distribution, we may be required to reimburse customers for costs to repair or replace the affected products in the field. We may also be required to incur additional research and development costs to find and correct the defect, which could divert the attention of our management and engineers from the development of new products. These costs could be significant and could adversely affect our business and operating results. We may also suffer a loss of reputation, loss of revenues and/or a loss in our market share, any of which could materially harm our financial results.

## Risks Related to Our Partners and Customers

*There can be no assurance that the PlayStation3 will achieve long term commercial success.*

In April 2005, we finalized our definitive agreement with SCE to jointly develop a custom GPU for SCE's PlayStation3. Our collaboration with SCE includes license fees and royalties for the PlayStation3 and all derivatives, including next-generation digital consumer electronics devices. In addition, we are licensing software development tools for creating shaders and advanced graphics capabilities to SCE. During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we recognized \$17.5 million of revenue from our contractual arrangements with SCE. Depending on the ultimate success of this next-generation platform, we expect to generate up to \$100 million in revenue annually from license fees and royalties over the next five years, with the possibility of additional royalties for several years thereafter. There can be no assurance that the PlayStation3 will achieve long term commercial success, given the intense competition in the game console market. If we do not receive royalties as we anticipate, our revenue and gross margin may be adversely affected.

*We may not be able to realize the potential financial or strategic benefits of business acquisitions, which could hurt our ability to grow our business, develop new products or sell our products.*

In the past we have acquired and invested in other businesses that offered products, services and technologies that we believed would help expand or enhance our products and services or help expand our distribution channels. We may enter into future acquisitions of, or investments in, businesses, in order to complement or expand our current businesses or enter into a new business market. For example, in February 2006 we completed the acquisition of ULi and in March 2006 we completed the acquisition of Hybrid Graphics. In November 2006, we entered into a merger agreement to acquire PortalPlayer, Inc. The merger is expected to close in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007. If we do consider other acquisitions, a strategic alliance or a joint venture, the negotiations could divert management's attention as well as other resources. For any previous or future acquisition or investment, including the acquisitions of ULi and Hybrid Graphics as well as our planned acquisition of PortalPlayer, the following risks could impair our ability to grow our business and develop new products, and ultimately, could impair our ability to sell our products, which could negatively impact our growth or our financial results:

- difficulty in combining the technology, products, operations or workforce of the acquired business with our business;
  - disruption of our ongoing businesses;
- difficulty in realizing the potential financial or strategic benefits of the transaction;
  - difficulty in maintaining uniform standards, controls, procedures and policies;
  - disruption of or delays in ongoing research and development efforts;
  - diversion of capital and other resources;
  - assumption of liabilities;
- diversion of resources and unanticipated expenses resulting from litigation arising from potential or actual business acquisitions or investments;
- difficulties in entering into new markets in which we have limited or no experience and where competitors in such markets have stronger positions; and
- impairment of relationships with employees and customers, or the loss of any of our key employees or of our target's key employees, as a result of the integration of new businesses and management personnel.

In addition, the consideration for any future acquisition could be paid in cash, shares of our common stock, the issuance of convertible debt securities or a combination of cash, convertible debt and common stock. If we pay all or a portion of the purchase price in cash, our cash reserves would be reduced. If the consideration is paid with shares of our common stock, or convertible debentures, the holdings of our existing stockholders would be diluted. We cannot

forecast the number, timing or size of future acquisitions, or the effect that any such acquisitions might have on our operations or financial results.

