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Form 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012

Commission File Number 1-5620

Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

23-1609753
(I.R.S. Employer

ID No.)

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435 Devon Park Drive

Building 800

Wayne, PA

(Address of principal executive offices)

19087

(Zip Code)

(610) 293-0600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock (\$.10 par value)	New York Stock Exchange
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None	

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

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

As of June 30, 2012, the aggregate market value of the Registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant was \$316,924,470 based on the closing sale price as reported on the New York Stock Exchange.

The number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's Common Stock, as of March 7, 2013 was 20,976,963.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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Portions of the definitive proxy statement (the Definitive Proxy Statement) to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report.

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PART I

Cautionary Note concerning Forward-Looking Statements

Except for the historical information and discussions contained herein, statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Our forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. The risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially, include, among others, managing rapidly changing technologies, limited access to capital, competition, the ability to attract and retain qualified employees, the ability to execute our strategy, the uncertainty of the future performance of our partner companies, acquisitions and dispositions of partner companies, the inability to manage growth, compliance with government regulations and legal liabilities, additional financing requirements, the effect of economic conditions in the business sectors in which our partner companies operate, and other uncertainties described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Many of these factors are beyond our ability to predict or control. In addition, as a result of these and other factors, our past financial performance should not be relied on as an indication of future performance. The Company does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements or other information contained in this document.

Item 1. Business

Business Overview

Safeguard's charter is to build value in growth-stage businesses by providing capital as well as strategic, operational and management resources. Safeguard participates in expansion financings, corporate spin-outs, buyouts, recapitalizations, industry consolidations, and early-stage financings. Our vision is to be the preferred catalyst to build great companies across diverse capital platforms. Historically, we have typically been a provider of equity capital and have provided debt capital only in limited instances where specific circumstances permitted. Throughout this document, we use the term *partner company* to generally refer to those companies in which we have an equity interest and in which we are actively involved, influencing development through board representation and management support, in addition to the influence we exert through our equity ownership. From time to time, in addition to these partner companies, we also hold relatively small equity interests in other enterprises in the management of which we are not actively involved.

We strive to create long-term value for our shareholders by helping partner companies increase their market penetration, grow revenue and improve cash flow. Safeguard focuses principally on companies with initial capital requirements between \$5 million and \$15 million, and follow-on financings between \$5 million and \$10 million, with a total anticipated deployment of up to \$25 million from Safeguard. In addition, Safeguard principally targets companies that operate in two sectors:

Healthcare companies focused on medical technology (*MedTech*), including diagnostics and devices; healthcare technology (*HealthTech*); and specialty pharmaceuticals. Within these areas, Safeguard targets companies that have lesser regulatory risk and have achieved or are near commercialization; and

Technology companies focused on digital media; financial technology (*FinTech*); and Enterprise 3.0, which includes mobile technology, cloud, the Internet of Things and big data. Within these areas, Safeguard targets companies that have transaction-enabling applications with a recurring revenue stream.

It is our stated intention to continue to develop, grow and extend our capital deployment and business building platform by leveraging our core capabilities. These initiatives may take the form of: i) considering partner companies in additional sectors; ii) making a concerted effort to deploy debt capital to our partner companies or to other borrowers; and /or iii) managing the deployment of capital other than that which originates on our balance sheet.

In 2012, our management team continued to focus on the following objectives:

Deploy capital in companies within our strategic focus;

Build value in partner companies by developing strong management teams, growing the companies organically and through acquisitions, and positioning the companies for liquidity at premium valuations;

Realize the value of partner companies through selective, well-timed exits to maximize risk-adjusted value; and

Provide the tools needed for investors to fully recognize the shareholder value that has been created by our efforts.

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To meet our strategic objectives during 2013, Safeguard will continue to focus on:

finding opportunities to deploy our capital in additional partner companies and, possibly, extensions of our capital deployment and business building platform;

helping partner companies to achieve additional market penetration, revenue growth, cash flow improvement and growth in long-term value; and

realizing value in our partner companies if and when we believe doing so will maximize value for our shareholders.

We incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1953. Our corporate headquarters are located at 435 Devon Park Drive, Building 800, Wayne, Pennsylvania 19087.

Significant 2012 Highlights

Here are our key developments from 2012:

During 2012, we deployed \$28.7 million in capital into new partner companies. In addition, we deployed \$26.4 million in additional capital to support the growth of the partner companies in which we already had an interest at December 31, 2011.

In January 2012, Safeguard deployed \$10.0 million in Spongecell, Inc. Spongecell is a digital media company that transforms standard online ads into dynamic ads with rich media-like functionality. Spongecell can build and rollout ads in 72 hours or less, allowing creative agencies to quickly deploy interactive display ad campaigns that have resulted in increased engagement by 25 to 50 percent over static banner ads.

In February 2012, Safeguard deployed \$2.2 million in Lumesis, Inc. Lumesis is a software-as-a-service (SaaS), cloud-based FinTech company dedicated to delivering software solutions and comprehensive, timely data to the fixed income marketplace. Through analytical tools, real-time alerts, proprietary visualization technology and content-rich reporting, Lumesis' DIVER platform allows professionals across the municipal market to easily identify portfolio risks and opportunities, improve customer satisfaction, ensure compliance and enable growth.

In April 2012, Eli Lilly and Company (Eli Lilly) and Avid Radiopharmaceuticals (Avid) announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Amyvid, a radioactive diagnostic agent indicated for brain imaging of beta-amyloid plaques in patients with cognitive impairment who are being evaluated for Alzheimer's Disease and other causes of cognitive decline. The achievement of this milestone triggered the payment of \$5.6 million in additional proceeds to Safeguard from the December 2010 acquisition of Avid by Eli Lilly, increasing total net proceeds received to \$41.3 million.

In May 2012, Safeguard appointed Dr. Keith B. Jarrett to its board of directors. Dr. Jarrett has more than 25 years of experience in venture capital, private equity and finance technology, driving value for customers, shareholders, investors and employees.

In November 2012, Stephen T. Zarrilli succeeded Peter J. Boni as President and CEO and joined Safeguard's Board of Directors. Over the course of a 30 year career, Mr. Zarrilli has served as CEO and CFO of both publicly traded and privately held technology companies. He also has substantial board governance experience having served on four other publicly traded enterprises over the last 15 years. Mr. Zarrilli joined Safeguard as its CFO in 2008.

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In November 2012, Safeguard completed the issuance of \$55.0 million in face value of 5.25% convertible senior debentures due 2018. Net proceeds from the offering were used to repurchase \$46.9 million in face value of 10.125% convertible senior debentures due 2014.

In December 2012, Safeguard deployed \$6.5 million in AppFirst, Inc. AppFirst provides cloud-based application performance monitoring solutions for the enterprise. AppFirst is a cloud-based application performance monitoring solution that provides unprecedented visibility into critical, top-line business metrics. Through its SaaS-based DevOps Dashboard, AppFirst captures extremely detailed information from an entire application stack, including millions of infrastructure, application and business metrics, aggregates them and then correlates them in a single, big data repository that eliminates the need for users to search for data in multiple places. Data is collected continuously to provide customers with visibility into their entire infrastructure and every application running in production, delivering actionable data and bringing overall system management to a higher level of efficiency.

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In December 2012, Safeguard deployed \$10.0 million in Crescendo Bioscience, Inc. Crescendo Bioscience is a molecular diagnostics company focused on rheumatology. Crescendo Bioscience develops quantitative, objective, blood tests to provide rheumatologists with deeper clinical insights to help enable more effective management of patients with autoimmune and inflammatory diseases.

Our Strategy

We currently focus much of our intention on developing partner companies that address one or more of the five following general themes and that are pursuing opportunities presented thereby:

Maturity Many existing technologies, solutions and therapies are reaching the end of their designed lives or patent protection; the population of the U.S. is aging; IT infrastructure is maturing and the sectors are consolidating; and many businesses based on once-novel technologies are now facing consolidation and other competitive pressures.

Migration Many technology platforms are migrating to newer technologies with changing cost structures; many medical treatments are moving toward earlier stage intervention or generics; there is a migration from generalized treatments to personalized medicine; many business models are migrating towards different revenue-generation models, integrating technologies and services; and traditional media such as newspapers and advertising have migrated online.

Convergence Many technology and healthcare businesses are intersecting in fields like medical devices and diagnostics for targeted therapies. Within healthcare itself, devices, diagnostics and therapeutics are converging.

Compliance Regulatory compliance is driving buying behavior in technology and healthcare.

Cost containment The importance of cost containment grows as healthcare costs and IT infrastructure maintenance costs grow. These strategic themes tend to drive growth and attract entrepreneurs who need capital, operational support and strategic guidance. Safeguard deploys capital, combined with management expertise, process excellence and marketplace insight, to provide tangible benefits to our partner companies.

Our corporate staff of 31 employees is dedicated to creating long-term value for our shareholders by helping our partner companies build value and by finding additional acquisition opportunities.

Identifying Partner Company Opportunities

Safeguard's go-to-market strategy, marketing and sourcing activities within our sectors of focus (Healthcare and Technology) are designed to generate a large volume of high-quality opportunities to acquire majority or primary shareholder positions in partner companies. Our principal focus is to acquire positions in emerging- and growth-stage companies with attractive growth prospects in the technology and healthcare sectors. Generally, we prefer to deploy capital into companies:

operating in large and/or growing markets;

with barriers to entry by competitors, such as proprietary technology and intellectual property, or other competitive advantages;

with initial capital requirements between \$5 million and \$15 million, and follow-on financings between \$5 million and \$10 million, with the total anticipated deployment of up to \$25 million from Safeguard; and

with a compelling growth strategy.

Our sourcing efforts are targeted primarily in the eastern United States. However, in-bound deal leads generate opportunities throughout the United States. Leads come from a variety of sources, including investment bankers, syndication partners, existing partner companies and advisory board members.

In Healthcare, we currently target companies in MedTech, including diagnostics and devices, HealthTech, and specialty pharmaceuticals that have lesser regulatory risk and have achieved or are near commercialization.

In Technology, we currently target companies in digital media, FinTech, and Enterprise 3.0, which includes mobile technology, cloud, Internet of Things and big data that have transaction-enabling applications with a recurring revenue stream.

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We believe there are many opportunities within these business models and vertical markets, and our sourcing activities are focused on finding candidate companies and evaluating how well they align with our criteria. However, we recognize we may have difficulty identifying candidate companies and completing transactions on terms we believe appropriate. As a result, we cannot be certain how frequently we will enter into transactions with new or existing partner companies.

Competition. We face intense competition from other companies that acquire or provide capital to healthcare and technology businesses. Competitors include venture capital and, occasionally, private equity investors, as well as companies seeking to make strategic acquisitions. Many providers of growth capital also offer strategic guidance, networking access for recruiting and general advice. Nonetheless, we believe we are an attractive capital provider to potential partner companies because our strategy and capabilities offer:

responsive operational assistance, including strategy design and execution, business development, corporate development, sales, marketing, finance, risk management, talent recruitment and legal support;

the flexibility to structure minority or majority transactions with or without debt;

occasional liquidity opportunities for founders and existing investors;

a focus on maximizing *risk-adjusted* value growth, rather than *absolute* value growth within a narrow or predetermined time frame;

interim C-level management support, as needed; and

opportunities to leverage Safeguard's balance sheet for borrowing and stability.

Helping Our Partner Companies Build Value

We offer operational and management support to each of our partner companies through our deep domain expertise from careers as entrepreneurs, board members, financiers and operators. Our employees have expertise in business strategy, sales and marketing, operations, finance, legal and transactional support. We provide hands-on assistance to the management teams of our partner companies to support their growth. We believe our strengths include:

applying our expertise to support a partner company's introduction of new products and services;

leveraging our market knowledge to generate additional growth opportunities;

leveraging our business contacts and relationships; and

identifying and evaluating potential acquisitions and providing capital to pursue potential acquisitions to accelerate growth.

Strategic Support. By helping our partner companies' management teams remain focused on critical objectives through the provision of human, financial and strategic resources, we believe we are able to accelerate their development and success. We play an active role in developing the strategic direction of our partner companies, including:

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defining short and long-term strategic goals;

identifying and planning for the critical success factors to reach these goals;

identifying and addressing the challenges and operational improvements required to achieve the critical success factors and, ultimately, the strategic goals;

identifying and implementing the business measurements that we and others will apply to measure a company's success; and

providing capital to drive growth.

Management and Operational Support. We provide management and operational support, as well as ongoing planning and development assessment. Our executives and advisory board members provide mentoring, advice and guidance to develop partner company management. Our executives serve on the boards of directors of partner companies, working with them to develop and implement strategic and operating plans. We measure and monitor achievement of these plans through regular review of operational and financial performance measurements. We believe these services provide partner companies with significant competitive advantages within their respective markets.

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Realizing Value

In general, we will hold our position in a partner company as long as we believe the risk-adjusted value of that position is maximized by our continued ownership and effort. From time to time, we engage in discussions with other companies interested in our partner companies, either in response to inquiries or as part of a process we initiate. To the extent we believe that a partner company's further growth and development can best be supported by a different ownership structure or if we otherwise believe it is in our shareholders' best interests, we may sell some or all of our position in the partner company. These sales may take the form of privately negotiated sales of stock or assets, public offerings of the partner company's securities and, in the case of publicly traded partner companies, sales of their securities in the open market. In the past, we have taken partner companies public through rights offerings and directed share subscription programs. We will continue to consider these (or similar) programs to maximize partner company value for our shareholders. We expect to use proceeds from these sales (and sales of other assets) primarily to pursue opportunities to create new partner company relationships or for working capital purposes, either with existing partner companies or at Safeguard.

Our Partner Companies

An understanding of our partner companies is important to understanding Safeguard and its value-building strategy. Following are descriptions of our partner companies in which we owned interests at December 31, 2012, except in the case of Sotera Wireless and Pneuron, in which we acquired our ownership interests in January and February 2013, respectively. The indicated ownership percentage is presented as of December 31, 2012, or the later date on which the interest was acquired, and reflects the percentage of the vote we are entitled to cast based on issued and outstanding voting securities (on a common stock equivalent basis), excluding the effect of options, warrants and convertible debt (primary ownership).

In the fourth quarter of 2012, we expanded our focus within the former Life Sciences segment to include companies in the HealthTech sector and have renamed that segment Healthcare. The HealthTech sector had previously been included in our Technology segment.

HEALTHCARE PARTNER COMPANIES

AdvantEdge Healthcare Solutions, Inc.

(Safeguard Ownership: 40.2%)

Headquartered in Warren, New Jersey, AdvantEdge Healthcare Solutions (AdvantEdge) is a technology-enabled provider of healthcare financial management solutions and business intelligence tools designed to improve decision making, maximize financial performance, streamline operations and eliminate compliance risks for healthcare providers. AdvantEdge continues to gain meaningful scale through organic growth and strategic acquisitions, having completed eight acquisitions since 2007. AdvantEdge has more than 675 employees in eight regional offices in the U.S. and one office in Bangalore, India. In 2012, AdvantEdge released its new InfoEdgeBISM platform, which gives medical practices and hospitals more in-depth insight into their medical billing and coding information. www.ahsrcm.com

Alverix, Inc.

(Safeguard Ownership: 49.2%)

Headquartered in San Jose, California, Alverix provides next-generation instrument and connectivity platforms for Point-of-Care diagnostic testing. Alverix's systems enable laboratory class performance in a mobile, inexpensive format, extending testing beyond high volume sites to physician office labs, retail clinics, emerging markets and the home, where immediate results are critical to patient care. Alverix and Becton, Dickinson (BD) have co-developed and BD is commercializing a proprietary point-of-care system that improves near patient infectious-disease diagnoses. In 2012, BD received 510(k) clearance from the FDA for nasopharyngeal wash, aspirate and swab in transport media specimens on the BD Veritor™ System for Rapid Detection Flu A + B and respiratory syncytial virus. Alverix remains focused on growing its point-of-care platform business through co-development of near patient test systems with select partners and through development of its own systems. www.alverix.com

Crescendo Bioscience, Inc.

(Safeguard Ownership: 12.6%)

Headquartered in San Francisco, California, Crescendo Bioscience is a molecular diagnostics company that is currently focused on improving the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis (RA), a debilitating, chronic inflammatory disease characterized by bone erosions and cartilage degradation. Current tools for assessing the status of RA in individual cases are largely subjective, imprecise and cumbersome to administer in daily practice.

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Working with collaborators from academic medical institutions, Crescendo Bioscience is building a comprehensive understanding of the underlying biology of RA, including the characterization of protein, gene expression and genetic biomarkers, to provide molecular analysis of the disease to help guide the treatment of individual patients. Through its lead product, Vectra™ DA, Crescendo Bioscience is establishing long-term relationships with clinicians to help improve outcomes throughout the continuum of care. All testing is performed at Crescendo Bioscience's own specialized, CLIA-certified laboratory. www.crescendobio.com

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Headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Good Start Genetics is a molecular diagnostic company that has developed more accurate and comprehensive pre-pregnancy genetic tests. Launched in 2012, Good Start Genetics' GoodStart Select™, developed in a CLIA- and CAP-approved laboratory, represents a menu of carrier screening tests that detect more disease-causing mutations among all society-recommended diseases than other routine screening tests. Currently, Good Start Genetics offers tests for all 23 diseases/disorders recommended for screening by medical societies. Good Start Genetics' next-generation DNA sequencing technology combined with other technologies, results in higher detection rates regardless of ethnicity. www.goodstartgenetics.com

Medivo, Inc.***(Safeguard Ownership: 30.0%)***

Headquartered in New York, New York, Medivo is a health monitoring company dedicated to helping save and improve lives through faster and easier access to quality healthcare. Medivo collects and organizes clinical and symptom data from laboratories and mobile applications, and delivers easy-to-interpret reports to physicians that help them provide better care. Medivo enables patients to better manage their health and have more meaningful interactions with their doctors through access to testing and mobile symptom monitoring tools, easy-to-understand explanations of lab results, and relevant education information. www.medivo.com

NovaSom, Inc.***(Safeguard Ownership: 30.3%)***

Headquartered in Glen Burnie, Maryland, NovaSom provides diagnostic devices and services for home testing and evaluation of sleep-disordered breathing, including obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). NovaSom's Home Sleep Test is a portable, FDA-approved instrument that can detect OSA at home for patient convenience and enhanced accuracy. NovaSom's home service delivery model, combined with a cloud-based portal technology, connects NovaSom with physicians, therapy providers and payers to achieve alignment in patient preference, cost and quality objectives. www.novasom.com

NuPathe Inc. (NASDAQ: PATH)***(Safeguard Ownership: 17.8%)***

Headquartered in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, NuPathe is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on innovative neuroscience solutions for diseases of the central nervous system, including neurological and psychiatric disorders. NuPathe's lead product, Zecuity™ (sumatriptan iontophoretic transdermal system), has been approved by the FDA for the acute treatment of migraine with or without aura in adults. Zecuity is expected to be available by prescription in the fourth quarter of 2013. In addition to Zecuity, NuPathe has two proprietary product candidates based on its LAD™, or Long-Acting Delivery, biodegradable implant technology that allows delivery of therapeutic levels of medication over a period of months with a single dose. NP201, for the continuous symptomatic treatment of Parkinson's disease, utilizes a leading FDA-approved dopamine agonist, ropinirole, and is being developed to provide up to two months of continuous delivery. NP202, for the long-term treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, is being developed to address the long-standing problem of patient noncompliance by providing three months of continuous delivery of risperidone, an atypical antipsychotic. NuPathe is seeking development partners for these two product candidates. www.nupathe.com

PixelOptics, Inc.***(Safeguard Ownership: 24.6%)***

Headquartered in Roanoke, Virginia, PixelOptics is a medical technology company that developed and has begun to commercialize emPower!, an electronically focusing prescription eyewear product. emPower! uses dynamic technology to change focus automatically and silently, without moving parts, reducing or eliminating perceived distortion and other limitations associated with multifocal lenses. Initially targeted for those individuals with presbyopia, a condition where the eye exhibits a progressively diminished ability to focus on near objects with age, these glasses change automatically to enable a patient to see near or far. PixelOptics expects to roll out its second generation eyewear in 2013. www.pixeloptics.com

Putney, Inc.***(Safeguard Ownership: 27.6%)***

Headquartered in Portland, Maine, Putney is a specialty pharmaceutical company developing high-quality, cost-effective generic medicines for pets. Putney's mission is to partner with veterinary practices to provide high quality medicines that meet pet medical needs and offer

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cost-effective alternatives for pet owners. Putney's ongoing investment in research and development is focused on creating the next generation of generic veterinary products based on inputs from companion animal veterinarians and its industry partners. www.putneyvet.com

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Sotera Wireless, Inc.

(Safeguard Ownership: 7.7%)

Headquartered in San Diego, California, Sotera Wireless is a medical device company that has developed a new wireless patient monitoring platform called ViSi Mobile®. Sotera's ViSi Mobile platform is a comprehensive vital signs monitoring system that is designed to keep clinicians connected to their patients, whether in or out of bed, or while in transport monitoring in motion. www.soterawireless.com

TECHNOLOGY PARTNER COMPANIES

AppFirst, Inc.

(Safeguard Ownership: 35.0%)

Headquartered in New York, New York, AppFirst is a cloud-based application performance monitoring solution that provides visibility into critical, top-line business metrics. Through its SaaS-based DevOps Dashboard, AppFirst captures detailed information from an entire application stack, including millions of infrastructure, application and business metrics, aggregates them and then correlates them in a single, big data repository that eliminates the need for users to search for data in multiple places. Data is collected continuously to provide customers with visibility into their entire infrastructure and every application running in production, delivering actionable data and bringing overall system management to a higher level of efficiency. www.appfirst.com

Beyond.com, Inc.

(Safeguard Ownership: 38.3%)

Headquartered in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, Beyond.com is a career network that is focused on helping people grow and succeed professionally. By connecting job seekers and employers through 70 unique career channels and 2,000 industry and regional communities, Beyond.com is changing the way job searching is done and helping people build relationships around the world. Through powerful communication tools and a personalized online Career Portfolio, members have an online presence and access to job search functions, networking features, statistics and social and industry research. www.beyond.com

Bridgevine, Inc.

(Safeguard Ownership: 21.7%)

Headquartered in Vero Beach, Florida, Bridgevine is a performance-based digital marketing company that delivers superior online customer acquisition by bringing together in-market audiences with relevant partner brands. Bridgevine's proprietary SaaS platform powers consumer interactions with major brands, as well as integrates with online and legacy applications for Fortune 500 clients. Over the course of Bridgevine's partnership, these solutions have delivered more than \$2.5 billion in revenue to enterprise customers such as Comcast, AT&T, Time Warner Cable, CenturyLink, Constellation Energy and DIRECTV. www.bridgevine.com

DriveFactor, Inc.

(Safeguard Ownership: 35.4%)

Headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, DriveFactor provides insurance companies with a turn-key software platform that enables usage based insurance (UBI) programs. DriveFactor has created an elegant UBI platform that is statistically more predictive and financially more attractive for insurance companies to implement, as well as a privacy-sensitive, financially equitable offering for consumers. DriveFactor's telematics platform offers real-time access to driving data and the ability to set different data gathering parameters for individual devices. It thus makes it easier for insurance companies to identify responsible drivers, communicate with their customers, and implement successful usage-based insurance programs. DriveFactor is currently available in the United States, Canada and Europe. www.drivefactor.com

Hoopla Software, Inc.

(Safeguard Ownership: 25.3%)

Headquartered in San Jose, California, Hoopla Software has developed a complete performance optimization system designed to steer the actions and behaviors of employees. Hoopla's platform leverages enterprise data, advanced game mechanics and sophisticated communication tools to cultivate a high performance culture and drive results. Hoopla's SaaS applications are licensed for a subscription fee and are available on the Salesforce.com AppExchange. www.hoopla.net

Lumesis, Inc.

(Safeguard Ownership: 31.6%)

Headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut, Lumesis is a SaaS, cloud-based financial technology company dedicated to delivering software solutions and comprehensive timely data to the fixed income municipal marketplace. Through sophisticated analytical tools, real-time alerts, proprietary visualization technology and content-rich reporting, Lumesis DIVER solutions allow professionals across the municipal market to easily identify portfolio risks and opportunities, improve customer satisfaction, ensure compliance and enable growth. **www.lumesis.com**

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Headquartered in New York, New York, MediaMath provides enterprise-class technology and services to advertisers and their agencies to make more efficient, effective and profitable marketing decisions. The MediaMath buying platform, TerminalOne, provides advertising agencies and brands with the technology and back office services to trade effectively across all digital advertising channels. It includes a common interface and workflow, data management layer that integrates marketer and third-party data, sophisticated algorithms and bid optimization, and deep relationships with over a dozen major sources of quality supply. The company serves billions of highly targeted ads per month on behalf of dozens of top-tier agencies, including all of the major agency holding companies. www.mediamath.com

Pneuron, Inc.**(Safeguard Ownership: 27.6%)**

Headquartered in Woburn, Massachusetts, Pneuron helps Fortune 5000 enterprise companies reduce the time and cost of application development by building solutions across heterogeneous databases, and applications. Pneuron's lightweight, cloud-ready enterprise-class platform provides a suite of high-performance pneurons that enables enterprises to build, deploy and manage distributed analytics, applications and operating models directly against source systems and centrally integrate insights. Instead of bringing all the data, IP and assets into one place, then analyzing it, Pneuron takes the analytics to the data. This approach eliminates the need for large costly failure-prone systems and data integration projects. Pneuron is initially focused on some of the most pressing and complex areas of financial services, including global regulations, risk, conversion management and revenue generation. However, the company is already starting to gain traction in insurance and healthcare with emerging partnerships. www.pneuron.com

Spongecell, Inc.**(Safeguard Ownership: 23.1%)**

Headquartered in New York, New York, Spongecell is an advertising technology company that transforms standard online ads into dynamic ads with rich media-like functionality. Rich media ads are superior to standard banner ads in that they engage audiences longer, use no more real estate than a standard banner ad, and keep users on the publisher's page. The company works with creative and media agencies to serve engaging campaigns for global brand advertisers. www.spongecell.com

ThingWorx, Inc.**(Safeguard Ownership: 39.8%)**

Headquartered in Exton, Pennsylvania, ThingWorx provides the first software application platform designed for today's connected world. The ThingWorx platform combines the key functionality of Web 2.0, search, and social collaboration, and applies it to the world of things, including connected products, machines, sensors, and industrial equipment. Businesses use the ThingWorx platform to rapidly deliver innovative applications and connected solutions across markets ranging from manufacturing, energy, and food, to machine-to-machine remote monitoring and service, as well as in emerging Internet of Things applications, including smart cities, smart grid, agriculture, and transportation. www.thingworx.com

Other Initiatives To Expand our Platform

It is our stated intention to continue to develop, grow and extend our capital deployment and business building platform by leveraging our core capabilities. These initiatives may take the form of: i) considering partner companies in additional sectors; ii) making a concerted effort to deploy debt capital to our partner companies or to other borrowers; and/or iii) managing the deployment of capital other than that which originates on our balance sheet.

During 2011, we acquired a 36% ownership interest in Penn Mezzanine, a mezzanine lending enterprise. We expect to deploy an aggregate of \$30 million to this relationship. In addition to this capital, Penn Mezzanine funds its lending activities by raising capital from third-party limited partners. Penn Mezzanine provides junior capital and operational support to growth stage businesses. We participate in the subordinated loans and other forms of junior capital provided by Penn Mezzanine. Our relationship with Penn Mezzanine provides us with current interest income earned through our participations in their funding activities. Through Penn Mezzanine we also augment our capabilities as a provider of growth capital and participate in the management of external sources of capital. Through our ownership interest in Penn Mezzanine we expect to benefit from the management fee income and profit participation of the Penn Mezzanine enterprise. This endeavor offers another form of capital to our existing partner companies, our potential partner companies and to other borrowers. In connection with its lending efforts, Penn Mezzanine leverages the due diligence and industry expertise of Safeguard's management. Safeguard has the opportunity to augment Penn Mezzanine's pipeline of lending opportunities and Penn Mezzanine is a potential source for equity capital deployments for Safeguard.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT OPERATING SEGMENTS

Information on operating income (loss), equity income (loss) and net income (loss) from continuing operations for each operating segment of Safeguard's business for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012 and assets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 is contained in Note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

OTHER INFORMATION

The operations of Safeguard and its partner companies are subject to environmental laws and regulations. Safeguard does not believe that expenditures relating to those laws and regulations will have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition or results of operations of Safeguard.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

Safeguard is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Therefore, we file our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, proxy statements and other information with, and furnish other reports to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). You can read and copy such documents at the SEC's public reference facilities in Washington, D.C., New York, New York and Chicago, Illinois. You may obtain information on the operation of the SEC's public reference facilities by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Such material may also be accessed electronically by means of the SEC's home page on the Internet at www.sec.gov or through Safeguard's Internet website at www.safeguard.com. Such documents are available as soon as reasonably practicable after electronic filing of the material with the SEC. Copies of these reports (excluding exhibits) also may be obtained free of charge, upon written request to: Investor Relations, Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., 435 Devon Park Drive, Building 800, Wayne, Pennsylvania 19087.

The Internet website addresses for Safeguard and its partner companies are included in this report for identification purposes. The information contained therein or connected thereto is not intended to be incorporated into this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The following corporate governance documents are available free of charge on Safeguard's website: the charters of our Audit, Compensation and Nominating & Corporate Governance Committees, our Corporate Governance Guidelines and our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. We also will post on our website any amendments to or waivers of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that relate to our directors and executive officers.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

You should carefully consider the information set forth below. The following risk factors describe situations in which our business, financial condition and/or results of operations could be materially harmed, and the value of our securities may be adversely affected. You should also refer to other information included or incorporated by reference in this report.

Our principal business depends upon our ability to make good decisions regarding the deployment of capital into new or existing partner companies and, ultimately, the performance of our partner companies, which is uncertain.

If we make poor decisions regarding the deployment of capital into new or existing partner companies, our business model will not succeed. Our success as a company ultimately depends on our ability to choose the right partner companies. If our partner companies do not succeed, the value of our assets could be significantly reduced and require substantial impairments or write-offs and our results of operations and the price of our common stock would be adversely affected. The risks relating to our partner companies include:

most of our partner companies have a history of operating losses and/or limited operating history;

the intense competition affecting the products and services our partner companies offer could adversely affect their businesses, financial condition, results of operations and prospects for growth;

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the inability to adapt to changing marketplaces;

the inability to manage growth;

the need for additional capital to fund their operations, which we may not be able to fund or which may not be available from third parties on acceptable terms, if at all;

the inability to protect their proprietary rights and/or infringing on the proprietary rights of others;

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that certain of our partner companies could face legal liabilities from claims made against them based upon their operations, products or work;

the impact of economic downturns on their operations, results and growth prospects;

the inability to attract and retain qualified personnel;

the existence of government regulations and legal uncertainties may place financial burdens on the businesses of our partner companies; and

the inability to plan for and manage catastrophic events.

These and other risks are discussed in detail under the caption "Risks Related to Our Partner Companies" below.

Our partner companies (and the nature of our interests in them) could vary widely from period to period.

As part of our strategy, we continually assess the value to our shareholders of our interests in our partner companies. We also regularly evaluate alternative uses for our capital resources. As a result, depending on market conditions, growth prospects and other key factors, we may at any time:

change the individual and/or types of partner companies on which we focus;

sell some or all of our interests in any of our partner companies; or

otherwise change the nature of our interests in our partner companies.

Therefore, the nature of our holdings could vary significantly from period to period.

Our consolidated financial results also may vary significantly based upon which, if any, of our partner companies are included in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Our business model does not rely upon, or plan for, the receipt of operating cash flows from our partner companies. Our partner companies generally provide us with no cash flow from their operations. We rely on cash on hand, liquidity events and our ability to generate cash from capital raising activities to finance our operations.

We need capital to develop new partner company relationships and to fund the capital needs of our existing partner companies. We also need cash to service and repay our outstanding debt, finance our corporate overhead and meet our existing funding commitments. As a result, we have substantial cash requirements. Our partner companies generally provide us with no cash flow from their operations. To the extent our partner companies generate any cash from operations, they generally retain the funds to develop their own businesses. As a result, we must rely on cash on hand, partner company liquidity events and new capital raising activities to meet our cash needs. If we are unable to find ways of monetizing our holdings or to raise additional capital on attractive terms, we may face liquidity issues that will require us to curtail our new business efforts, constrain our ability to execute our business strategy and limit our ability to provide financial support to our existing partner companies.

Fluctuations in the price of the common stock of our publicly traded holdings may affect the price of our common stock.

Fluctuations in the market prices of the common stock of our publicly traded holdings may affect the price of our common stock. The market prices of our publicly traded holdings have been highly volatile and subject to fluctuations unrelated or disproportionate to operating performance.

Intense competition from other acquirors of interests in companies could result in lower gains or possibly losses on our partner companies.

We face intense competition from other capital providers as we acquire and develop interests in our partner companies. Some of our competitors have more experience identifying, acquiring and selling companies and have greater financial and management resources, brand name recognition or industry contacts than we have. Despite making most of our acquisitions at a stage when our partner companies are not publicly traded, we may still pay higher prices for those equity interests because of higher valuations of similar public companies and competition from other acquirers and capital providers, which could result in lower gains or possibly losses.

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We may be unable to obtain maximum value for our holdings or to sell our holdings on a timely basis.

We hold significant positions in our partner companies. Consequently, if we were to divest all or part of our holdings in a partner company, we may have to sell our interests at a relative discount to a price which may be received by a seller of a smaller portion. For partner companies with publicly traded stock, we may be unable to sell our holdings at then-quoted market prices. For instance, the trading volume and public float in the common stock of NuPathe, a publicly traded partner company, is small relative to our holdings. As a result, any significant open-market divestiture by us of our holdings in this partner company, if possible at all, would likely have a material adverse effect on the market price of its common stock and on our proceeds from such a divestiture. Additionally, we may not be able to take our partner companies public as a means of monetizing our position or creating shareholder value.

Registration and other requirements under applicable securities laws may adversely affect our ability to dispose of our holdings on a timely basis.

Our success is dependent on our executive management.

Our success is dependent on our executive management team's ability to execute our strategy. A loss of one or more of the members of our executive management team without adequate replacement could have a material adverse effect on us.

Our business strategy may not be successful if valuations in the market sectors in which our partner companies participate decline.

Our strategy involves creating value for our shareholders by helping our partner companies build value and, if appropriate, accessing the public and private capital markets. Therefore, our success is dependent on the value of our partner companies as determined by the public and private capital markets. Many factors, including reduced market interest, may cause the market value of our publicly traded partner companies to decline. If valuations in the market sectors in which our partner companies participate decline, their access to the public and private capital markets on terms acceptable to them may be limited.

Our partner companies could make business decisions that are not in our best interests or with which we do not agree, which could impair the value of our holdings.

Although we may seek a controlling or influential equity interest and participation in the management of our partner companies, we may not be able to control the significant business decisions of our partner companies. We may have shared control or no control over some of our partner companies. In addition, although we currently own a significant, influential interest in some of our partner companies, we do not maintain a controlling interest in any of our partner companies. Acquisitions of interests in partner companies in which we share or have no control, and the dilution of our interests in or loss of control of partner companies, will involve additional risks that could cause the performance of our interests and our operating results to suffer, including:

the management of a partner company having economic or business interests or objectives that are different from ours; and

the partner companies not taking our advice with respect to the financial or operating issues they may encounter.

Our inability to control our partner companies also could prevent us from assisting them, financially or otherwise, or could prevent us from liquidating our interests in them at a time or at a price that is favorable to us. Additionally, our partner companies may not act in ways that are consistent with our business strategy. These factors could hamper our ability to maximize returns on our interests and cause us to incur losses on our interests in these partner companies.

We may have to buy, sell or retain assets when we would otherwise not wish to do so in order to avoid registration under the Investment Company Act.

The Investment Company Act of 1940 regulates companies which are engaged primarily in the business of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding or trading in securities. Under the Investment Company Act, a company may be deemed to be an investment company if it owns investment securities with a value exceeding 40% of the value of its total assets (excluding government securities and cash items) on an unconsolidated basis, unless an exemption or safe harbor applies. We refer to this test as the 40% Test. Securities issued by companies other than consolidated partner companies are generally considered investment securities for purposes of the Investment Company Act, unless other

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circumstances exist which actively involve the company holding such interests in the management of the underlying company. We are a company that partners with growth-stage companies to build value; we are not engaged primarily in the business of investing, reinvesting or trading in securities. We are in compliance with the 40% Test. Consequently, we do not believe that we are an investment company under the Investment Company Act.