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***We depend on foundries and independent contractors to manufacture our products and these third parties may not be able to satisfy our manufacturing requirements, which would harm our business.***

We do not manufacture the semiconductor wafers used for our products and do not own or operate a wafer fabrication facility. Our products require wafers manufactured with state-of-the-art fabrication equipment and techniques. We utilize industry-leading suppliers, such as Chartered, Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation, or SMIC, TSMC, and UMC to produce our semiconductor wafers and utilize independent subcontractors to perform assembly, testing and packaging. We depend on these suppliers to allocate to us a portion of their manufacturing capacity sufficient to meet our needs, to produce products of acceptable quality and at acceptable manufacturing yields, and to deliver those products to us on a timely basis at acceptable prices. These manufacturers may be unable to meet our near-term or long-term manufacturing or pricing requirements. We obtain manufacturing services on a purchase order basis. The foundries we use have no obligation to provide us with any specified minimum quantities of product. Suppliers, such as Chartered, SMIC, TSMC, and UMC, fabricate wafers for other companies, including some of our competitors, and could choose to prioritize capacity for other users, reduce or eliminate deliveries to us, or increase the prices that they charge us on short notice. If we are unable to meet customer demand due to reduced or eliminated deliveries, we could lose sales to customers, which would negatively impact our revenue and our reputation. Because the lead-time needed to establish a strategic relationship with a new manufacturing partner could be several quarters, there is no readily available alternative source of supply for any specific product. In addition, the time and effort to qualify a new foundry could result in additional expense, diversion of resources or lost sales any of which would negatively impact our financial results. We believe that long-term market acceptance for our products will depend on reliable relationships with third-party manufacturers we may use to ensure adequate product supply and competitive pricing so that we are able to respond to customer demand.

***We are dependent on third parties located outside of the United States for assembly, testing and packaging of our products, which reduces our control over the delivery and quantity of our products.***

Our processors are assembled and tested by independent subcontractors, such as Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Amkor Technology Inc., King Yuan Electronics Co., LTD, Siliconware Precision Industries Company Ltd., and STATS ChipPAC Incorporated, all of which are located outside of the United States. We do not have long-term agreements with any of these subcontractors. As a result of our dependence on third-party subcontractors for assembly, testing and packaging of our products, we do not directly control product delivery schedules or product quality. Demand for qualified independent subcontractors to assemble and test products is high. If demand for these subcontractors exceeds the number of qualified subcontractors, we may experience capacity constraints, which could result in product shortages, a decrease in the quality of our products or an increase in product cost. Any of our subcontractors may decide to prioritize the orders of one of our competitors over our orders. Any product shortages, quality assurance problems or political instability outside of the United States could increase the costs of manufacture, assembly or testing of our products, which could cause our gross margin to decline. Due to the amount of time typically required to qualify assemblers and testers, we could experience significant delays in the shipment of our products if we are required to find alternative third parties to assemble or test our products or components. Any such delays could result in a loss of reputation or a decrease in sales to our customers.

***As we continue to work directly with more foreign customers, any difficulties in collecting accounts receivable could harm our operating results and financial condition.***

Our accounts receivable are highly concentrated and make us vulnerable to adverse changes in our customers' businesses and to downturns in the economy and the industry. In addition, difficulties in collecting accounts receivable or the loss of any significant customer could materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. We continue to work directly with more foreign customers and it may be difficult to collect accounts receivable from them. We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of our customers to make required payments. This allowance consists of an amount identified for specific customers and an amount based on overall estimated exposure. In addition, we purchase credit insurance on selected



customers' accounts receivable balances in an effort to further mitigate our exposure for such losses. If the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required, we may be required to defer revenue recognition on sales to affected customers and we may be required to pay higher credit insurance premiums, which could adversely affect our operating results. We may have to record additional reserves or write-offs and/or defer revenue on certain sales transactions in the future, which could negatively impact our financial results.

***We rely on third-party vendors to supply software development tools to us for the development of our new products and we may be unable to obtain the tools necessary to develop or enhance new or existing products.***

When we design and develop new products or product enhancements, we rely on third-party software development tools to assist us in the design, simulation and verification of new products or enhancements to existing products. Although we currently are not dependent on any one vendor for the supply of these tools, some or all of these tools may not be readily available in the future. Additionally, the software development tools available at the time that we are designing, simulating or verifying a product may not be sophisticated enough or technologically advanced enough for our purposes. For example, we have experienced delays in the introduction of products in the past as a result of the inability of then available software development tools to fully simulate the complex features and functionalities of our products. Therefore, the design requirements necessary to meet consumer demands for more features and greater functionality from our processors in the future may exceed the capabilities of the software development tools that are available to us. If the software development tools we use become unavailable or fail to produce designs that meet consumer demands, we may miss design cycles or lose design wins either of which could result in a loss of market share, a decrease in revenue or negatively impact our operating results.