We monitor our compliance with the 40% Test and seek to conduct our business activities to comply with this test. It is not feasible for us to be regulated as an investment company because the Investment Company Act rules are inconsistent with our strategy of actively helping our partner companies in their efforts to build value. In order to continue to comply with the 40% Test, we may need to take various actions which we would otherwise not pursue. For example, we may need to retain a controlling interest in a partner company that we no longer consider strategic, we may not be able to acquire an interest in a company unless we are able to obtain a controlling ownership interest in the company, or we may be limited in the manner or timing in which we sell our interests in a partner company. Our ownership levels also may be affected if our partner companies are acquired by third parties or if our partner companies issue stock which dilutes our controlling ownership interest. The actions we may need to take to address these issues while maintaining compliance with the 40% Test could adversely affect our ability to create and realize value at our partner companies.

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Economic disruptions and downturns may have negative repercussions for the Company.

Events in the United States and international capital markets, debt markets and economies may negatively impact our ability to pursue certain tactical and strategic initiatives, such as accessing additional public or private equity or debt financing for us or for our partner companies and selling our interests in partner companies on terms acceptable to us and in time frames consistent with our expectations.

We cannot provide assurance that material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting will not be identified in the future.

We cannot assure you that material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting will not be identified in the future. Any failure to maintain or implement required new or improved controls, or any difficulties we encounter in their implementation, could result in a material weakness, or could result in material misstatements in our Consolidated Financial Statements. These misstatements could result in a restatement of financial statements, cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations and/or cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, leading to a decline in our stock price.

Risks Related to Our Partner Companies

Most of our partner companies have a history of operating losses and/or limited operating history and may never be profitable.

Most of our partner companies have a history of operating losses or limited operating history, have significant historical losses and may never be profitable. Many have incurred substantial costs to develop and market their products, have incurred net losses and cannot fund their cash needs from operations. We expect that the operating expenses of certain of our partner companies will increase substantially in the foreseeable future as they continue to develop products and services, increase sales and marketing efforts, and expand operations.

Our partner companies face intense competition, which could adversely affect their business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects for growth.

There is intense competition in the technology and healthcare marketplaces, and we expect competition to intensify in the future. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects for growth will be materially adversely affected if our partner companies are not able to compete successfully. Many of the present and potential competitors may have greater financial, technical, marketing and other resources than those of our partner companies. This may place our partner companies at a disadvantage in responding to the offerings of their competitors, technological changes or changes in client requirements. Also, our partner companies may be at a competitive disadvantage because many of their competitors have greater name recognition, more extensive client bases and a broader range of product offerings. In addition, our partner companies may compete against one another.

The success or failure of many of our partner companies is dependent upon the ultimate effectiveness of newly-created information technologies, medical devices, healthcare diagnostics, etc.

Our partner companies' business strategies are often highly dependent upon the successful launch and commercialization of an innovative information technology, medical device, healthcare diagnostic, or similar device or technology. Despite all of our efforts to understand the research and development underlying the innovation or creation of such technologies before we deploy capital into a partner company, sometimes the performance of the technology or device does not match our expectations or those of our partner company. In those situations, it is likely that we will incur a partial or total loss of the capital which we deployed in such partner company.

Our partner companies may fail if they do not adapt to changing marketplaces.

If our partner companies fail to adapt to changes in technology and customer and supplier demands, they may not become or remain profitable. There is no assurance that the products and services of our partner companies will achieve or maintain market penetration or commercial success, or that the businesses of our partner companies will be successful.

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The healthcare and technology marketplaces are characterized by:

rapidly changing technology;

evolving industry standards;

frequently introducing new products and services;

shifting distribution channels;

evolving government regulation;

frequently changing intellectual property landscapes; and

changing customer demands.

Our future success will depend on our partner companies' ability to adapt to these evolving marketplaces. They may not be able to adequately or economically adapt their products and services, develop new products and services or establish and maintain effective distribution channels for their products and services. If our partner companies are unable to offer competitive products and services or maintain effective distribution channels, they will sell fewer products and services and forego potential revenue, possibly causing them to lose money. In addition, we and our partner companies may not be able to respond to the marketplace changes in an economically efficient manner, and our partner companies may become or remain unprofitable.

Our partner companies may grow rapidly and may be unable to manage their growth.

We expect some of our partner companies to grow rapidly. Rapid growth often places considerable operational, managerial and financial strain on a business. To successfully manage rapid growth, our partner companies must, among other things:

improve, upgrade and expand their business infrastructures;

scale up production operations;

develop appropriate financial reporting controls;

attract and maintain qualified personnel; and

maintain appropriate levels of liquidity.

If our partner companies are unable to manage their growth successfully, their ability to respond effectively to competition and to achieve or maintain profitability will be adversely affected.

Based on our business model, some or all of our partner companies will need to raise additional capital to fund their operations at any given time. We may not be able to fund some or all of such amounts and such amounts may not be available from third parties on acceptable terms, if at all.

We cannot be certain that our partner companies will be able to obtain additional financing on favorable terms when needed, if at all. Because our resources and our ability to raise capital are not unlimited, we may not be able to provide partner companies with sufficient capital resources to enable them to reach a cash-flow positive position, even if we wish to do so. General economic disruptions and downturns may also negatively affect the ability of some of our partner companies to fund their operations from other stockholders and capital sources. We also may fail to accurately project the capital needs of partner companies. If partner companies need capital but are not able to raise capital from us or other outside sources, then they may need to cease or scale back operations. In such event, our interest in any such partner company will become less valuable.

Economic disruptions and downturns may negatively affect our partner companies' plans and their results of operations.

Many of our partner companies are largely dependent upon outside sources of capital to fund their operations. Disruptions in the availability of capital from such sources will negatively affect the ability of such partner companies to pursue their business models and will force such companies to revise their growth and development plans accordingly. Any such changes will, in turn, negatively affect our ability to realize the value of our capital deployments in such partner companies.

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In addition, downturns in the economy as well as possible governmental responses to such downturns and/or to specific situations in the economy could affect the business prospects of certain of our partner companies, including, but not limited to, in the following ways: weaknesses in the financial services industries; reduced business and/or consumer spending; and/or systemic changes in the ways the healthcare system operates in the United States.

Some of our partner companies may be unable to protect their proprietary rights and may infringe on the proprietary rights of others.

Our partner companies assert various forms of intellectual property protection. Intellectual property may constitute an important part of partner company assets and competitive strengths. Federal law, most typically copyright, patent, trademark and trade secret laws, generally protects intellectual property rights. Although we expect that our partner companies will take reasonable efforts to protect the rights to their intellectual property, third parties may develop similar intellectual property independently. Moreover, the complexity of international trade secret, copyright, trademark and patent law, coupled with the limited resources of our partner companies and the demands of quick delivery of products and services to market, create a risk that partner company efforts to prevent misappropriation of their technology will prove inadequate.

Some of our partner companies also license intellectual property from third parties and it is possible that they could become subject to infringement actions based upon their use of the intellectual property licensed from those third parties. Our partner companies generally obtain representations as to the origin and ownership of such licensed intellectual property. However, this may not adequately protect them. Any claims against our partner companies' proprietary rights, with or without merit, could subject the companies to costly litigation and divert their technical and management personnel from other business concerns. If our partner companies incur costly litigation and their personnel are not effectively deployed, the expenses and losses incurred by our partner companies will increase and their profits, if any, will decrease.

Third parties have and may assert infringement or other intellectual property claims against our partner companies based on their patents or other intellectual property claims. Even though we believe our partner companies' products do not infringe any third-party's patents, they may have to pay substantial damages, possibly including treble damages, if it is ultimately determined that they do. They may have to obtain a license to sell their products if it is determined that their products infringe on another person's intellectual property. Our partner companies might be prohibited from selling their products before they obtain a license, which, if available at all, may require them to pay substantial royalties. Even if infringement claims against our partner companies are without merit, defending these types of lawsuits takes significant time, is expensive and may divert management attention from other business concerns.

Certain of our partner companies could face legal liabilities from claims made against their operations, products or work.

Because manufacture and sale of certain partner company products entail an inherent risk of product liability, certain partner companies maintain product liability insurance. Although none of our current partner companies have experienced any material losses in this regard, there can be no assurance that they will be able to maintain or acquire adequate product liability insurance in the future and any product liability claim could have a material adverse effect on a partner company's financial stability, revenues and results of operations. In addition, many of the engagements of our partner companies involve projects that are critical to the operation of their clients' businesses. If our partner companies fail to meet their contractual obligations, they could be subject to legal liability, which could adversely affect their business, operating results and financial condition. Partner company contracts typically include provisions designed to limit their exposure to legal claims relating to their services and products. However, these provisions may not protect our partner companies or may not be enforceable. Also, some of our partner companies depend on their relationships with their clients and their reputation for high-quality services and integrity to retain and attract clients. As a result, claims made against our partner companies' work may damage their reputation, which in turn could impact their ability to compete for new work and negatively impact their revenue and profitability.

Our partner companies' success depends on their ability to attract and retain qualified personnel.

Our partner companies depend upon their ability to attract and retain senior management and key personnel, including trained technical and marketing personnel. Our partner companies also will need to continue to hire additional personnel as they expand. Although our partner companies have not been the subject of a work stoppage, any future work stoppage could have a material adverse effect on their respective operations. A shortage in the availability of the requisite qualified personnel or work stoppage would limit the ability of our partner companies to grow, to increase sales of their existing products and services, and to launch new products and services.

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Government regulations and legal uncertainties may place financial burdens on the businesses of our partner companies.

Failure to comply with applicable requirements of the FDA or comparable regulation in foreign countries can result in fines, recall or seizure of products, total or partial suspension of production, withdrawal of existing product approvals or clearances, refusal to approve or clear new applications or notices and criminal prosecution. Manufacturers of pharmaceuticals and medical diagnostic devices and operators of laboratory facilities are subject to strict federal and state regulation regarding validation and the quality of manufacturing and laboratory facilities. Failure to comply with these quality regulation systems requirements could result in civil or criminal penalties or enforcement proceedings, including the recall of a product or a cease distribution order. The enactment of any additional laws or regulations that affect healthcare insurance policy and reimbursement (including Medicare reimbursement) could negatively affect our partner companies. If Medicare or private payors change the rates at which our partner companies or their customers are reimbursed by insurance providers for their products, such changes could adversely impact our partner companies.

Some of our partner companies may be subject to significant environmental, health and safety regulation.

Some of our partner companies may be subject to licensing and regulation under federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment and human health and safety, including laws and regulations relating to the handling, transportation and disposal of medical specimens, infectious and hazardous waste and radioactive materials, as well as to the safety and health of manufacturing and laboratory employees. In addition, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration has established extensive requirements relating to workplace safety.

Catastrophic events may disrupt our partner companies' businesses.

Some of our partner companies are highly automated businesses and rely on their network infrastructure, various software applications and many internal technology systems and data networks for their customer support, development, sales and marketing and accounting and finance functions. Further, some of our partner companies provide services to their customers from data center facilities in multiple locations. Some of these data centers are operated by third parties, and the partner companies have limited control over those facilities. A disruption or failure of these systems or data centers in the event of a natural disaster, telecommunications failure, power outage, cyber-attack, war, terrorist attack or other catastrophic event could cause system interruptions, reputational harm, delays in product development, breaches of data security and loss of critical data. Such an event could also prevent the partner companies from fulfilling customer orders or maintaining certain service level requirements, particularly in respect of their SaaS offerings. While certain of our partner companies have developed certain disaster recovery plans and maintain backup systems to reduce the potentially adverse effect of such events, a catastrophic event that resulted in the destruction or disruption of any of their data centers or their critical business or information technology systems could severely affect their ability to conduct normal business operations and, as a result, their business, operating results and financial condition could be adversely affected.

We cannot provide assurance that our partner companies' disaster recovery plans will address all of the issues they may encounter in the event of a disaster or other unanticipated issue, and their business interruption insurance may not adequately compensate them for losses that may occur from any of the foregoing. In the event that a natural disaster, terrorist attack or other catastrophic event were to destroy any part of their facilities or interrupt their operations for any extended period of time, or if harsh weather or health conditions prevent them from delivering products in a timely manner, their business, financial condition and operating results could be adversely affected.

Risks Related to Our Initiatives to Expand Our Platform

Our involvement in the mezzanine lending industry through our relationship with Penn Mezzanine could expose us to risks that differ from, and may be in addition to, to the risks that otherwise relate to our other business initiatives.

Borrowers may default on their payments, which may have a negative effect on our financial performance.

Through our relationship with Penn Mezzanine, we participate in long-term loans and in equity securities primarily in private middle-market companies, which may involve a high degree of repayment risk. These borrowers may have limited financial resources, may be highly leveraged and may be unable to obtain financing from traditional sources. Numerous factors may affect a borrower's ability to repay its loan, including the failure to meet its business plan, a downturn in its industry or negative economic conditions. A borrower's failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by Penn Mezzanine or other lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, termination of its loans or foreclosure on its secured assets, which could trigger cross defaults under other agreements and jeopardize such borrower's ability to meet its obligations under the participations in loans or debt interests that we hold. In addition, such borrowers may have, or may be permitted to incur, other debt that ranks senior to or equally with our interests. This means that payments on such senior-ranking securities may have to be made before we receive any payments on our interests in subordinated loans or other debt securities. Deterioration in a borrower's financial condition and prospects may be

accompanied by deterioration in any related collateral and may have a negative effect on our financial results.

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We may become subject to additional laws and regulations, including the laws and regulations of other countries, as we engage in platform expansion activities.

In connection with our platform expansion activities, we may manage the deployment of capital that originates other than on our balance sheet, which could include capital originating from international sources. If we were engaged in such activities, we could become subject to additional laws and regulations, including the laws and regulations of countries other than the United States, which could increase our expenses and the costs associated with legal and regulatory compliance as well as the risk of noncompliance.

Subordination

The loans and other vehicles we participate in will typically be subordinated to the senior obligations of our borrowers (all or a significant portion of which may be secured), either contractually or structurally, in the case of debt securities, or because of the nature of the security, in the case of preferred stock, common stock, warrants or other equity securities. Such subordinated instruments may be characterized by greater credit risk than those associated with senior obligations of the same borrower. Adverse changes in the financial condition of a borrower, general economic conditions, or both may impair the ability of such borrower to make payments on the subordinated instruments and result in defaults on such instruments more quickly than in the case of the senior obligations of such borrower.

Debt Securities

Our participation in debt instruments and obligations entails normal credit risks (*i.e.*, the risk of non-payment of interest and principal), as well as other creditor risks, including (i) the possible invalidation of an investment transaction as a fraudulent conveyance under relevant creditors rights laws, (ii) so-called lender liability claims by the borrower, and (iii) environmental liabilities that may arise with respect to collateral securing the obligations. A debt instrument or obligation may also be subject to prepayment or redemption at the option of the borrower. Pursuant to rights granted to Penn Mezzanine by borrowers, Penn Mezzanine will often oversee or play a role in the management of its borrowers. If a court were to find that Penn Mezzanine's influence on the management of a borrower caused the borrower to take actions that were in Penn Mezzanine's interests and not in the best interests of the creditors and stockholders of the borrower as a whole, the court could cause Penn Mezzanine's claims, which normally would be subordinated only to any senior debt of the borrower, to be subordinated to the claims of all creditors of the borrower and, in certain circumstances, the claims of the stockholders. Since we participate in the loans and other transactions entered into by Penn Mezzanine, we would be adversely affected by any such circumstance.

Leverage

Our Penn Mezzanine participations are expected to include borrowers with significant levels of debt. Such situations are inherently more sensitive than others to declines in revenues and to increases in expenses and interest rates. The leveraged capital structure of such borrowers will increase the exposure of those borrowers to bad business planning, adverse economic factors (or other factors) such as downturns in the economy or deterioration in the condition of the borrower or its industry. Because these participations involve subordinated obligations, among the most junior in a borrower's capital structure, the inability of a borrower to service its debt obligations could result in a loss of our principal.

Minority Positions

The loans in which we participate will generally represent minority interests in borrowers. Penn Mezzanine will not likely be able to control or exercise substantial influence over such borrowers.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2. Properties

Our corporate headquarters and administrative offices in Wayne, Pennsylvania contain approximately 20,000 square feet of office space in one building. We currently lease our corporate headquarters under a lease expiring October 2014.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

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We, as well as our partner companies, are involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. While in the current opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations, no assurance can be given as to the outcome of these lawsuits, and one or more adverse rulings could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position and results of operations, or that of our partner companies. See Note 14 included in Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion of ongoing claims and legal actions.

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Not Applicable

ANNEX TO PART I EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

Name	Age	Position	Executive Officer Since
Stephen T. Zarrilli	51	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	2008
James A. Datin	50	Executive Vice President and Managing Director	2005
Jeffrey B. McGroarty	43	Senior Vice President Finance	2012
Brian J. Sisko	52	Executive Vice President and Managing Director	2007

Mr. Zarrilli joined Safeguard as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in June 2008 and became President and Chief Executive Officer in November 2012. Prior to joining Safeguard, Mr. Zarrilli co-founded, in 2004, the Penn Valley Group, a middle-market management advisory and private equity firm, and served as a Managing Director there until June 2008. He continues to serve as non-executive chairman of the Penn Valley Group. Mr. Zarrilli also served as Acting Senior Vice President, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Acting Chief Financial Officer of Safeguard from December 2006 to June 2007. Mr. Zarrilli also served as the Chief Financial Officer, from 2001 to 2004, of Fiberlink Communications Corporation, a provider of remote access VPN solutions for large enterprises; as the Chief Executive Officer, from 2000 to 2001, of Concellera Software, Inc., a developer of content management software; as the Chief Executive Officer, from 1999 to 2000, and Chief Financial Officer, from 1994 to 1998, of US Interactive, Inc. (at the time a public company), a provider of Internet strategy consulting, marketing and technology services (US Interactive filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in January 2001); and, previously, with Deloitte & Touche from 1983 to 1994. Mr. Zarrilli is a director and Chairman of the Audit Committee of NutriSystem, Inc.

Mr. Datin joined Safeguard as Executive Vice President and Managing Director in September 2005. Mr. Datin served as Chief Executive Officer of Touchpoint Solutions, Inc., a provider of software that enables customers to develop and deploy applications, content and media on multi-user interactive devices, from December 2004 to June 2005; Group President in 2004, and as Group President, International, from 2001 to 2003, of Dendrite International, a provider of sales, marketing, clinical and compliance solutions and services to global pharmaceutical and other life sciences companies; and Group Director, Corporate Business Strategy and Planning at GlaxoSmithKline, from 1999 to 2001, where he also was a member of the company's Predictive Medicine Board of Directors that evaluated acquisitions and alliances. His prior experience also includes international assignments with and identifying strategic growth opportunities for E Merck and Baxter. Mr. Datin is a director of NuPathe, Inc.

Mr. McGroarty joined Safeguard as Vice President and Corporate Controller in December 2005, subsequently became Vice President Finance and Corporate Controller, and has served as Senior Vice President Finance since November 2012. Prior to joining Safeguard, Mr. McGroarty served as Interim Controller of Cephalon, Inc. from October 2005 to December 2005; Vice President-Financial Planning & Analysis and previously Assistant Controller at Exide Technologies from March 2002 to September 2005; and, previously, with PricewaterhouseCoopers from 1991 to 2001.

Mr. Sisko joined Safeguard as Senior Vice President and General Counsel in August 2007 and became Executive Vice President and Managing Director in November 2012. Prior to joining Safeguard, Mr. Sisko served as Chief Legal Officer, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Traffic.com (at the time, a public company), a former partner company of Safeguard, from February 2006 until June 2007 (following its acquisition by NAVTEQ Corporation in March 2007); Chief Operating Officer from February 2005 to January 2006 of Halo Technology Holdings, Inc., a public holding company for enterprise software businesses (Halo Technology Holdings filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in August 2007); ran B/T Business and Technology, an advisor and strategic management consultant to a variety of public and private companies, from January 2002 to February 2005; and was a Managing Director from April 2000 to January 2002, of Katalyst, LLC, a venture capital and consulting firm. Mr. Sisko also previously served as Senior Vice President Corporate Development and General Counsel of National Media Corporation, at the time a New York Stock Exchange-listed multi-media marketing company with operations in 70 countries, and as a partner in the corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions practice group of the Philadelphia-based law firm, Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers LLP. Mr. Sisko is a director of NuPathe, Inc.

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Safeguard's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (Symbol: SFE). The high and low sale prices reported within each quarter of 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

	High	Low
Fiscal year 2012:		
First quarter	\$ 18.20	\$ 15.42
Second quarter	18.09	14.51
Third quarter	16.49	14.73
Fourth quarter	16.22	13.15
Fiscal year 2011:		
First quarter	\$ 21.35	\$ 16.25
Second quarter	20.99	17.11
Third quarter	19.08	13.02
Fourth quarter	18.26	13.88

The high and low sale prices reported in the first quarter of 2013 through March 7, 2013 were \$15.93 and \$14.51, respectively, and the last sale price reported on March 7, 2013, was \$15.59. No cash dividends have been declared in any of the years presented, and Safeguard has no present intention to declare cash dividends.

As of March 7, 2013, there were approximately 20,500 beneficial holders of Safeguard's common stock.

The following graph compares the cumulative total return on \$100 invested in our common stock for the period from December 31, 2007 through December 31, 2012 with the cumulative total return on \$100 invested for the same period in the Russell 2000 Index and the Wilshire 4500 Index. In light of the diverse nature of Safeguard's business and based on our assessment of available published industry or line-of-business indices, we determined that no single industry or line-of-business index would provide a meaningful comparison to Safeguard. Further, we did not believe that we could readily identify an appropriate group of industry peer companies for this comparison. Accordingly, under SEC rules, we selected the Wilshire 4500 Index, a published market index in which the median market capitalization of the included companies is similar to our own. Safeguard's common stock is included as a component of the Russell 2000 and Wilshire 4500 indices.

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Assumes reinvestment of dividends. We have not distributed cash dividends during this period.

Assumes an investment of \$100 on December 31, 2007.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities¹

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
November 1 to November 30, 2012	1,800	\$ 14.2657	NA	NA

¹ The purchases reported in this table were open market purchases made by an individual who may be considered an affiliated purchaser of the Registrant under Rule 10b-18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 6. Selected Consolidated Financial Data

The following table sets forth our selected consolidated financial data for the five-year period ended December 31, 2012. The selected consolidated financial data presented below should be read in conjunction with Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data included in this report. The historical results presented herein may not be indicative of future results. During the five-year period ended December 31, 2012, certain consolidated partner companies, or components thereof, were sold. These businesses are reflected in discontinued operations through their respective disposal dates: Acsis, Inc., Alliance Consulting Group Associates, Inc. and Laureate Pharma, Inc. (May, 2008). The accounts of Clariant, Inc. are included in continuing operations through May 14, 2009, the date of its deconsolidation.

	2012	2011	December 31, 2010 (In thousands)	2009	2008
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 66,029	\$ 83,187	\$ 183,419	\$ 67,347	\$ 75,051
Short-term marketable securities	110,957	158,098	42,411	39,066	14,701
Long-term marketable securities	29,059	16,287			
Restricted cash equivalents	10	12,265	16,774		
Cash held in escrow	6,434	6,433	6,434	6,910	6,934
Working capital	178,577	245,420	197,769	105,983	88,400
Total assets	374,144	406,636	336,545	282,099	232,402
Convertible senior debentures	48,991	45,694	75,919	78,225	86,000
Long-term debt, net of current portion					345
Other long-term liabilities	3,921	4,146	5,311	5,461	9,600
Total equity	313,971	348,280	246,431	190,507	104,710

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	2012	Year Ended December 31,			2008
		2011	2010	2009	
		(In thousands except per share amounts)			
Revenue	\$	\$	\$	\$ 34,839	\$ 73,736
Operating Expenses:					
Cost of sales				13,811	33,007
Selling, general and administrative	19,473	21,168	20,847	37,214	60,744
Total operating expenses	19,473	21,168	20,847	51,025	93,751
Operating loss	(19,473)	(21,168)	(20,847)	(16,186)	(20,015)
Other income (loss), net	9,338	(6,145)	74,809	108,881	10,280
Interest income	2,926	1,424	718	480	3,097
Interest expense	(5,636)	(5,971)	(5,737)	(3,164)	(4,732)
Equity income (loss)	(26,517)	142,457	(22,334)	(23,227)	(34,697)
Net income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	(39,362)	110,597	26,609	66,784	(46,067)
Income tax benefit (expense)				14	24
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	(39,362)	110,597	26,609	66,798	(46,043)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax				1,975	(9,620)
Net income (loss)	(39,362)	110,597	26,609	68,773	(55,663)
Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interest				(1,163)	3,650
Net income (loss) attributable to Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.	\$ (39,362)	\$ 110,597	\$ 26,609	\$ 67,610	\$ (52,013)
Basic Income (Loss) Per Share:					
Net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. common shareholders	\$ (1.88)	\$ 5.33	\$ 1.30	\$ 3.26	\$ (2.10)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations attributable to Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. common shareholders				0.07	(0.46)
Net income (loss) attributable to Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. common shareholders	\$ (1.88)	\$ 5.33	\$ 1.30	\$ 3.33	\$ (2.56)
Shares used in computing basic income (loss) per share	20,974	20,764	20,535	20,308	20,326
Diluted Income (Loss) Per Share:					
Net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. common shareholders	\$ (1.88)	\$ 4.74	\$ 1.24	\$ 3.08	\$ (2.10)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations attributable to Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. common shareholders				0.06	(0.46)
Net income (loss) attributable to Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. common shareholders	\$ (1.88)	\$ 4.74	\$ 1.24	\$ 3.14	\$ (2.56)
Shares used in computing diluted income (loss) per share	20,974	24,522	21,507	22,383	20,326

Table of Contents**Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations****Cautionary Note Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. (Safeguard or we), the industries in which we operate and other matters, as well as management's beliefs and assumptions and other statements regarding matters that are not historical facts. These statements include, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies and prospects. For example, when we use words such as projects, expects, anticipates, intends, plans, believes, estimates, should, would, could, will, opportunity, potential or may, variations of such words or other words that convey uncertainty about events or outcomes, we are making 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. Our forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, include, among others, managing rapidly changing technologies, limited access to capital, competition, the ability to attract and retain qualified employees, risks associated with the development and commercialization of innovative technologies, etc., the ability to execute our strategy, the uncertainty of the future performance of our partner companies, acquisitions and dispositions of companies, the inability to manage growth, compliance with government regulation and legal liabilities, additional financing requirements, labor disputes and the effect of economic conditions in the business sectors in which our partner companies operate, all of which are discussed in Item 1A. Risk Factors. Many of these factors are beyond our ability to predict or control. In addition, as a result of these and other factors, our past financial performance should not be relied on as an indication of future performance. All forward-looking statements attributable to us, or to persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. In light of these risks and uncertainties, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this report might not occur.

Overview

Safeguard's charter is to build value in growth-stage businesses by providing capital as well as strategic, operational and management resources. Safeguard participates in expansion financings, corporate spin-outs, buyouts, recapitalizations, industry consolidations and early-stage financings. Our vision is to be the preferred catalyst to build great companies across diverse capital platforms.

We strive to create long-term value for our shareholders by helping partner companies increase their market penetration, grow revenue and improve cash flow. Safeguard focuses principally on companies with initial capital requirements between \$5 million and \$15 million, and follow-on financings between \$5 million and \$10 million, with a total anticipated deployment of up to \$25 million from Safeguard. In addition, Safeguard principally targets companies that operate in two sectors:

Healthcare companies focused on medical technology (MedTech), including diagnostics and devices; healthcare technology (HealthTech); and specialty pharmaceuticals. Within these areas, Safeguard targets companies that have lesser regulatory risk and have achieved or are near commercialization; and

Technology companies focused on digital media; financial technology (FinTech); and Enterprise 3.0, which includes mobile technology, cloud, the Internet of Things and big data. Within these areas, Safeguard targets companies that have transaction-enabling applications with a recurring revenue stream.

Principles of Accounting for Ownership Interests in Partner Companies

We account for our interests in our partner companies and private equity funds using one of the following methods: consolidation, fair value, equity, cost or available-for-sale. The accounting method applied is generally determined by the degree of our influence over the entity, primarily determined by our voting interest in the entity.

Consolidation Method. We account for partner companies in which we maintain a controlling financial interest, generally those in which we directly or indirectly own more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities, using the consolidation method of accounting. Upon consolidation of our partner companies, we reflect the portion of equity (net assets) in a subsidiary not attributable, directly or indirectly, to the parent company as a non-controlling interest in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. The non-controlling interest is presented within equity, separately from the equity of the parent company. Losses attributable to the parent company and the non-controlling interest may exceed their interest in the subsidiary's equity. As a result, the non-controlling interest shall continue to be attributed its share of losses even if that attribution results in a deficit non-controlling interest balance as of each balance sheet date. Revenue, expenses, gains, losses, net income or loss are reported in the Consolidated Statements of Operations at the consolidated amounts, which include the amounts attributable to the parent company's common shareholders and the non-controlling interest. As of December 31, 2012 and for each of the three years in the period then ended, we did not hold

a controlling interest in any of our partner companies.

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Fair Value Method. We account for our holdings in NuPathe, a publicly traded partner company, under the fair value method of accounting. We accounted for our holdings in Clariant, formerly a publicly traded partner company, under the fair value method of accounting following its deconsolidation in 2009 and through the date of the sale of our remaining interest in Clariant in December 2010. Unrealized gains and losses on the mark-to-market of our holdings in fair value method companies and realized gains and losses on the sale of any holdings in fair value method are recognized in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Equity Method. We account for partner companies whose results are not consolidated, but over whom we exercise significant influence, using the equity method of accounting. We also account for our interests in some private equity funds under the equity method of accounting, based on our non-controlling general and limited partner interests. Under the equity method of accounting, our share of the income or loss of the partner company is reflected in Equity income (loss) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. We report our share of the income or loss of the equity method partner companies on a one quarter lag. We include the carrying value of equity method partner companies in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

When the carrying value of our holdings in an equity method partner company is reduced to zero, no further losses are recorded in our Consolidated Statements of Operations unless we have outstanding guarantee obligations or have committed additional funding to the equity method partner company. When the equity method partner company subsequently reports income, we will not record our share of such income until it equals the amount of our share of losses not previously recognized.

Cost Method. We account for partner companies which are not consolidated or accounted for under the equity method or fair value method under the cost method of accounting. Under the cost method, our share of the income or losses of such partner companies is not included in our Consolidated Statements of Operations. We include the carrying value of cost method partner companies in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Available-for-Sale Securities. We account for our ownership interest in Tengion, Inc. as available-for-sale securities. Available-for-sale securities are carried at fair value, based on quoted market prices, with the unrealized gains and losses, net of tax, reported as a separate component of equity. Unrealized losses are charged against net income (loss) when a decline in the fair value is determined to be other than temporary.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Accounting policies, methods and estimates are an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements prepared by management and are based upon management's current judgments. These judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience with regard to past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting policies, methods and estimates are particularly important because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ from management's current judgments. While there are a number of accounting policies, methods and estimates affecting our financial statements as described in Note 1 to our Consolidated Financial Statements, areas that are particularly significant include the following:

Impairment of ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds;

Accounting for participating interests in mezzanine loans receivable and related equity interests;

Income taxes;

Commitments and contingencies; and

Stock-based compensation.

Impairment of Ownership Interests In and Advances to Partner Companies and Funds

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On a periodic basis, but no less frequently than at the end of each quarter, we evaluate the carrying value of our equity and cost method partner companies and available-for-sale securities for possible impairment based on achievement of business plan objectives and milestones, the financial condition and prospects of the company, market conditions and other relevant factors. The business plan objectives and milestones we consider include, among others, those related to financial performance, such as achievement of planned financial results or completion of capital raising activities, and those that are not primarily financial in nature, such as hiring of key employees or the establishment of strategic relationships. We then determine whether there has been an other than temporary decline in the value of our ownership interest in the company or value of available-for-sale securities. Impairment to be recognized is measured as the amount by which the carrying value of an asset exceeds its fair value. The adjusted carrying value of a partner company is not increased if circumstances suggest the value of the partner company has subsequently recovered.

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The fair value of privately held partner companies is generally determined based on the value at which independent third parties have invested or have committed to invest in these companies, or based on other valuation methods including discounted cash flows, valuations of comparable public companies and valuations of acquisitions of comparable companies. The fair value of our ownership interests in private equity funds is generally determined based on the value of our pro rata portion of the funds' net assets and estimated future proceeds from sales of investments provided by the funds' managers. The fair value of our ownership interests in our publicly traded partner companies is determined by reference to quoted prices in an active market for the partner company's publicly traded common stock.

Our partner companies operate in industries which are rapidly evolving and extremely competitive. It is reasonably possible that our accounting estimates with respect to the ultimate recoverability of the carrying value of ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds could change in the near term and that the effect of such changes on our Consolidated Financial Statements could be material. While we believe that the current recorded carrying values of our equity and cost method companies and available-for-sale securities are not impaired, there can be no assurance that our future results will confirm this assessment or that a significant write-down or write-off will not be required in the future.

Total impairment charges related to ownership interests in and advances to our equity and cost method partner companies and funds and available-for-sale securities were as follows:

Accounting Method	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In millions)		
Equity	\$ 5.0	\$ 7.1	\$ 4.8
Cost	0.4		2.1
Available-for-sale	0.3	7.5	1.1
Total	\$ 5.7	\$ 14.6	\$ 8.0

Impairment charges related to equity method partner companies are included in Equity income (loss) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Impairment charges related to cost method and available-for-sale partner companies are included in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Accounting for Participating Interests in Mezzanine Loans Receivable and Related Equity Interests

Through our relationship with Penn Mezzanine, we may acquire participating interests in mezzanine loans and related equity interests of the borrowers. These interests may also include warrants to purchase common stock of the borrowers. Our accounting policies for these participating interests are as follows:

Loan Participations Receivable

Our participating interests in Penn Mezzanine loans are included in Loan participations receivable on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. In connection with each financing transaction, Penn Mezzanine assesses the credit worthiness of the borrower through various standard industry metrics including leverage ratios, working capital metrics, cash flow projections and an overall evaluation of the borrower's business model. We use these analyses in connection with our possible participation in each funding.

On a quarterly basis, we evaluate the carrying value of each loan participation receivable for impairment. A loan participation receivable is considered impaired when it is probable that we will be unable to collect all amounts (principal and interest) due according to the contractual terms of the participation agreement and related agreements with the borrowers. We maintain an allowance to provide for estimated loan losses based on evaluating known and inherent risks in the loans. The allowance is provided based upon our analysis of the pertinent factors underlying the quality of the loans. These factors include an analysis of the financial condition of the borrowers, delinquency levels, actual loan loss experience, current economic conditions and other relevant factors. Our analysis includes methods to estimate the fair value of loan collateral and the existence of potential alternative sources of repayment. We do not accrue interest when a loan is considered impaired. All cash receipts from impaired loans are applied to reduce the original principal amount of such loan, until the principal has been fully recovered and would be recognized as interest income thereafter. The allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2012 and 2011 was \$2.0 million and \$0.0 million, respectively.

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Equity Participations

Our participation in equity interests acquired by Penn Mezzanine is accounted for under the cost method of accounting. On a quarterly basis, we evaluate the carrying value of our participation in these equity interests for possible impairment based on achievement of business plan objectives and milestones, the fair value the equity interest relative to its carrying value, the financial condition and prospects of the underlying company and other relevant factors. Our participating interests in equity interests acquired by Penn Mezzanine are included in Other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Warrant Participations

We recognize our participation in warrants acquired by Penn Mezzanine based on the fair value of the warrants at the balance sheet date. The fair values of warrant participations are bifurcated from the related loan participations receivable based on the relative fair value of the respective instruments at the acquisition date. Any gain or loss associated with changes in the fair value of the warrants at the balance sheet date is recorded in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The fair value of the warrants is included in Other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Income Taxes

We are required to estimate income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. This process involves estimating our actual current tax exposure together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included within our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We must assess the likelihood that the deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income and to the extent that we believe recovery is not likely, we must establish a valuation allowance. To the extent we establish a valuation allowance in a period, we must include an expense within the tax provision in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. We have recorded a valuation allowance to reduce our deferred tax assets to an amount that is more likely than not to be realized in future years. If we determine in the future that it is more likely than not that the net deferred tax assets would be realized, then the previously provided valuation allowance would be reversed.