***We sell our products to a small number of customers and our business could suffer by the loss of any of these customers.***

We have only a limited number of customers and our sales are highly concentrated. Sales to our largest customer accounted for approximately 13% of our revenue during the third quarter of fiscal 2007, and sales for approximately 13% of revenue for the first nine months of fiscal 2007. Although a small number of our other customers represents the majority of our revenue, their end customers include a large number of OEMs and system integrators throughout the world who, in many cases, specify the graphics supplier. Our sales process involves achieving key design wins with leading PC OEMs and major system builders and supporting the product design into high volume production with key CEMs, ODMs, motherboard and add-in board manufacturers. These design wins in turn influence the retail and system builder channel that is serviced by CEMs, ODMs, motherboard and add-in board manufacturers. Our distribution strategy is to work with a small number of leading independent CEMs, ODMs, motherboard and add-in board manufacturers, and distributors, each of which has relationships with a broad range of system builders and leading PC OEMs. If we were to lose sales to our PC OEMs, CEMs, ODMs, motherboard and add-in board manufacturers and were unable to replace the lost sales with sales to different customers, or if they were to significantly reduce the number of products they order from us, our revenue may not reach or exceed the expected level in any period, which could harm our financial condition and our results of operations.

### **Risks Related to Our Competition**

***As Intel and AMD/ATI continue to pursue platform solutions, we may not be able to successfully compete.***

We expect substantial competition from both Intel's and AMD/ATI's strategy of selling platform solutions, such as the success Intel achieved with its Centrino platform solution. In addition to the Centrino notebook platform solution, Intel has announced a desktop initiative branded as VIIV. AMD recently announced their platform solution. We expect that Intel and AMD/ATI will extend this strategy to other segments including professional workstations and servers. To the extent Intel and AMD/ATI are successful with this strategy, we may not be able to successfully compete in these segments.

***The market for GPU, MCP, and Handheld GPUs is highly competitive and we may be unable to compete.***

The market for GPUs, MCPs and Handheld GPUs is intensely competitive and is characterized by rapid technological change, evolving industry standards and declining average selling prices. We believe that the principal competitive factors in this market are performance, breadth of product offerings, access to customers and distribution channels, backward-forward software support, conformity to industry standard application programming interfaces, manufacturing capabilities, price of processors and total system costs of add-in boards and motherboards. We believe that our ability to remain competitive will depend on how well we are able to anticipate the features and functions that customers will demand and whether we are able to deliver consistent volumes of our products at acceptable levels of quality. We expect competition to increase both from existing competitors and new market entrants with products that may be less costly than ours, or may provide better performance or additional features not provided by our products, which could harm our business.

An additional significant source of competition is from companies that provide or intend to provide GPU, MCP, and Handheld GPU solutions. Some of our competitors may have or be able to obtain greater marketing, financial, distribution and manufacturing resources than we do and may be more able to adapt to customer or technological changes. Our current competitors include the following:

- suppliers of GPUs, including MCPs that incorporate 3D graphics functionality as part of their existing solutions, such as ATI Technologies, Inc., or ATI, which was recently acquired by Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. or AMD, Intel, Silicon Integrated Systems, Inc., or SIS, VIA Technologies, Inc., or VIA, and XGI Technology Inc.;

- suppliers of discrete MCPs that incorporate a combination of networking, audio, communications and input/output, or I/O, functionality as part of their existing solutions, such as ATI, Broadcom Corporation, or Broadcom, Intel, SIS, and VIA; and
- suppliers of GPUs or GPU intellectual property that incorporate advanced graphics functionality as part of their existing solutions, such as ATI, Broadcom, Fujitsu Limited, Imagination Technologies Ltd., NEC Corporation, Qualcomm Incorporated, Renesas Technology Corp., Seiko-Epson, Texas Instruments Incorporated, and Toshiba America, Inc.