Commitments and Contingencies

From time to time, we are a defendant or plaintiff in various legal actions which arise in the normal course of business. Additionally, we have received distributions as both a general partner and a limited partner from private equity funds. In certain circumstances, we may be required to return a portion or all the distributions we received as a general partner of a fund for a further distribution to such fund's limited partners (clawback). We are also a guarantor of various third-party obligations and commitments and are subject to the possibility of various loss contingencies arising in the ordinary course of business (see Note 14 to our Consolidated Financial Statements). We are required to assess the likelihood of any adverse outcomes to these matters as well as potential ranges of probable losses. A determination of the amount of provision required for these commitments and contingencies, if any, which would be charged to earnings, is made after careful analysis of each matter. The provision may change in the future due to new developments or changes in circumstances. Changes in the provision could increase or decrease our earnings in the period the changes are made.

Stock-Based Compensation

We measure all employee stock-based compensation awards using a fair value method and record such expense in our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

We estimate the grant date fair value of stock options using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model which requires the input of various assumptions. These assumptions include estimating the expected term of the award and the estimated volatility of our stock price over the expected term. Changes in these assumptions and in the estimated forfeitures of stock option awards can materially affect the amount of stock-based compensation recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The requisite service periods for market-based stock option awards are based on our estimate of the dates on which the market conditions will be met as determined using a Monte Carlo simulation model. Changes in the derived requisite service period or achievement of market capitalization targets earlier than estimated can materially affect the amount of stock-based compensation recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The requisite service periods for performance-based awards are based on our best estimate of when the performance conditions will be met. Compensation expense is recognized for performance-based awards for which the performance condition is considered probable of achievement. Changes in the requisite service period or the estimated probability of achievement of performance conditions can materially affect the amount of stock-based compensation recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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In the fourth quarter of 2012, we expanded our focus within the former Life Sciences segment to include companies in the HealthTech sector and have renamed that segment Healthcare. The HealthTech sector had previously been included in our Technology segment. As a result of the change, our reportable operating segments are now Healthcare, Technology and Penn Mezzanine. AdvantEdge Healthcare Solutions, a provider of physician billing and practice management services and software, which had previously been reported within the Technology segment, is now reported under the Healthcare segment. As a result of the change, we have restated our previously reported segment disclosure information, to include the results of AdvantEdge Healthcare Solutions within the Healthcare segment.

In August 2011, we acquired a 36% ownership interest in Penn Mezzanine for \$3.9 million. Penn Mezzanine is a mezzanine lender focused on lower middle-market, Mid-Atlantic companies. Our acquired interest in Penn Mezzanine is part of a broader effort to expand our capital deployment capabilities. Our purchase of the ownership interest enables us to participate in mezzanine loan and equity interests initiated by Penn Mezzanine. We expect to deploy up to an additional \$26.1 million (including \$13.9 million deployed through the end of 2012) over a several year period in mezzanine opportunities alongside existing and future Penn Mezzanine funds.

In December 2010, Clariant, Inc. (formerly a publicly traded partner company) was acquired by GE Healthcare, Inc. We accounted for our retained interest in Clariant at fair value with unrealized gains and losses on the mark-to-market of our Clariant holdings and realized gains and losses on the sale of any of our Clariant holdings included in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The mark-to-market activity associated with Clariant and the gain recorded upon its disposition is included in the Healthcare segment.

The results of operations of all of our partner companies are reported in our Healthcare and Technology segments. The Healthcare and Technology segments also include the gain or loss on the sale of respective partner companies.

Our management evaluates the Healthcare and Technology segments' performance based on equity income (loss) which is based on the number of partner companies accounted for under the equity method, our voting ownership percentage in these partner companies and the net results of operations of these partner companies and Other income or loss associated with cost method partner companies.

Our management evaluates the Penn Mezzanine segment performance based on the performance of the debt and equity interests in which we participate. This includes an evaluation of the future cash flows associated with interest and dividend payments as well as estimated losses based on evaluating known and inherent risks in the debt and equity interests in which we participate.

Other items include certain expenses, which are not identifiable to the operations of our operating business segments. Other items primarily consist of general and administrative expenses related to corporate operations, including employee compensation, insurance and professional fees, interest income, interest expense, other income (loss) and equity income (loss) related to private equity holdings. Other items also include income taxes, which are reviewed by management independent of segment results.

The following tables reflect our consolidated operating data by reportable segment. Segment results include our share of income or losses for entities accounted for under the equity method, when applicable. Segment results also include impairment charges and gains or losses related to the disposition of partner companies. All significant inter-segment activity has been eliminated in consolidation. Our operating results, including net income (loss) before income taxes by segment, were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Healthcare	\$ (6,660)	\$ 114,063	\$ 69,972
Technology	(119)	21,478	(9,822)
Penn Mezzanine	(1,136)	139	
Total segments	(7,915)	135,680	60,150
Other items:			
Corporate operations	(31,447)	(25,083)	(33,541)
Income tax benefit (expense)			

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Total other items	(31,447)	(25,083)	(33,541)
Net income (loss)	\$ (39,362)	\$ 110,597	\$ 26,609

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There is intense competition in the markets in which our partner companies operate, and we expect competition to intensify in the future. Additionally, the markets in which these companies operate are characterized by rapidly changing technology, evolving industry standards, frequent introduction of new products and services, shifting distribution channels, evolving government regulation, frequently changing intellectual property landscapes and changing customer demands. Their future success depends on each company's ability to execute its business plan and to adapt to its respective rapidly changing markets.

As previously stated, throughout this document, we use the term "partner company" to generally refer to those companies in which we have an economic interest and in which we are actively involved influencing development, usually through board representation in addition to our equity ownership.

The following listings of our Healthcare and Technology partner companies omit companies in which we have since sold our interest or which we no longer consider to be active partner companies, because we no longer actively influence the operations of such entities. We also omit partner companies in which we acquired an interest subsequent to December 31, 2012.

Healthcare

The following active partner companies as of December 31, 2012 were included in Healthcare:

Partner Company	Safeguard Primary Ownership as of December 31,			Accounting Method
	2012	2011	2010	
AdvantEdge Healthcare Solutions, Inc.	40.2%	40.2%	40.2%	Equity
Alverix, Inc.	49.2%	49.6%	49.6%	Equity
Crescendo Bioscience, Inc.	12.6%	NA	NA	Cost
Good Start Genetics, Inc.	30.0%	26.3%	26.3%	Equity
Medivo, Inc.	30.0%	30.0%	NA	Equity
NovaSom, Inc.	30.3%	30.3%	NA	Equity
NuPathe, Inc.	17.8%	17.8%	18.1%	Fair value (1)
PixelOptics, Inc.	24.6%	24.7%	NA	Equity
Putney, Inc.	27.6%	27.6%	NA	Equity

- (1) Our ownership interest in NuPathe was accounted for as available-for-sale securities following NuPathe's completion of an initial public offering in August 2010. On October 23, 2012, we participated in a private placement of NuPathe preferred stock units, and in conjunction with this financing, we placed two persons on NuPathe's board of directors. As a result, we determined that we exercised significant influence over NuPathe which made the equity method of accounting applicable to our ownership interests. Instead, we elected the fair value option beginning on that date. Prior to August 2010, we accounted for NuPathe under the equity method.

Results for the Healthcare segment were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Other income (loss), net	\$ 19,884	\$ (7,236)	\$ 82,444
Equity income (loss)	(26,544)	121,299	(12,472)
Net income (loss)	\$ (6,660)	\$ 114,063	\$ 69,972

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Other Income (Loss), Net. Other income (loss), net increased \$27.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, compared to the prior year period. Other income (loss), net for the year ended December 31, 2012 reflected an \$11.0 million unrealized gain on the mark-to-market of our holdings in NuPathe accounted for under the fair value option, a \$3.4 million gain recorded in connection with the expiration of the escrow period associated with the sale of former partner company Avid Radiopharmaceuticals, Inc. (Avid) to Eli Lilly and Company in December 2010, as well as a \$5.6 million gain related to an additional payment received upon the achievement of the initial milestone associated with the Avid transaction. These gains were partially offset by an impairment charge of \$0.3 million on our holdings in Tengion, Inc. The loss in 2011 primarily related to impairment charges of \$5.9 million and \$1.5 million on our holdings in NuPathe and Tengion, respectively.

Equity Income (Loss). Equity income (loss) fluctuates with the number of Healthcare partner companies accounted for under the equity method, our voting ownership percentage in these partner companies and the net results of operations of these partner companies. We recognize our share of losses to the extent we have cost basis in the equity of the partner company or we have outstanding commitments or guarantees. Certain amounts recorded to reflect our share of the income or losses of our partner companies accounted for under the equity method are based on estimates and on unaudited results of operations of those partner companies and may require adjustments in the future when audits of these entities are made final. We report our share of the results of our equity method partner companies on a one quarter lag basis.

Equity income (loss) for our Healthcare segment decreased \$147.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, compared to the prior year period. The prior year period included a gain of \$129.3 million on the sale of Advanced BioHealing, Inc. to Shire plc in June 2011. The prior year also included the equity net income of Advanced BioHealing. The year ended December 31, 2012 includes impairment charges totaling \$5.0 million related to PixelOptics, Inc. The impairment was based upon launch delays and related supply chain issues that PixelOptics is addressing, as well as the pricing of a transaction between other institutional shareholders in PixelOptics. The remaining decrease was primarily due to an increase in the number of partner companies included in the Healthcare segment, all of which incurred net losses as well as larger losses, compared to the prior year period for certain companies within the Healthcare segment.

Year ended December 31, 2011 versus year ended December 31, 2010

Other Income (Loss), Net. Other income (loss), net decreased \$89.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 compared to the prior year. The loss in 2011 primarily related to impairment charges of \$5.9 million and \$1.5 million on our holdings in NuPathe and Tengion, respectively. The income in 2010 primarily related to a \$43.0 million gain on the sale of Clariant to GE Healthcare Inc., a \$20.3 million gain on the sale of Avid and unrealized gains of \$22.4 million on the mark-to-market of our holdings in Clariant prior to its sale, partially offset by \$3.2 million in impairment charges associated with our holdings in Tengion, including amounts recognized both when Tengion was classified as a cost method partner company and when Tengion was classified as available-for-sale securities.

Equity Income (Loss). Equity income (loss) for Healthcare increased \$133.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 compared to the prior year. In 2011, we recognized a gain of \$129.3 million on the sale of Advanced BioHealing. The remainder of the increase was attributable to smaller losses incurred for partner companies in the Healthcare segment as well as a reduction of the number of companies in the Healthcare segment.

Technology

The following active partner companies as of December 31, 2012 were included in Technology:

Partner Company	Safeguard Primary Ownership as of December 31,			Accounting Method
	2012	2011	2010	
AppFirst, Inc.	35.0%	NA	NA	Equity
Beyond.com, Inc.	38.3%	38.3%	38.3%	Equity
Bridgevine, Inc.	21.7%	22.8%	22.8%	Equity
DriveFactor Inc.	35.4%	23.9%	NA	Equity
Hoopla Software, Inc.	25.3%	28.0%	NA	Equity
Lumesis, Inc.	31.6%	NA	NA	Equity
MediaMath, Inc.	22.2%	22.4%	17.3%	Equity (1)
Spongecell, Inc.	23.1%	NA	NA	Equity

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ThingWorx, Inc.	39.8%	30.2%	NA	Equity
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- (1) In the first quarter of 2011, our ownership interest in MediaMath increased from 17.3% to 22.4%, above the threshold at which we believe we exercise significant influence. Accordingly, we changed our method of accounting for MediaMath from the cost method to the equity method.

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Results for the Technology segment were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Other income (loss), net	\$	\$ 24	\$ 36
Equity income (loss)	(119)	21,454	(9,858)
Net income (loss)	\$ (119)	\$ 21,478	\$ (9,822)

Year ended December 31, 2012 versus year ended December 31, 2011

Equity Income (Loss). Equity income (loss) fluctuates with the number of Technology partner companies accounted for under the equity method, our voting ownership percentage in these partner companies and the net results of operations of these partner companies. We recognize our share of losses to the extent we have cost basis in the equity partner company or we have outstanding commitments or guarantees relating to such partner company. Certain amounts recorded to reflect our share of the income or losses of our partner companies accounted for under the equity method are based on estimates and on unaudited results of operations of those partner companies and may require adjustments in the future when audits of these entities are made final. We report our share of the results of our equity method partner companies on a one quarter lag.

Equity income (loss) for the Technology segment decreased \$21.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, compared to the prior year. During 2011, our former equity method partner company Portico Systems, Inc. (Portico) was acquired by McKesson resulting in a gain of \$35.4 million. The gain was partially offset by impairment charges of \$5.7 million related to Swap.com and \$1.4 million related to SafeCentral, former equity method partner companies. The year ended December 31, 2012 included gains of \$3.4 million and \$1.9 million associated with the receipt of the escrowed proceeds and additional amounts received upon the achievement of performance milestones related to the Portico transaction, respectively. The year ended December 31, 2012 also included a gain of \$0.6 million related to a payment received upon the liquidation of SafeCentral. The remaining decrease related to smaller losses incurred at partner companies within the Technology segment.

Year ended December 31, 2011 versus year ended December 31, 2010

Equity Income (Loss). Equity income (loss) for the Technology segment increased \$31.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 compared to the prior year. The increase was primarily related to the \$35.4 million gain on the sale of Portico in 2011, partially offset by an impairment charge of \$5.7 million related to our holdings in Swap.com.

Penn Mezzanine

Results for the Penn Mezzanine segment were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
	(In thousands)	
General and administrative expense	\$ (10)	\$
Interest income	1,505	210
Other income (loss), net	(2,314)	
Equity loss	(317)	(71)
Net income (loss)	\$ (1,136)	\$ 139

Results of the Penn Mezzanine segment include interest, dividends, loan origination and other fees earned on the mezzanine interests in which we participate; any impairment on our debt and equity participation interests; as well as equity income (loss) associated with our interest in the management company and general partner of Penn Mezzanine. As of December 31, 2012, we had a participation in seven loan and eight equity interests initiated by Penn Mezzanine. During the year ended December 31, 2012, we participated in two new mezzanine financings. The outstanding principal of a loan made as part of one of the financings in 2012 was paid in full by the borrower in the first quarter of 2012. We

recognized \$0.2 million in interest, loan origination fees and prepayment penalties associated with this loan participation.

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During the year ended December 31, 2012, we recorded impairment charges totaling \$2.5 million associated with our equity, warrant and loan participations of \$0.4 million, \$0.1 million and \$2.0 million, respectively. In addition, we recorded a gain of \$0.2 million associated with market-to-market adjustments related to our warrant participations related to Penn Mezzanine.

Corporate Operations

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
General and administrative	\$ (17,341)	\$ (17,992)	\$ (16,949)
Stock-based compensation	(2,014)	(3,052)	(3,777)
Depreciation	(108)	(124)	(121)
Interest income	1,421	1,214	718
Interest expense	(5,636)	(5,971)	(5,737)
Other income (loss), net	(8,232)	1,067	(7,671)
Equity income (loss)	463	(225)	(4)
	\$ (31,447)	\$ (25,083)	\$ (33,541)

General and Administrative. Our general and administrative expenses consist primarily of employee compensation, insurance, professional services such as legal, accounting and consulting, and travel-related costs.

General and administrative expenses decreased \$0.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to the prior year primarily due to a \$1.0 million decrease in employee costs and a decrease in severance costs of \$0.2 million, partially offset by an increase in professional fees expense of \$0.6 million. General and administrative expenses increased \$1.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 compared to the prior year primarily due to a \$0.4 million increase in employee costs, an increase in severance expense of \$0.5 million and an increase related to a legal settlement of \$0.1 million, partially offset by a decrease in professional fees of \$0.2 million.

Stock-Based Compensation. Stock-based compensation consists primarily of expense related to grants of stock options, restricted stock and deferred stock units to our employees.

Stock-based compensation decreased \$1.0 million compared to the prior year period primarily due to a \$0.8 million decrease in expense related to market-based stock awards, a \$0.1 million decrease in expense related to performance-based awards and a \$0.1 million decrease in expense related to service-based awards. Stock-based compensation decreased \$0.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 compared to the prior year, primarily due to a \$0.5 million decrease related to market-based awards and a \$0.4 million decrease in service-based awards, partially offset by a \$0.2 million increase related to performance-based awards.

Interest Income. Interest income includes all interest earned on cash and marketable security balances as well as interest earned on note receivable balances from our partner companies. Interest income increased \$0.2 million compared to the prior year period. The increase is primarily due to higher average note receivable balances with our partner companies. Interest income increased \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 compared to the prior year. The increase was primarily due to \$0.3 million in interest income earned on a mezzanine loan provided to Portico as well as higher average cash balances in 2011 compared to the prior year.

Interest Expense. Interest expense is primarily related to our convertible senior debentures. As discussed below under Liquidity and Capital Resources, we repurchased substantially all of the convertible senior debentures due 2014 (2014 Debentures) on November 19, 2012 with proceeds from issuance of the convertible senior debentures due 2018 (2018 Debentures). The decrease in interest expense of \$0.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, compared to the prior year is due to the lower coupon rate of 5.25% payable on our 2018 Debentures for part of the year in 2012 compared to a full year of the higher coupon rate of 10.125% payable on our 2014 Debentures during 2011. The increase in interest expense of \$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 compared to the prior year is due to a full year of the higher coupon rate of 10.125% payable on our 2014 Debentures as compared to a 2.625% coupon rate on the convertible senior debentures due March 2024 (2024 Debentures) and accretion of the discount and amortization of debt issuance costs in the amount of \$0.8 million associated with our 2014 Debentures.

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Other Income (Loss), Net. Other income (loss), net, of \$8.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 reflected a \$7.9 million loss on the repurchase of substantially all of our 2014 Debentures and an impairment charge of \$0.4 million related to our interest in a legacy private equity fund. Other income (loss), net for the year ended December 31, 2011 included the release of \$1.0 million from accrued expenses due to the expiration of a contingency period associated with a clawback liability in one of our private equity funds, in accordance with the terms of the respective partnership agreement.

Income Tax Benefit (Expense)

Our consolidated net income tax (expense) benefit for 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$0.0 million in each year. We have recorded a valuation allowance to reduce our net deferred tax asset to an amount that is more likely than not to be realized in future years. Accordingly, the income tax (expense) benefit that would have been recognized in each year was offset by changes in the valuation allowance.

Liquidity And Capital Resources

We fund our operations with cash on hand as well as proceeds from sales of and distributions from partner companies, private equity funds and marketable securities. In prior periods, we have also used sales of our equity and the issuance of debt as sources of liquidity and may do so in the future. Our ability to generate liquidity from sales of partner companies, sales of marketable securities and from equity and debt issuances has been adversely affected from time to time by adverse circumstances in the U.S. capital markets and other factors.