If and to the extent we offer products outside of the consumer and enterprise PC, notebook, workstation, PDA, cellular phone, and video game console markets, we may face competition from some of our existing competitors as well as from companies with which we currently do not compete. We cannot accurately predict if we will compete successfully in any new markets we may enter. If we are unable to compete in our current and any new markets, our financial results will suffer.

## Risks Related to Market Conditions

*We are subject to risks associated with international operations which may harm our business.*

A significant portion of our semiconductor wafers are manufactured, assembled, tested and packaged by third-parties located outside of the United States. Additionally, we generated 86.6% of revenue for the third quarter and 84.9% of revenue for the first nine months of fiscal 2007 from sales to customers outside the United States and other Americas. The manufacture, assembly, test and packaging of our products outside of the United States and sales to customers outside of the United States and other Americas subjects us to a number of risks associated with conducting business outside of the United States and other Americas, including, but not limited to:

- international economic and political conditions;
- unexpected changes in, or impositions of, legislative or regulatory requirements;
  - labor issues in foreign countries;
  - cultural differences in the conduct of business;
  - inadequate local infrastructure;
- delays resulting from difficulty in obtaining export licenses for certain technology, tariffs, quotas and other trade barriers and restrictions;
  - transportation delays;
  - longer payment cycles;
  - difficulty in collecting accounts receivable;
  - fluctuations in currency exchange rates;
  - imposition of additional taxes and penalties;
- different legal standards with respect to protection of intellectual property;
  - the burdens of complying with a variety of foreign laws; and
- other factors beyond our control, including terrorism, civil unrest, war and diseases such as severe acute respiratory syndrome and the Avian flu.

If sales to any of our customers outside of the United States and other Americas are delayed or cancelled because of any of the above factors, our revenue may be negatively impacted.

We have offices outside of the United States, including offices in Taiwan, Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong, India, France, Russia, Germany, and England. We also have a subsidiary in Finland. During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we added 147 international employees to our international operations. Our operations in our international locations are subject to many of the risks contained in the above list. We intend to continue to expand our international operations and expect to open other international offices. Difficulties with our international operations, including finding appropriate staffing and office space, may divert management's attention and other resources any of which could negatively impact our operating results.

Currently, all of our arrangements with third-party manufacturers and subcontractors provide for pricing and payment in United States dollars as are sales to our customers located outside of the United States and other Americas. Increases in the value of the United States' dollar relative to other currencies would make our products more expensive, which would negatively impact our ability to compete and could impact our financial results. Conversely, decreases in the value of the United States' dollar relative to other currencies could result in our suppliers raising their prices in order to continue doing business with us. To date, we have not engaged in any currency hedging activities, although we may do so in the future. Fluctuations in currency exchange rates could harm our business in the future.

*We are dependent on the PC market and the rate of its growth has and may in the future have a negative impact on our business.*

We derive the majority of our revenue from the sale of products for use in the desktop PC and notebook PC markets, including professional workstations. We expect to continue to derive most of our revenue from the sale or license of products for use in the desktop PC and notebook PC markets in the next several years. A reduction in sales of PCs, or a reduction in the growth rate of PC sales, will reduce demand for our products. Moreover, changes in demand could be large and sudden. Since PC manufacturers often build inventories during periods of anticipated growth, they may be left with excess inventories if growth slows or if they incorrectly forecast product transitions. In these cases, PC manufacturers may abruptly suspend substantially all purchases of additional inventory from suppliers like us until their excess inventory has been absorbed, which would have a negative impact on our business.