As of December 31, 2012, we had \$66.0 million of cash and cash equivalents and \$140.0 million of marketable securities for a total of \$206.0 million. In addition, in connection with our May 2008 sale of equity and debt interests in Acsis, Inc., Alliance Consulting Group Associates, Inc., Laureate Pharma, Inc., ProModel Corporation and Neuronix, Inc. (the Bundle Transaction), \$6.4 million of cash was placed in, and still remains in, escrow, including accrued interest, as discussed below.

In August 2011, we acquired a 36% ownership interest in Penn Mezzanine, a mezzanine lender focused on lower middle-market, Mid-Atlantic companies, for \$3.9 million. Our purchase of the ownership interest enables us to participate in mezzanine loans and related equity interests initiated by Penn Mezzanine. We expect to deploy up to an additional \$26.1 million (including \$13.9 million deployed through the end of 2012 as described below) in Penn Mezzanine over a several year period in mezzanine opportunities alongside existing and future Penn Mezzanine funds.

Portico was acquired by McKesson in July 2011 and we received cash proceeds of approximately \$32.8 million in exchange for our equity interests. In June 2012, we received an additional \$1.9 million as a result of the achievement of milestones associated with the transaction. In August 2012, we received \$3.4 million upon the expiration of the escrow period.

In June 2011, Advanced BioHealing was acquired by Shire plc, resulting in net proceeds to us of \$138.2 million, excluding \$7.6 million held in escrow. The escrow period expired in March 2012. Prior to the expiration of the escrow period, Shire plc filed a claim against the escrowed funds. No further proceeds will be distributable, if at all, to us or other former owners until the validity of such claims is determined.

In December 2010, Avid was acquired by Eli Lilly resulting in net proceeds to us of \$32.3 million. In April 2012, we received an additional \$3.4 million in connection with the expiration of the escrow period. Also in April 2012, a regulatory milestone associated with the transaction was achieved which resulted in \$5.6 million of additional proceeds to us in the second quarter of 2012. In addition, depending on the achievement of certain difficult commercial and regulatory milestones, we could receive additional proceeds of up to \$54 million over a seven-year period.

In December 2010, we received cash proceeds of \$2.6 million in connection with the sale of Quinnova Pharmaceuticals, Inc. In December 2012, we resolved a dispute with the buyer with respect to the achievement of certain commercial milestones associated with the transaction, resulting in an additional \$1.2 million of proceeds to us.

In connection with the Bundle Transaction, an aggregate of \$6.4 million of the gross proceeds of the sale were placed in escrow pending the expiration of a predetermined notification period, subject to possible extension in the event of a claim against the escrowed amounts. On April 25, 2009, the purchaser in the Bundle Transaction notified us of claims being asserted against the entire escrowed amounts. We do not believe that such claims are valid and have instituted legal action to obtain the release of such amounts from escrow. The proceeds being held in escrow will remain there until the dispute over the claims has been settled or determined pursuant to legal process.

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In 2004, we issued an aggregate of \$150 million in face value of 2.625% convertible senior debentures with a stated maturity date of March 15, 2024. We had \$0.4 million of the 2024 Debentures outstanding at December 31, 2012. Interest on the 2024 Debentures is payable semi-annually.

In March 2010, we issued an aggregate of \$46.9 million in face value of 10.125% convertible senior debentures with a stated maturity of March 15, 2014. In November 2012, we repurchased substantially all of the 2014 Debentures. We had \$0.1 million of the 2014 Debentures outstanding at December 31, 2012. Interest on the 2014 Debentures is payable semi-annually.

In November 2012, we issued \$55.0 million in face amount of our 5.25% convertible senior debentures due 2018. Net proceeds from the issuance were used to repurchase substantially all of our 2014 Debentures. Interest on the 2018 Debentures is payable semi-annually. At the debentures holders' option, the 2018 Debentures are convertible into our common stock prior to November 15, 2017 subject to certain conditions, and at any time after November 15, 2017. The conversion rate of the 2014 Debentures is \$18.13 of principal amount per share. The closing price of our common stock at December 31, 2012 was \$14.75. The 2018 Debentures holders have the right to require us to repurchase the 2018 Debentures if we undergo a fundamental change as defined in the Debenture agreement, including the sale of all or substantially all of our common stock or assets, liquidation, or dissolution; a change in control, the delisting of our common stock from the New York Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ Global Market (or any of their respective successors); or a substantial change in the composition of our board of directors as defined in the agreement. On or after November 15, 2016, we may redeem for cash some or all of the debentures, subject to certain conditions. Upon any redemption of the debentures, we will pay a redemption price of 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. Upon the conversion of the 2018 Debentures we have the right to settle the conversion in stock, cash or a combination thereof.

In November 2011, our Board of Directors authorized us, from time to time and depending on market conditions, to repurchase shares of our outstanding common stock, with up to an aggregate value of \$10.0 million, exclusive of fees and commissions.

We are party to a loan agreement with a commercial bank which provides us with a revolving credit facility in the maximum aggregate amount of \$50 million in the form of borrowings, guarantees and issuances of letters of credit (subject to a \$20 million sublimit). Actual availability under the credit facility is based on the amount of cash maintained at the bank as well as the value of our public and private partner company interests. This credit facility bears interest at the prime rate for outstanding borrowings, subject to an increase in certain circumstances. Other than for limited exceptions, we are required to maintain all of our depository and operating accounts and the lesser of \$80 million or 75% of our investment and securities accounts at the bank. The credit facility, as amended December 21, 2012, matures on December 31, 2014. Under the credit facility, we provided a \$6.3 million letter of credit expiring on March 19, 2019 to the landlord of CompuCom Systems, Inc.'s Dallas headquarters which has been required in connection with our sale of CompuCom Systems in 2004. Availability under our revolving credit facility at December 31, 2012 was \$43.7 million.

At December 31, 2012, we had committed capital of approximately \$0.1 million to various private equity funds. These commitments are expected to be funded in the next 12 months.

The transactions we enter into in pursuit of our strategy could increase or decrease our liquidity at any point in time. As we seek to acquire interests in new partner companies, provide additional funding to existing partner companies, or commit capital to other initiatives, we may be required to expend our cash or incur debt, which will decrease our liquidity. Conversely, as we dispose of our interests in partner companies from time to time, we may receive proceeds from such sales, which could increase our liquidity. From time to time, we are engaged in discussions concerning acquisitions and dispositions which, if consummated, could impact our liquidity, perhaps significantly.

In May 2001, we entered into a \$26.5 million loan agreement with Warren V. Musser, our former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Since 2001 and through December 31, 2012, we have received a total of \$16.9 million in payments on the loan. We received cash from the sale of collateral in early 2011 in the amount of \$0.1 million and no payments in 2012 or 2010. The carrying value of the loan at December 31, 2012 was zero. In December 2011, the loan documents were amended to take into account accumulated unpaid interest and to make certain other changes related to collateral, maturity dates and other terms.

Under certain circumstances, we may be required to return a portion or all the distributions we received as a general partner of a private equity fund for further distribution to such fund's limited partners ("clawback"). The maximum clawback we could be required to return related to our general partner interest is \$1.3 million, of which \$1.0 million was reflected in accrued expenses and other current liabilities and \$0.3 million was reflected in Other long-term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2012. Our ownership in the fund is 19%. The clawback liability is joint and several, such that we may be required to fund the clawback for other general partners should they default. We believe our potential liability due to the possibility of default by other general partners is remote.

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For the reasons we presented above, we believe our cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2012, availability under our revolving credit facility and other internal sources of cash flow will be sufficient to fund our cash requirements for at least the next 12 months, including debt repayments, commitments to our existing companies and funds, possible additional funding of existing partner companies and our general corporate requirements. Our acquisition of new partner company interests is always contingent upon our availability of cash to fund such deployments, and our timing of monetization events directly affects our availability of cash.

Consolidated Working Capital

Consolidated working capital decreased to \$178.6 million at December 31, 2012 compared to \$245.4 million at December 31, 2011. The decrease of \$66.8 million was primarily due to cash and marketable securities used to fund acquisitions of ownership interests in companies and funds and operating expenses incurred during the year.

Analysis of Consolidated Cash Flows

Cash flow activity was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (16,525)	\$ (17,727)	\$ (16,019)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	3,116	(52,575)	131,856
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(3,749)	(29,930)	235
	\$ (17,158)	\$ (100,232)	\$ 116,072

Net Cash Used In Operating Activities

Year ended December 31, 2012 versus year ended December 31, 2011. Net cash used in operating activities decreased \$1.2 million in 2012 as compared to the prior year. The change primarily related to \$1.1 million in cash received for interest and fees associated with our participation in mezzanine loans and a \$1.2 million decrease in employee and severance costs, partially offset by a \$0.6 million increase in professional fees and a \$0.4 million increase in cash used for management incentive plan payments.

Year ended December 31, 2011 versus year ended December 31, 2010. Net cash used in operating activities increased \$1.7 million in 2011 as compared to the prior year. The change primarily related to a \$1.4 million increase in cash used for payments under our management incentive plan, an increase in severance payments of \$0.5 million, higher employee compensation costs of \$0.4 million and an increase in insurance costs of \$0.1 million, partially offset by a \$1.0 million decrease in cash used for the payment of interest on the 2024 Debentures.

Net Cash Provided by (Used In) Investing Activities

Year ended December 31, 2012 versus year ended December 31, 2011. Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities increased \$55.7 million as compared to the prior year. The increase was primarily related to a \$166.3 million net decrease in cash paid to acquire marketable securities, the receipt of \$7.7 million from the release of cash from escrow as a result of the repurchase of the 2014 Debentures and a \$39.2 million decrease in cash paid to acquire ownership interests in partner companies and funds, partially offset by a \$153.7 million decrease in proceeds from sales of and distributions from partner companies and funds, a \$1.8 million decrease in repayments of advances to partner companies and a \$1.5 million increase in advances and loans to partner companies.

Year ended December 31, 2011 versus year ended December 31, 2010. Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities decreased \$184.4 million as compared to the prior year. The decrease was primarily related to a \$64.9 million increase in cash paid to acquire ownership interests in companies and funds, a \$128.6 million net increase in cash paid to acquire marketable securities and a \$12.5 million decrease in proceeds from sales of and distributions from companies and funds, partially offset by a \$3.0 million increase in repayments of advances to partner companies, \$0.5 million in cash received for origination fees on mezzanine loans and \$18.9 million of cash transferred to escrow to service interest payments on the 2014 Debentures in the prior year.

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Net Cash Provided by (Used In) Financing Activities

Year ended December 31, 2012 versus year ended December 31, 2011. Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities increased \$26.2 million as compared to the prior year. The increase is related to the issuance of \$55.0 million in face amount of our 2018 Debentures and a \$0.8 million increase in the issuance of common stock offset by a \$27.9 million increase in the repurchase of convertible senior debentures and the payment of \$1.8 million in debt issuance costs.

Year ended December 31, 2011 versus year ended December 31, 2010. Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities decreased \$30.2 million as compared to the prior year. The change primarily related to the repurchase of \$30.8 million of the 2024 Debentures during 2011.

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The following table summarizes our contractual obligations and other commercial commitments as of December 31, 2012, by period due or expiration of the commitment.

	Total	Payments Due by Period			After 2017
		2013	2014 and 2015 (In millions)	2016 and 2017	
Contractual Cash Obligations:					
Convertible senior debentures(a)	\$ 55.5	\$	\$ 0.5	\$	\$ 55.0
Operating leases	1.1	0.6	0.5		
Funding commitments(b)	0.1	0.1			
Potential clawback liabilities(c)	1.3	1.0	0.3		
Other long-term obligations(d)	3.8	0.8	1.6	1.4	
Total Contractual Cash Obligations	\$ 61.8	\$ 2.5	\$ 2.9	\$ 1.4	\$ 55.0

	Total	Amount of Commitment Expiration by Period			After 2017
		2013	2014 and 2015 (In millions)	2016 and 2017	
Other Commitments:					
Letters of credit(e)	\$ 6.3	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6.3

- (a) We have outstanding \$55.0 million of 2018 Debentures with a stated maturity of May 15, 2018, \$0.4 million of 2024 Debentures with a stated maturity of March 15, 2024 and \$0.1 million of 2014 Debentures with a stated maturity of March 15, 2014. The holders of the remaining 2024 Debentures have the right to require the Company to repurchase the remaining 2024 Debentures on March 20, 2014 or March 20, 2019 at a repurchase price equal to 100% of their respective face amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.
- (b) This represents a funding commitment to a private equity fund which has been included in 2013 based on estimated timing of capital calls provided to us by the fund's management.
- (c) Under certain circumstances, we may be required to return a portion or all the distributions we received as a general partner of a private equity fund for a further distribution to such fund's limited partners (clawback). The maximum clawback we could be required to return is approximately \$1.3 million, of which \$1.0 million was reflected in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and \$0.3 million was reflected in Other long-term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (d) Reflects the estimated amount payable to our former Chairman and CEO under an ongoing agreement.
- (e) A \$6.3 million letter of credit is provided to the landlord of CompuCom's Dallas headquarters lease as required in connection with our sale of CompuCom in 2004.

We have agreements with certain employees that provide for severance payments to the employee in the event the employee is terminated without cause or if the employee terminates his employment for good reason. The maximum aggregate cash exposure under the agreements was approximately \$4.2 million at December 31, 2012.

We remain guarantor of Laureate Pharma's Princeton, New Jersey facility lease (the Laureate Lease Guaranty). Such guarantee may extend through the lease expiration in 2016 under certain circumstances. However, we are entitled to indemnification in connection with the continuation of such guaranty. As of December 31, 2012, scheduled lease payments to be made by Laureate Pharma over the remaining lease term equaled \$4.8 million.

As of December 31, 2012, we had federal net operating loss carryforwards totaling approximately \$204.2 million. The net operating loss carryforwards expire in various amounts from 2021 to 2031.

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We are involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to equity price risks on the marketable portion of our ownership interests in our partner companies and other assets. At December 31, 2012, these interests include our equity positions in NuPathe and Tengion, both publicly-traded entities, which have experienced significant volatility in their stock prices. Historically, we have not attempted to reduce or eliminate our market exposure related to these types of interests. Based on closing market prices at December 31, 2012, the aggregate fair market value of our holdings in NuPathe and Tengion was \$21.0 million. A 20% decrease in NuPathe and Tengion's stock price would result in an approximate \$4.2 million decrease in the aggregate fair value of our holdings in these companies.

We have \$55.5 million outstanding in convertible senior debentures with stated maturities through March 15, 2024. The 2024 Debentures holders have the right to require the Company to repurchase the 2024 Debentures on March 20, 2014 or March 20, 2019 at a repurchase price equal to 100% of their respective face amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. In November 2012, we issued \$55.0 million in face amount of our 2018 Debentures and repurchased substantially all of our 2014 Debentures outstanding.

Liabilities	2013	2014	2015	After 2015	Fair Value at December 31, 2012
2024 Debentures due by year (in millions)	\$	\$ 0.4	\$	\$	\$ 0.4
Fixed interest rate	2.625%	2.625%	2.625%	2.625%	N/A
Interest expense (in millions)	\$	\$	\$	\$	N/A
2014 Debentures due by year (in millions)	\$	\$ 0.1	\$	\$	\$ 0.1
Fixed interest rate	10.125%	10.125%	10.125%	10.125%	N/A
Interest expense (in millions)	\$	\$	\$	\$	N/A
2018 Debentures due by year (in millions)	\$	\$	\$	\$ 55.0	\$ 57.8
Fixed interest rate	5.25%	5.25%	5.25%	5.25%	N/A
Interest expense (in millions)	\$ 2.9	\$ 2.9	\$ 2.9	\$ 6.8	N/A

We have historically had very low exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, and as such, have not used derivative financial instruments to manage foreign currency fluctuation risk.

We maintain cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities with various financial institutions. The financial institutions are highly rated.