***If our products do not continue to be adopted by the consumer and enterprise desktop PC, notebook PC, workstation, PDA, cellular phone, and video game console markets or if the demand in these markets for new and innovative products decreases, our business and operating results would suffer.***

Our success depends in part upon continued broad adoption of our processors for 3D graphics in consumer and enterprise PC, notebook PC, workstation, PDA, cellular phone, and video game console applications. The market for processors has been characterized by unpredictable and sometimes rapid shifts in the popularity of products, often caused by the publication of competitive industry benchmark results, changes in pricing of dynamic random-access memory devices and other changes in the total system cost of add-in boards, as well as by severe price competition and by frequent new technology and product introductions. Only a small number of products have achieved broad market acceptance and such market acceptance, if achieved, is difficult to sustain due to intense competition and frequent new technology and product introductions. Since the GPU Business is our core business, our financial results would suffer if for any reason our current or future GPUs do not continue to achieve widespread adoption by the PC market. If we are unable to complete the timely development of products or if we were unable to successfully and cost-effectively manufacture and deliver products that meet the requirements of the consumer and enterprise PC, notebook, workstation, PDA, cellular phone, and video game console markets, we may experience a decrease in revenue which could negatively impact our operating results. Additionally, there can be no assurance that the industry will continue to demand new products with improved standards, features or performance. If our customers, OEMs, ODMs, add-in-card manufacturers, system builders and consumer electronics companies, do not continue to design products that require more advanced or efficient processors and/or the market does not continue to demand new products with increased performance, features, functionality or standards, sales of our products could decline.

***Our failure to comply with any applicable environmental regulations could result in a range of consequences, including fines, suspension of production, excess inventory, sales limitations, and criminal and civil liabilities.***

We may be subject to various state, federal and international laws and regulations governing the environment, including restricting the presence of certain substances in electronic products and making producers of those products financially responsible for the collection, treatment, recycling and disposal of those products. The European Union Directive on Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive, or RoHS Directive, is European legislation that restricts the use of a number of substances, including lead, and other hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment in the market in the European Union beginning on July 1, 2006. Similarly, the State of California has adopted certain restrictions, which go into effect in 2007, that restrict the use of certain materials in electronic products, that are intended to harmonize with the RoHS directive and other states are contemplating similar legislation. China has promulgated use restrictions on the same substances as the RoHS directive, but has not yet defined either the scope of the affected products or an effective date of any such restrictions.

Also, we could face significant costs and liabilities in connection with the European Union Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, or WEEE. The WEEE directs members of the European Union to enact laws, regulations, and administrative provisions to ensure that producers of electric and electronic equipment are financially responsible for the collection, recycling, treatment and environmentally responsible disposal of certain products sold into the market after August 15, 2005 and from products in use prior to that date that are being replaced. Similar legislation has been or may be enacted in other jurisdictions, including the United States, Canada, Mexico, China and Japan, the cumulative impact of which could be significant. We continue to evaluate the impact of specific registration and compliance activities required by WEEE.

It is possible that unanticipated supply shortages, delays or excess non-compliant inventory may occur as a result of such regulations. Failure to comply with any applicable environmental regulations could result in a range of consequences including costs, fines, suspension of production, excess inventory, sales limitations, criminal and civil liabilities and could impact our ability to conduct business in countries in the European Union.

***We are exposed to fluctuations in the market values of our portfolio investments and in interest rates.***

We invest in a variety of financial instruments, consisting principally of investments in commercial paper, money market funds and highly liquid debt securities of corporations, municipalities and the United States government and its agencies. These investments are denominated in United States dollars.

We account for our investment instruments in accordance with SFAS No. 115. All of the cash equivalents and marketable securities are treated as “available-for-sale” under SFAS No. 115. Investments in both fixed rate and floating rate interest earning instruments carry a degree of interest rate risk. Fixed rate debt securities may have their market value adversely impacted due to a rise in interest rates, while floating rate securities may produce less income than expected if interest rates fall. Due in part to these factors, our future investment income may fall short of expectations due to changes in interest rates or if the decline in fair value of our publicly traded equity investments is judged to be other-than-temporary. We may suffer losses in principal if we are forced to sell securities that decline in market value due to changes in interest rates. However, because our debt securities are classified as “available-for-sale,” no gains or losses are recognized due to changes in interest rates unless such securities are sold prior to maturity.