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Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The following Consolidated Financial Statements, and the related Notes thereto, of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and the Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm are filed as a part of this Form 10-K.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.:

We have audited Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.'s (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Item 9A.(b)). Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), changes in equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2012, and our report dated March 8, 2013 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 8, 2013

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. (the Company) and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), changes in equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2012. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2012, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Safeguard Scientific, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated March 8, 2013 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 8, 2013

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	As of December 31,	
	2012	2011
	(In thousands except	
	per share data)	
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 66,029	\$ 83,187
Cash held in escrow	6,434	6,433
Marketable securities	110,957	158,098
Restricted cash equivalents	10	5,137
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,408	1,081
Total current assets	185,838	253,936
Property and equipment, net	193	228
Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds (\$20,972 at fair value at December 31, 2012)	148,639	114,169
Loan participations receivable	7,085	7,587
Available-for-sale securities	58	5,184
Long-term marketable securities	29,059	16,287
Long-term restricted cash equivalents		7,128
Other assets	3,272	2,117
Total Assets	\$ 374,144	\$ 406,636
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 610	\$ 243
Accrued compensation and benefits	4,050	4,583
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	2,601	3,690
Total current liabilities	7,261	8,516
Other long-term liabilities	3,921	4,146
Convertible senior debentures non-current	48,991	45,694
Commitments and contingencies		
Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.10 par value; 1,000 shares authorized		
Common stock, \$0.10 par value; 83,333 shares authorized; 20,968 and 20,752 shares issued and outstanding in 2012 and 2011, respectively	2,097	2,075
Additional paid-in capital	815,946	810,956
Accumulated deficit	(504,072)	(464,710)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(41)
Total equity	313,971	348,280
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 374,144	\$ 406,636

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	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(in thousands except per share data)		
General and administrative expense	\$ 19,473	\$ 21,168	\$ 20,847
Operating loss	(19,473)	(21,168)	(20,847)
Other income (loss), net	9,338	(6,145)	74,809
Interest income	2,926	1,424	718
Interest expense	(5,636)	(5,971)	(5,737)
Equity income (loss)	(26,517)	142,457	(22,334)
Net income (loss) before income taxes	(39,362)	110,597	26,609
Income tax benefit (expense)			
Net income (loss)	\$ (39,362)	\$ 110,597	\$ 26,609
Net income (loss) per share:			
Basic	\$ (1.88)	\$ 5.33	\$ 1.30
Diluted	\$ (1.88)	\$ 4.74	\$ 1.24
Average shares used in computing net income (loss) per share:			
Basic	20,974	20,764	20,535
Diluted	20,974	24,522	21,507

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	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Net income (loss)	\$ (39,362)	\$ 110,597	\$ 26,609
Other comprehensive income (loss), before taxes:			
Unrealized net gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities	4,388	(20,308)	11,708
Reclassification adjustment for gain from available-for-sale securities changed to fair value	(4,607)		
Reclassification adjustment for other than temporary impairment of available-for-sale securities included in net income (loss)	260	7,451	1,108
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (39,321)	\$ 97,740	\$ 39,425

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

		Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity							
		Accumulated		Other		Additional		Treasury Stock	
		Comprehensive		Income		Paid-In		Shares	
		Deficit		(Loss)		Capital		Amount	
						(In thousands)			
		Total	Accumulated	Income	Common Stock	Additional	Treasury Stock		
			Deficit	(Loss)	Shares	Paid-In	Shares	Amount	
Balance	December 31, 2009	\$ 190,507	\$ (601,916)	\$	20,420	\$ 2,042	\$ 790,868	44	\$ (487)
	Net income	26,609	26,609						
	Stock options exercised, net	1,107			102	10	923	(18)	174
	Issuance of restricted stock, net	142			84	9	133	3	
	Stock-based compensation expense	3,777					3,777		
	Equity component of convertible senior debentures issued, net of issuance costs	10,842					10,842		
	Stock awards	631			24	2	316	(29)	313
	Other comprehensive income	12,816		12,816					
Balance	December 31, 2010	246,431	(575,307)	12,816	20,630	2,063	806,859		
	Net income	110,597	110,597						
	Stock options exercised, net	918			95	10	908	5	
	Issuance of restricted stock, net	139			27	2	137	(5)	
	Stock-based compensation expense	3,052					3,052		
	Other comprehensive loss	(12,857)		(12,857)					
Balance	December 31, 2011	348,280	(464,710)	(41)	20,752	2,075	810,956		
	Net loss	(39,362)	(39,362)						
	Stock options exercised, net	1,741			181	19	1,722		
	Issuance of restricted stock, net	94			35	3	91		
	Stock-based compensation expense	2,014					2,014		
	Repurchase of equity component of convertible senior debentures	(5,283)					(5,283)		
	Equity component of convertible senior debentures issued, net of issuance costs	6,446					6,446		
	Other comprehensive income	41		41					
Balance	December 31, 2012	\$ 313,971	\$ (504,072)	\$	20,968	\$ 2,097	\$ 815,946		\$

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Table of Contents**SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net income (loss)	\$ (39,362)	\$ 110,597	\$ 26,609
Adjustments to reconcile to net cash used in operating activities:			
Depreciation	108	124	121
Amortization of debt discount	726	623	426
Equity (income) loss	26,517	(142,457)	22,334
Other (income) loss, net	(9,338)	6,145	(74,809)
Stock-based compensation expense	2,014	3,052	3,777
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions and dispositions:			
Accounts receivable, net	(418)	(429)	(195)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, deferred revenue and other	3,228	4,618	5,718
Net cash used in operating activities	(16,525)	(17,727)	(16,019)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Acquisitions of ownership interests in companies and funds	(46,100)	(85,329)	(20,418)
Proceeds from sales of and distributions from companies and funds	17,596	171,268	183,813
Advances and loans to companies	(13,665)	(12,127)	(11,710)
Repayment of advances to companies	3,214	5,000	2,009
Origination fees on mezzanine loans	74	537	
Increase in marketable securities	(242,023)	(240,367)	(65,201)
Decrease in marketable securities	276,392	108,393	61,856
Release of restricted cash equivalents for interest on convertible senior debentures	7,701		
Investment in restricted cash equivalents for interest on convertible senior debentures			(18,864)
Capital expenditures	(73)	(58)	(106)
Proceeds from sale of discontinued operations, net		1	477
Other, net		107	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	3,116	(52,575)	131,856
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
Proceeds from issuance of convertible senior debentures	55,000		
Repurchase of convertible senior debentures	(58,703)	(30,848)	
Costs of issuance of convertible senior debentures	(1,790)		
Costs of exchange of convertible senior debentures			(872)
Issuance of Company common stock, net	1,744	918	1,107
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(3,749)	(29,930)	235
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(17,158)	(100,232)	116,072
Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of period	83,187	183,419	67,347
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of period	\$ 66,029	\$ 83,187	\$ 183,419

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SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Description of the Company

Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. (Safeguard or the Company) seeks to build value in growth-stage businesses by providing capital and strategic, operational and management resources. Safeguard participates in expansion financings, corporate spin-outs, buyouts, recapitalizations, industry consolidations and early-stage financings. The Company's vision is to be the preferred catalyst to build great companies across diverse capital platforms.

The Company strives to create long-term value for its shareholders by helping partner companies increase their market penetration, grow revenue and improve cash flow. The Company focuses principally on companies with initial capital requirements between \$5 million and \$15 million, and follow-on financings between \$5 million and \$10 million, with a total anticipated deployment of up to \$25 million from Safeguard. In addition, the Company targets companies that operate in two sectors:

Healthcare companies focused on medical technology (MedTech), including diagnostics and devices; healthcare technology (HealthTech); and specialty pharmaceuticals. Within these areas, Safeguard targets companies that have lesser regulatory risk and have achieved or are near commercialization.

Technology companies focused on digital media; financial technology (FinTech) and Enterprise 3.0, which includes mobile technology, cloud, the Internet of Things and big data. Within these areas, Safeguard targets companies that have transaction-enabling applications with a recurring revenue stream.

Basis of Presentation

On October 23, 2012, the Company purchased 2,500 preferred stock units and warrants to purchase 2.5 million shares of common stock from NuPathe, Inc. for \$5.0 million. In conjunction with this financing, the Company placed two members on NuPathe's board of directors (currently consisting of eight members). As a result, the Company determined that it exercised significant influence over NuPathe which made the equity method of accounting applicable to its ownership interest. Instead, the Company elected the fair value option on that date to account for its ownership interest in NuPathe given the reliable evidence provided by quoted prices in an active market for NuPathe's publicly traded common stock. The Company's ownership interest in NuPathe was previously accounted for as available-for-sale securities following NuPathe's completion of an initial public offering in August 2010. Unrealized gains associated with the Company's holdings in NuPathe's common stock, previously accounted for as available-for-sale securities, and unrealized gains associated with the Company's holdings in common and preferred stock and warrants through December 31, 2012 were recognized in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

The Company's ownership interests in Tengion, Inc. are accounted for as available-for-sale securities following Tengion's completion of its initial public offering in April 2010.

Principles of Accounting for Ownership Interests in Companies

The Company's ownership interests in its partner companies and private equity funds are accounted for using one of the following methods: consolidation, equity, cost, fair value and available-for-sale. The accounting method applied is generally determined by the degree of the Company's influence over the entity, primarily determined by its voting interest in the entity.

In addition to holding voting and non-voting equity and debt securities, the Company also periodically makes advances to its partner companies in the form of promissory notes which are included in the Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds line item in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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Consolidation Method. The Company generally accounts for partner companies in which it directly or indirectly owns more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities under the consolidation method of accounting. Under this method, the Company includes the partner companies financial statements within the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements, and all significant intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated. The Company reflects participation of other stockholders in the net assets and in the income or losses of these consolidated partner companies in Equity in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and in Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in the Statements of Operations. Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interest adjusts the Company's consolidated operating results to reflect only the Company's share of the earnings or losses of the consolidated partner company. The Company accounts for results of operations and cash flows of a consolidated partner company through the latest date in which it holds a controlling interest. If the Company subsequently relinquishes control but retains an interest in the partner company, the accounting method is adjusted to the equity, cost or fair value method of accounting, as appropriate. As of December 31, 2012 and for each of the three years in the period then ended, the Company did not hold a controlling interest in any of its partner companies.

Fair Value Method. The Company accounts for its holdings in NuPathe, a publicly traded partner company, under the fair value method of accounting beginning in October 2012. The Company accounted for its holdings in Clariant, Inc., formerly a publicly traded partner company, under the fair value method of accounting following its deconsolidation in May 2009 and through the date of the sale of the Company's remaining interest in Clariant in December 2010. Unrealized gains and losses on the mark-to-market of the Company's holdings in fair value method companies and realized gains and losses on the sale of any holdings in fair value method companies are recognized in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Equity Method. The Company accounts for partner companies whose results are not consolidated, but over which it exercises significant influence, under the equity method of accounting. Whether or not the Company exercises significant influence with respect to a partner company depends on an evaluation of several factors including, among others, representation of the Company on the partner company's board of directors and the Company's ownership level, which is generally a 20% to 50% interest in the voting securities of a partner company, including voting rights associated with the Company's holdings in common, preferred and other convertible instruments in the company. The Company also accounts for its interests in some private equity funds under the equity method of accounting based on its non-controlling general and limited partner interests in such funds. Under the equity method of accounting, the Company does not reflect a partner company's financial statements within the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements; however, the Company's share of the income or loss of such partner company is reflected in Equity income (loss) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The Company includes the carrying value of equity method partner companies in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Any excess of the Company's cost over its underlying interest in the net assets of equity method partner companies allocated to intangible assets is amortized over the estimated useful lives of the related intangible assets. The Company reflects its share of the income or loss of the equity method partner companies on a one quarter lag. This reporting lag could result in a delay in recognition of the impact of changes in the business or operations of these partner companies.

When the Company's carrying value in an equity method partner company is reduced to zero, the Company records no further losses in its Consolidated Statements of Operations unless the Company has an outstanding guarantee obligation or has committed additional funding to such equity method partner company. When such equity method partner company subsequently reports income, the Company will not record its share of such income until it exceeds the amount of the Company's share of losses not previously recognized.

Cost Method. The Company accounts for partner companies not consolidated or accounted for under the equity method or fair value method under the cost method of accounting. Under the cost method, the Company does not include its share of the income or losses of partner companies in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations. The Company includes the carrying value of cost method partner companies in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Available-for-Sale Securities. The Company accounts for its ownership interest in Tengion as available-for-sale securities. In addition, for the period from its initial public offering in August 2010 through October 2012, the Company's ownership interest in NuPathe was accounted for as available-for-sale securities. Available-for-sale securities are carried at fair value, based on quoted market prices, with the unrealized gains and losses, net of tax, reported as a separate component of equity. Unrealized losses are charged against net income (loss) when a decline in the fair value is determined to be other than temporary.

Accounting Estimates

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The preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from these estimates. These estimates include the evaluation of the recoverability of the Company's ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds and investments in marketable securities, income taxes, stock-based compensation and commitments and contingencies. Management evaluates its estimates on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors, including the current economic environment, which management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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Certain amounts recorded to reflect the Company's share of income or losses of partner companies accounted for under the equity method are based on unaudited results of operations of those companies and may require adjustments in the future when audits of these entities' financial statements are completed.

It is reasonably possible that the Company's accounting estimates with respect to the ultimate recoverability of the carrying value of the Company's ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds could change in the near term and that the effect of such changes on the financial statements could be material. At December 31, 2012, the Company believes the carrying value of the Company's ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds is not impaired, although there can be no assurance that the Company's future results will confirm this assessment, that a significant write-down or write-off will not be required in the future, or that a significant loss will not be recorded in the future upon the sale of a company.

Cash and Cash Equivalents and Marketable Securities

The Company considers all highly liquid instruments with an original maturity of 90 days or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents consist of deposits that are readily convertible into cash. The Company determines the appropriate classification of marketable securities at the time of purchase and reevaluates such designation as of each balance sheet date. Held-to-maturity securities are carried at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Marketable securities consist of held-to-maturity securities, primarily consisting of government agency bonds, commercial paper and certificates of deposits. Marketable securities with a maturity date greater than one year from the balance sheet date are considered long-term. The Company has not experienced any significant losses on cash equivalents and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

Restricted Cash Equivalents

Restricted cash equivalents consist of certificates of deposit with various maturity dates.

Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments (principally cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, restricted cash equivalents, accounts receivable, notes receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses) are carried at cost, which approximates fair value due to the short-term maturity of these instruments. The Company's warrant participations are carried at fair value. The Company's long-term debt is carried at cost. At December 31, 2012, the market value of the Company's outstanding debentures was approximately \$58.3 million based on the midpoint of bid and ask prices as of that date.

Accounting for Participating Interests in Mezzanine Loans Receivable and Related Equity Interests

In 2011, the Company acquired a 36% ownership interest in the management company and general partner of Penn Mezzanine L.P. Penn Mezzanine is a mezzanine lender focused on lower middle-market, Mid-Atlantic companies. Through its relationship with Penn Mezzanine, the Company may acquire participating interests in mezzanine loans and related equity interests of the borrowers. These interests may also include warrants to purchase common stock of the borrowers. The Company's accounting policies for these participating interests are as follows:

Loan Participations Receivable

The Company's participating interest in Penn Mezzanine loans are included in Loan participations receivable on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. In connection with each financing transaction, Penn Mezzanine assesses the credit worthiness of the borrower through various standard industry metrics including leverage ratios, working capital metrics, cash flow projections and an overall evaluation of the borrower's business model. The Company uses these analyses in making its determination to participate in any funding.

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On a quarterly basis, the Company evaluates the carrying value of each loan participation receivable for impairment. A loan participation receivable is considered impaired when it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts (principal and interest) due according to the contractual terms of the participation agreement and related agreements with the borrowers. The Company maintains an allowance to provide for estimated loan losses based on evaluating known and inherent risks in the loans. The allowance is provided based upon management's analysis of the pertinent factors underlying the quality of the loans. These factors

include an analysis of the financial condition of the individual borrowers, delinquency levels, actual loan loss experience, current economic conditions and other relevant factors. The Company's analysis includes methods to estimate the fair value of loan collateral and the existence of potential alternative sources of repayment. The Company does not accrue interest when a loan is considered impaired. All cash receipts from an impaired loan are applied to reduce the original principal amount of such loan until the principal has been fully recovered and would be recognized as interest income thereafter. The allowance for loan losses at December 31, 2012 and 2011 was \$2.0 million and \$0.0 million, respectively.

Penn Mezzanine charges fees to borrowers for originating loans. The Company's participating interest in these fees, net of any loan origination costs, is deferred and amortized to income using the effective interest method, over the term of the loan. If the loan is repaid prior to maturity, the remaining unamortized deferred loan origination fee is recognized in income at the time of repayment. Unamortized deferred loan origination fees are recorded as a contra asset against Loan participations receivable on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Equity Participations

The Company's participation in equity interests acquired by Penn Mezzanine is accounted for under the cost method of accounting. On a quarterly basis, the Company evaluates the carrying value of its participation in these equity interests for possible impairment based on achievement of business plan objectives and milestones, the fair value of the equity interest relative to its carrying value, the financial condition and prospects of the underlying company and other relevant factors. The Company's participating interests in equity interests acquired by Penn Mezzanine are included in Other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Warrant Participations

The Company recognizes its participation in warrants acquired by Penn Mezzanine based on the fair value of the warrants at the balance sheet date. The fair values of warrant participations are bifurcated from the related loan participations receivable based on the relative fair value of the respective instruments at the acquisition date. The resulting discount is amortized to interest income over the term of the loan using the effective interest method. Any gain or loss associated with changes in the fair value of the warrants at the balance sheet date is recorded in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The fair value of the warrants is determined based on Level 3 inputs and is included in Other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Provision for depreciation and amortization is based on the lesser of the estimated useful lives of the assets or the remaining lease term (buildings and leasehold improvements, 5 to 15 years; office equipment, 3 to 15 years) and is computed using the straight-line method.

Impairment of Ownership Interests In and Advances to Partner Companies and Funds

On a periodic basis, but no less frequently than quarterly, the Company evaluates the carrying value of its equity and cost method partner companies and available-for-sale securities for possible impairment based on achievement of business plan objectives and milestones, the fair value of each partner company relative to its carrying value, the financial condition and prospects of the partner company and other relevant factors. The business plan objectives and milestones the Company considers include, among others, those related to financial performance, such as achievement of planned financial results or completion of capital raising activities, and those that are not primarily financial in nature, such as hiring of key employees or the establishment of strategic relationships. Management then determines whether there has been an other than temporary decline in the value of its ownership interest in the company or value of available-for-sale securities. Impairment is measured as the

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amount by which the carrying value of an asset exceeds its fair value.

The fair value of privately held companies is generally determined based on the value at which independent third parties have invested or have committed to invest in these companies or based on other valuation methods, including discounted cash flows, valuation of comparable public companies and the valuation of acquisitions of similar companies. The fair value of the Company's ownership interests in private equity funds generally is determined based on the value of its pro rata portion of the fair value of the funds' net assets.

Impairment charges related to equity method partner companies are included in Equity income (loss) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Impairment charges related to cost method partner companies and available-for-sale securities are included in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The reduced cost basis of a previously impaired partner company is not written-up if circumstances suggest the value of the company has subsequently recovered.

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Defined Contribution Plans

Defined contribution plans are contributory and cover eligible employees of the Company. The Company's defined contribution plan allows eligible employees, as defined in the plan, to contribute to the plan up to 75% of their pre-tax compensation, subject to the maximum contributions allowed by the Internal Revenue Code. The Company makes matching contributions under the plan. Expense relating to defined contribution plans was \$0.3 million in each of 2012, 2011 and 2010.

Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method whereby deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. The Company measures deferred tax assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The Company recognizes the effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates in income in the period of the enactment date. The Company provides valuation allowances against the net deferred tax asset for amounts which are not considered more likely than not to be realized.

Net Income (Loss) Per Share

The Company computes net income (loss) per share using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each year. The Company includes in diluted net income (loss) per share common stock equivalents (unless anti-dilutive) which would arise from the exercise of stock options and conversion of other convertible securities and adjusted, if applicable, for the effect on net income (loss) of such transactions. Diluted net income (loss) per share calculations adjust net income (loss) for the dilutive effect of common stock equivalents and convertible securities issued by the Company's consolidated or equity method partner companies.

Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) is the change in equity of a business enterprise during a period from non-owner sources. Excluding net income (loss), the Company's sources of other comprehensive income (loss) are from net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on available-for-sale securities and foreign currency translation adjustments. Reclassification adjustments result from the recognition in net income (loss) of unrealized gains or losses that were included in comprehensive income (loss) in prior periods.

Segment Information

The Company reports segment data based on the management approach which designates the internal reporting used by management for making operating decisions and assessing performance as the source of the Company's reportable operating segments.