***Our business is cyclical in nature and an industry downturn could harm our financial results.***

Our business is directly affected by market conditions in the highly cyclical semiconductor industry, including alternating periods of overcapacity and capacity constraints, variations in manufacturing costs and yields, significant expenditures for capital equipment and product development and rapid technological change. If we are unable to respond to changes in our industry, which can be unpredictable and rapid, in an efficient and timely manner, our operating results could suffer. In particular, from time to time, the semiconductor industry has experienced significant and sometimes prolonged downturns characterized by diminished product demand and accelerated erosion of average selling prices. If we cannot take appropriate actions such as reducing our manufacturing or operating costs to sufficiently offset declines in demand during a downturn, our revenue and earnings will suffer.

***Political instability in Taiwan and in The People's Republic of China or elsewhere could harm our business.***

Because of our reliance on foundries and independent contractors located in Taiwan and The People's Republic of China, and because we have offices in these locations, our business may be harmed by political instability in Taiwan, including the worsening of the strained relations between The People's Republic of China and Taiwan.

**Risks Related to Government Action, Regulatory Action, Intellectual Property, and Litigation**

***The pending investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice regarding investigation into the market for Graphics Processors could adversely affect our business.***

On November 29, 2006, we were served with a subpoena from a grand jury sitting in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California in connection with an investigation of the potential violation of United States antitrust laws in the market for graphics processing units and cards. We have been asked to provide documents and information to the grand jury in early 2007 to assist the grand jury in this investigation. To date, no specific allegations have been made about NVIDIA. On December 7, 2006, we were served with four complaints seeking class action status which were filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Each of these complaints makes claims against NVIDIA for, among other things, alleged violation of both federal and state antitrust laws, violation of state consumer protection laws, unfair competition and unjust enrichment. We believe the allegations are without merit and intend to vigorously defend the cases. Complying with the subpoena from the grand jury and responding to the four complaints will result in legal and administrative expense, will be time consuming and may divert management's time and attention from our business operations which could adversely affect our business. The DOJ may conclude that further investigative activities are merited or that formal action should be taken against companies or individuals in the graphics processor market. Any such actions would result in additional expense, could negatively impact our reputation or result in litigation.

***Expensing employee stock options materially and adversely affects our reported operating results and could adversely affect our competitive position as well.***

Since inception, we have used stock options and our employee stock purchase program as fundamental components of our compensation packages. Prior to January 30, 2006, we had not recognized compensation cost for employee stock options or shares sold pursuant to our employee stock purchase program. We believe that these incentives directly motivate our employees and, through the use of vesting, encourage our employees to remain with us. In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued SFAS No. 123(R), *Share-Based Payment*, which requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for all stock-based compensation payments. SFAS No. 123(R) requires that we record compensation expense for stock options and our employee stock purchase plan using the fair value of those awards. During the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2007, we recorded \$31.7 million and \$82.8 million, respectively, related to stock-based compensation, net of associated payroll taxes which negatively impacted our operating results. We believe that SFAS No. 123(R) will continue to negatively impact our operating results.



To the extent that SFAS No. 123(R) makes it more expensive to grant stock options or to continue to have an employee stock purchase program, we may decide to incur increased cash compensation costs. In addition, actions that we may take to reduce stock-based compensation expense that may be more severe than any actions our competitors may implement may make it difficult to attract, retain and motivate employees, which could adversely affect our competitive position as well as our business and operating results.

***We have in the past, and may in the future, be a party to litigation, including intellectual property litigation, which, if determined adversely to us, could harm our business and financial condition.***

We may become involved in intellectual property or other litigation either as a plaintiff or as a defendant. There can be no assurance that actions that may be brought against us or by us will be resolved in our favor. Any claim that is successfully asserted against us may cause us to pay substantial damages or result in an injunction prohibiting us from shipping some of our products. Regardless of whether any future lawsuits are resolved in our favor or if we are the plaintiff or the defendant in the litigation, any future lawsuits to which we may become a party will likely be expensive and time consuming to defend or resolve. Such lawsuits could also harm our relationships with existing customers and result in the diversion of management's time and attention away from business operations, which could harm our business. Costs of defense and any damages resulting from litigation a ruling against us or a settlement of the litigation could adversely affect our cash flow and financial results.

***Our ability to compete will be harmed if we are unable to adequately protect our intellectual property.***

We rely primarily on a combination of patents, trademarks, trade secrets, employee and third-party nondisclosure agreements, and licensing arrangements to protect our intellectual property in the United States and internationally. We have numerous patents issued, allowed and pending in the United States and in foreign countries. Our patents and pending patent applications relate to technology used by us in connection with our products. We also rely on international treaties and organizations and foreign laws to protect our intellectual property. The laws of certain foreign countries in which our products are or may be manufactured or sold, including various countries in Asia, may not protect our products or intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. This makes the possibility of piracy of our technology and products more likely. We continuously assess whether and where to seek formal protection for particular innovations and technologies based on such factors as the:

- commercial significance of our operations and our competitors' operations in particular countries and regions;
  - location in which our products are manufactured;
  - our strategic technology or product directions in different countries; and
- degree to which intellectual property laws exist and are meaningfully enforced in different jurisdictions.

Our pending patent applications and any future applications may not be approved. In addition, any issued patents may not provide us with competitive advantages or may be challenged by third parties. Others may independently develop substantially equivalent intellectual property or otherwise gain access to our trade secrets or intellectual property.

***Litigation to defend against alleged infringement of intellectual property rights or to enforce our intellectual property rights and the outcome of such litigation could result in substantial costs to us.***

We expect that as the number of issued hardware and software patents increases and as competition intensifies, the volume of intellectual property infringement claims and lawsuits may increase. We may become involved in future lawsuits or other legal proceedings alleging patent infringement or other intellectual property rights violations by us or by our customers that we have agreed to indemnify them for certain claims of infringement arising out of the sale of our products to these customers. An unfavorable ruling could include significant damages, invalidation of a patent or family of patents, indemnification of customers, payment of lost profits, or, when it has been sought, injunctive relief.

In addition, we may need to commence litigation or other legal proceedings in order to:

- assert claims of infringement of our intellectual property;
  - enforce our patents;
  - protect our trade secrets or know-how; or
- determine the enforceability, scope and validity of the propriety rights of others.

If we have to initiate litigation in order to protect our intellectual property, our operating expenses may increase which could negatively impact our operating results. Our failure to effectively protect our intellectual property could harm our business.

If infringement claims are made against us or we are found to infringe a third parties' patent, we may seek licenses under the third parties' patents or other intellectual property rights. In addition, an indemnified customer may be required to obtain a license to a third parties' patents or intellectual property. However, licenses may not be offered to us at all or on terms acceptable to us, particularly by competitors. If we fail to obtain a license from a third party for technology that we use or that is used in one of our products used by an indemnified customer, we could be subject to substantial liabilities or have to suspend or discontinue the manufacture and sale of one or more of our products either of which could reduce our revenue and harm our business. Furthermore, the indemnification of a customer may increase our operating expenses which could negatively impact our operating results.



***Our operating results may be adversely affected if we are subject to unexpected tax liabilities.***

We are subject to taxation by a number of taxing authorities both in the United States and throughout the world. Tax rates vary among the jurisdictions in which we operate. Significant judgment is required in determining our provision for our income taxes as there are many transactions and calculations where the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. Although we believe our tax estimates are reasonable, any of the below could cause our effective tax rate to be materially different than that which is reflected in historical income tax provisions and accruals:

- the jurisdictions in which profits are determined to be earned and taxed;
- adjustments to estimated taxes upon finalization of various tax returns;
  - changes in available tax credits;
  - changes in share-based compensation expense;
- changes in tax laws, the interpretation of tax laws either in the United States or abroad or the issuance of new interpretative accounting guidance related to uncertain transactions and calculations where the tax treatment was previously uncertain; and
- the resolution of issues arising from tax audits with various tax authorities.

Should additional taxes be assessed as a result of any of the above, our operating results could be adversely affected. In addition, our future effective tax rate could be adversely affected by changes in the mix of earnings in countries with differing statutory tax rates, changes in tax laws or changes in the interpretation of tax laws.

***While we believe that we currently have adequate internal control over financial reporting, we are exposed to risks from legislation requiring companies to evaluate those internal controls.***

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires our management to report on, and our independent registered public accounting firm to attest to, the effectiveness of our internal control structure and procedures for financial reporting. We have an ongoing program to perform the system and process evaluation and testing necessary to comply with these requirements. This legislation is relatively new and neither companies nor accounting firms have significant experience in complying with its requirements. As a result, we have incurred, and expect to continue to incur increased expense and to devote additional management resources to Section 404 compliance. In the event that our chief executive officer, chief financial officer or our independent registered public accounting firm determine that our internal control over financial reporting is not effective as defined under Section 404, investor perceptions of us may be adversely affected and could cause a decline in the market price of our stock.

**Risks Related to our Common Stock**

***Provisions in our certificate of incorporation, our bylaws and our agreement with Microsoft could delay or prevent a change in control.***

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire a majority of our outstanding voting stock. These provisions include the following:

- the ability of the Board to create and issue preferred stock without prior stockholder approval;
  - the prohibition of stockholder action by written consent;
  - a classified Board; and
- advance notice requirements for director nominations and stockholder proposals.

On March 5, 2000, we entered into an agreement with Microsoft in which we agreed to develop and sell graphics chips and to license certain technology to Microsoft and its licensees for use in the Xbox. Under the agreement, if an individual or corporation makes an offer to purchase shares equal to or greater than 30% of the outstanding shares of

our common stock, Microsoft may have first and last rights of refusal to purchase the stock. The Microsoft provision and the other factors listed above could also delay or prevent a change in control of NVIDIA.

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**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS****Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Purchased</b>	<b>Average Price Paid per Share</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans of Programs (2)</b>	<b>Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1)</b>
July 31, 2006 through August 27, 2006	-	\$ -	-	\$ 311,869,417
August 28, 2006 through September 24, 2006	-	\$ -	-	\$ 311,869,417
September 25, 2006 through October 29, 2006	-	\$ -	-	\$ 311,869,417
Total	-	\$ -	-	-

(1) On August 9, 2004, we announced that our Board had authorized a stock repurchase program to repurchase shares of our common stock, subject to certain specifications, up to an aggregate maximum amount of \$300.0 million. On March 6, 2006, we announced that the Board had approved a \$400.0 million increase to the original stock repurchase program we had announced in August 2004. As a result of this increase, we have an ongoing authorization from the Board, subject to certain specifications, to repurchase shares of our common stock up to an aggregate maximum amount of \$700.0 million on the open market, in negotiated transactions or through structured stock repurchase agreements through August 2007.

(2) As part of our share repurchase program, we have entered into and we may continue to enter into structured share repurchase transactions with financial institutions. During the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we made no repurchases of our common stock. Through the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2007, we have repurchased an aggregate of 24.5 million shares under our under a structured share repurchase program, which we recorded on the trade date of the transaction for a total cost of \$388.2 million.

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

None.

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on December 7, 2006.

**NVIDIA CORPORATION**

By: /s/ MARVIN D. BURKETT

**Marvin D. Burkett**

**Chief Financial Officer**

**(Duly Authorized Officer and**

**Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)**



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