2. Ownership Interests in and Advances to Partner Companies and Funds

The following summarizes the carrying value of the Company's ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and private equity funds.

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	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(In thousands)	
Fair value	\$ 20,972	\$
Equity Method:		
Partner companies	102,931	104,545
Private equity funds	3,810	5,784
	106,741	110,329
Cost Method:		
Partner companies	10,000	
Private equity funds	2,634	2,984
	12,634	2,984
Advances to partner companies	8,292	856
	\$ 148,639	\$ 114,169
Loan participations receivable	\$ 7,085	\$ 7,587
Available-for-sale securities	\$ 58	\$ 5,184

Impairment charges related to equity method partner companies were \$5.0 million, \$7.1 million and \$4.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The Company recognized impairment charges totaling \$5.0 million related to PixelOptics, Inc. in 2012. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2012 for PixelOptics based upon lower than anticipated cash flows in the near term. The Company also recorded an impairment charge of \$3.7 million in the second quarter of 2012 for PixelOptics based upon launch delays and related supply chain issues which PixelOptics is addressing, as well as the pricing of a transaction between institutional shareholders in PixelOptics. The impairment charges in 2011 included \$5.7 million related to Swap.com and \$1.4 million related to SafeCentral, Inc., formerly partner companies. The impairment charges in 2010 included \$1.8 million related to Molecular Biometrics, Inc., \$1.5 million related to SafeCentral, \$1.1 million related to Garnet BioTherapeutics, Inc. and \$0.4 million related to Accelerate, Inc., formerly partner companies.

The Company recognized an impairment charge of \$0.4 million related to its cost method interest in a legacy private equity fund in 2012, which is reflected in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. There were no impairment charges related to cost method partner companies in 2012 or 2011. Impairment charges related to cost method partner companies were \$2.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. The charge in 2010 related to Tengion, prior to its classification as an available-for-sale security.

The Company recognized impairment charges of \$0.3 million, \$7.5 million and \$1.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, related to available-for-sale securities. The impairment charges are reflected in Other income (loss), net, in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and represent the unrealized loss on the mark-to-market of its ownership interests in Tengion and NuPathe which were previously recorded as a separate component of equity. The Company determined that the decline in the value of its public holdings in Tengion and NuPathe were other than temporary. As discussed in Note 1, NuPathe is accounted for under the fair value method effective October 2012. As of December 31, 2012, the Company's adjusted cost basis in Tengion securities was \$0.1 million.

The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$2.5 million related to its Penn Mezzanine debt and equity participations in the year ended December 31, 2012, which is reflected in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The charge included \$2.0 million related to loan participations, \$0.4 million related to equity participations and \$0.1 million related to warrant participations.

On October 23, 2012, the Company purchased preferred stock and warrants from NuPathe for \$5.0 million. Each of the 2,500 shares of preferred stock is convertible into 1,000 shares of NuPathe's common stock at a price of \$2.00 per share, subject to antidilution protection. The warrants are exercisable to purchase 2.5 million shares of NuPathe common stock at a price of \$2.00 per share, subject to antidilution protection.

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Following the transaction, the Company's interests in NuPathe's common stock, preferred stock, warrants and options are accounted for under the fair value option. The Company recognized an unrealized gain of \$4.6 million

related to the mark-to-market of the Company's ownership interests in NuPathe's common stock, previously classified as a separate component of equity. In the period from October 23, 2012 through December 31, 2012, the Company recognized an unrealized gain of \$6.4 million on the mark-to-market of its holdings in NuPathe's common stock, preferred stock, warrants and options.

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In July 2011, Portico Systems, Inc. (Portico) was acquired by McKesson resulting in cash proceeds of approximately \$32.8 million in exchange for the Company's equity interests. In June 2012, the Company received an additional \$1.9 million as a result of the achievement of milestones associated with the transaction. In August 2012, the Company received \$3.4 million upon the expiration of the escrow period. These amounts were recorded in Equity income (loss) in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

In June 2011, Advanced BioHealing, Inc. was acquired by Shire plc, resulting in net proceeds of \$138.2 million, excluding \$7.6 million held in escrow. The escrow period expired in March 2012. Prior to the expiration of the escrow period, Shire plc filed a claim against the escrowed funds. No further proceeds will be distributable to the Company or other former owners until the validity of such claims is determined.

In December 2010, Avid Radiopharmaceuticals, Inc. (Avid) was acquired by Eli Lilly and Company resulting in net proceeds to the Company of \$32.3 million. In April 2012, the Company received an additional \$3.4 million in connection with the expiration of the escrow period. Also in April 2012, a regulatory milestone associated with the transaction was achieved which resulted in \$5.6 million of additional proceeds to the Company. These amounts were recorded in Other income (loss) in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. In addition, depending on the achievement of certain difficult commercial and regulatory milestones, the Company could receive additional proceeds of up to \$54 million over a seven-year period.

In December 2010, the Company received cash proceeds of \$2.6 million in connection with the sale of Quinnova Pharmaceuticals, Inc. In December 2012, the Company resolved a dispute with the buyer with respect to the achievement of certain commercial milestones associated with the transaction resulting in an additional \$1.2 million in proceeds to the Company. The Company recorded a gain of \$1.2 million as a result of the achievement of those milestones and release of escrow amounts which is included in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

In December 2010, Clariant was acquired by GE Healthcare, Inc. The Company received gross proceeds of \$153.4 million in connection with the transaction and paid retention bonuses to Clariant management of \$6.9 million, resulting in net proceeds of \$146.5 million. The Company recognized a gain of \$43.0 million on the transaction, based on the net proceeds received compared to the fair value at the end of the previous quarter, which was included in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

For the period from January 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010, the Company recognized unrealized gains of \$22.4 million on the mark-to-market of its holdings in Clariant which were included in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The following unaudited summarized results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 have been compiled from the unaudited financial statements of Clariant. The results of Clariant are reported on a one quarter lag.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 (In thousands) (unaudited)	
Results of Operations:		
Revenue	\$	86,803
Operating income	\$	3,564
Net income from continuing operations	\$	2,914

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The following unaudited summarized financial information for partner companies and funds accounted for under the equity method at December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for each of the three years ended December 31, 2012, has been compiled from the unaudited financial statements of our respective partner companies and funds and reflects certain historical adjustments. Results of operations of the partner companies and funds are excluded for periods prior to their acquisition and subsequent to their disposition. The unaudited financial information below does not include information pertaining to Clariant.

	As of December 31, 2012 2011 (In thousands) (unaudited)	
Balance Sheets:		
Current assets	\$ 168,246	\$ 156,497
Non-current assets	74,555	72,911
Total assets	\$ 242,801	\$ 229,408
Current liabilities	\$ 125,491	\$ 64,568
Non-current liabilities	37,384	33,856
Shareholders' equity	79,926	130,984
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 242,801	\$ 229,408

As of December 31, 2012, the Company's carrying value in equity method partner companies, in the aggregate, exceeded the Company's share of the net assets of such companies by approximately \$68.7 million. Of this excess, \$42.9 million was allocated to goodwill and \$25.8 million was allocated to intangible assets.

	Year Ended December 31, 2012 2011 2010 (In thousands) (unaudited)		
Results of Operations:			
Revenue	\$ 188,989	\$ 116,957	\$ 238,477
Gross profit	\$ 97,403	\$ 63,009	\$ 162,397
Net loss	\$ (78,142)	\$ (38,837)	\$ (23,397)

3. Acquisitions of Ownership Interests in Partner Companies and Funds

In December 2012, the Company acquired a 35% interest in AppFirst, Inc. for \$6.5 million. AppFirst delivers application monitoring systems for development operations professionals and technology executives with visibility into systems, applications and business metrics. The Company accounts for its ownership interest in AppFirst under the equity method. The difference between the Company's cost and its interest in the underlying net assets of AppFirst is preliminarily allocated to intangible assets and goodwill and is reflected in the carrying value in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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In December 2012, the Company acquired a 12.6% interest in Crescendo Bioscience, Inc. (Crescendo) for \$10.0 million. Crescendo is a molecular diagnostics laboratory focused on rheumatology. The Company accounts for its ownership interest in Crescendo under the cost method.

In November and October 2012, the Company deployed an additional \$1.8 million in DriveFactor Inc. The Company had previously acquired an interest in DriveFactor in December 2011 for \$1.7 million. DriveFactor is a provider of telematics technology and statistical analysis of driving data. The Company accounts for its interest in DriveFactor under the equity method. The difference between the Company's cost and its interest in the underlying net assets of DriveFactor was allocated to goodwill as reflected in the carrying value in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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In October and March 2012, the Company deployed an additional \$5.2 million in Good Start Genetics, Inc. (Good Start). The Company had previously acquired an interest in Good Start in 2010 for \$6.8 million. Good Start has developed and launched pre-pregnancy genetic tests, which utilize an advanced DNA sequencing technology to screen for a panel of genetic disorders, including those recommended by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Medical Genetics. The Company accounts for its interest in Good Start under the equity method. The difference between the Company's cost and its ownership interest in the underlying net assets of Good Start was allocated to intangible assets and goodwill as reflected in the carrying value in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In October 2012, the Company purchased 2,500 preferred stock units and warrants to purchase 2.5 million shares of common stock from NuPathe for \$5.0 million. The Company deployed \$3.5 million in NuPathe in August 2010 in conjunction with NuPathe's initial public offering. In April 2010, the Company funded a \$2.7 million convertible bridge loan to NuPathe, which was converted to common shares in conjunction with the initial public offering. The Company initially deployed \$12.0 million in NuPathe from August 2006 through August 2009. NuPathe is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of branded therapeutics for diseases of the central nervous system, including neurological and psychiatric disorders. Following NuPathe's initial public offering, the Company accounted for its interest in NuPathe as available-for-sale securities. In conjunction with the financing in October 2012, the Company determined that it exercised significant influence over NuPathe which made the equity method of accounting applicable to its ownership interest. Instead, the Company elected the fair value option to account for its ownership interest in NuPathe given the reliable evidence provided by quoted prices in an active market for NuPathe's publicly traded common stock.

In September 2012, the Company deployed an additional \$5.0 million in ThingWorx, Inc. The Company previously deployed \$5.0 million in ThingWorx in February 2011. ThingWorx offers a platform designed to accelerate the development of applications connecting people, systems and devices. The Company accounts for its interest in ThingWorx under the equity method. The difference between the Company's cost and its interest in the underlying net assets of ThingWorx was preliminarily allocated to intangible assets and goodwill as reflected in the carrying value in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In September, July and April 2012, the Company funded an aggregate of \$6.6 million of a convertible bridge loan to PixelOptics, Inc. The Company previously deployed \$25.0 million in PixelOptics in April 2011. PixelOptics provides electronic corrective eyeglasses designed to substantially reduce or eliminate the visual distortion and other limitations associated with multifocal lenses. The Company accounts for its interest in PixelOptics under the equity method. The difference between the Company's cost and its interest in the underlying net assets of PixelOptics was allocated to intangible assets and goodwill as reflected in the carrying value in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In August 2012, the Company funded a \$1.7 million convertible debt facility to MediaMath, Inc. The Company previously deployed an aggregate of \$16.9 million in MediaMath. MediaMath is an online media trading company that enables advertising agencies and their advertisers to optimize their ad spending across various exchanges through its proprietary algorithmic bidding platform and data integration technology. The Company accounts for its interest in MediaMath under the equity method.

In August 2011, the Company acquired a 36% ownership interest in the management company and general partner of Penn Mezzanine for \$3.9 million. Penn Mezzanine is a mezzanine lender focused on lower middle-market, Mid-Atlantic companies. The Company accounts for its interest in Penn Mezzanine under the equity method of accounting. The Company expects to deploy up to \$26.1 million (including \$13.9 million deployed through the end of 2012) in additional capital over a several year period in mezzanine opportunities alongside existing and future Penn Mezzanine funds.

In August 2012, the Company funded \$1.7 million for participations in loan and equity interests initiated by Penn Mezzanine. Included in this funding was \$1.5 million for participation in a loan, \$0.1 million for participation in equity of the borrower and \$0.1 million for participation in warrants to acquire common stock of the borrower. In January 2012, the Company funded \$2.5 million for participations in loan and equity interests initiated by Penn Mezzanine. Included in this funding was \$2.3 million for participation in a loan and \$0.2 million for participation in equity of the borrower acquired by Penn Mezzanine. The loan principal was repaid in March 2012. In 2011, the Company funded an aggregate of \$9.7 million for participations in certain loans and equity interests. Included in this funding was \$8.1 million for participation in loans, \$1.3 million for participations in equity and \$0.3 million for participation in warrants to acquire common stock of the borrowers.

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In August 2012, the Company funded \$0.4 million into New York Digital Health Accelerator in exchange for a 9.4% limited partnership interest in the fund which is run by the New York eHealth Collaborative and the New York City Investment Fund for early- and growth-stage digital health companies that are developing technology products in care coordination, patient engagement, analytics and message alerts for healthcare providers. The Company accounts for its interest in New York Digital Health Accelerator under the equity method.

In July and February 2012, the Company funded an aggregate of \$1.2 million of convertible bridge loans to Alverix, Inc. The Company previously deployed an aggregate of \$7.6 million in Alverix. Alverix provides next-generation instrument and connectivity platforms for diagnostic Point-of-Care testing. The Company accounts for its interest in Alverix under the equity method.

In February 2012, the Company acquired a 23.1% ownership interest in Spongecell, Inc. for \$10.0 million. Spongecell is a digital advertising technology company that enhances standard banner ads with rich interactive features. The Company accounts for its ownership interest in Spongecell under the equity method. The difference between the Company's cost and its interest in the underlying net assets of Spongecell was preliminarily allocated to intangible assets and goodwill as reflected in the carrying value in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In February 2012, the Company acquired a 31.6% ownership interest in Lumesis, Inc. for \$2.2 million. Lumesis is a financial technology company that is dedicated to delivering timely data and robust analytical tools for the fixed income marketplace. The Company accounts for its interest in Lumesis under the equity method. The difference between the Company's cost and its interest in the underlying net assets of Lumesis was preliminarily allocated to intangible assets and goodwill as reflected in the carrying value in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In December 2011, the Company acquired a 28.0% ownership interest in Hoopla Software, Inc. (Hoopla) for \$1.3 million. Hoopla helps organizations create high performance sales cultures through SaaS solutions that integrate with CRM systems. The Company accounts for its interest in Hoopla under the equity method. The difference between the Company's cost and its interest in the underlying net assets of Hoopla was allocated to goodwill as reflected in the carrying value in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In November 2011, the Company acquired a 30.0% ownership interest in Medivo, Inc. for \$6.3 million. Medivo is a healthcare IT company that connects patients to a nationwide network of physicians, lab service centers and home testing services. The Company accounts for its interest in Medivo under the equity method. The difference between the Company's cost and its interest in the underlying net assets of Medivo was allocated to intangible assets and goodwill as reflected in the carrying value in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In September 2011, the Company acquired a 30.1% ownership interest in Putney, Inc. for \$10.0 million. Putney is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on providing generic medicines for pets. The Company accounts for its interest in Putney under the equity method. The difference between the Company's cost and its interest in the underlying net assets of Putney was allocated to intangible assets and goodwill as reflected in the carrying value in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In August 2011, the Company funded \$2.4 million of a convertible bridge loan to Swap.com. The Company had previously deployed an aggregate of \$8.1 million in Swap.com. The Company impaired all of the carrying value of Swap.com in 2011 and no longer holds an active interest in the company. The Company accounted for its interest in Swap.com under the equity method.

In June 2011, the Company acquired a 31.7% ownership interest in NovaSom, Inc. for \$20.0 million. NovaSom provides diagnostic devices and services for home testing and evaluation of sleep-disordered breathing, including obstructive sleep apnea. The Company accounts for its interest in NovaSom under the equity method. The difference between the Company's cost and its interest in the underlying net assets of NovaSom was allocated to intangible assets and goodwill as reflected in the carrying value in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In December 2010, the Company funded a \$5.0 million mezzanine debt financing to Portico. The Company previously deployed an aggregate of \$9.3 million in cash in Portico from August 2006 through April 2009. In July 2011, Portico was acquired by McKesson. The Company

accounted for its interest in Portico under the equity method.

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In December 2010, the Company deployed an additional \$1.8 million in AdvantEdge Healthcare Solutions, Inc. (AdvantEdge). In March 2010, the Company funded a \$1.3 million short-term loan to AdvantEdge which was repaid in May 2010. The Company previously deployed a total of \$13.5 million into AdvantEdge. AdvantEdge is a provider of physician billing and practice management services and software to hospital-based physician groups, large office-based physician practices, and ambulatory surgery centers. The Company accounts for its interest in AdvantEdge under the equity method. The difference between the Company's cost and its interest in the underlying net assets of AdvantEdge was allocated to intangible assets and goodwill as reflected in the carrying value in Ownership interests in and advances to partner companies and funds on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In September 2010, the Company exercised a total of \$0.6 million of warrants in Clariant. The Company sold its remaining interest in Clariant in December 2010.

In September and June 2010, the Company funded an aggregate of \$0.7 million in convertible bridge loans to Quinnova. The Company previously deployed \$5.0 million in Quinnova in October 2009. The Company sold its equity and debt interests in Quinnova in December 2010.

In April 2010, in conjunction with Tengion's initial public offering, the Company deployed an additional \$1.5 million in Tengion. The Company previously deployed \$7.5 million in Tengion in 2008. Tengion is a clinical-stage biotechnology company. Following Tengion's initial public offering, the Company accounts for its interest in Tengion as available-for-sale securities.

4. Fair Value Measurements

The Company categorizes its financial instruments into a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). If the inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the category level is based on the lowest priority level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the instrument. Financial assets recorded at fair value on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets are categorized as follows:

Level 1 Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 Include other inputs that are directly or indirectly observable in the marketplace.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs which are supported by little or no market activity.

The fair value hierarchy also requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The following table provides the carrying value and fair value of certain financial assets and liabilities of the Company measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2012 and 2011:

	Carrying Value	Fair Value Measurement at December 31, 2012		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
		(in thousands) (unaudited)		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 66,029	\$ 66,029	\$	\$
Cash held in escrow	6,434	6,434		
Restricted cash equivalents	10	10		
Ownership interest in common stock of NuPathe	8,897	8,897		
Ownership interest in preferred stock, warrants and options of NuPathe	12,075			12,075
Available-for-sale securities	58	58		
Warrant participations	423			423

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Marketable securities held-to-maturity:

Commercial paper	\$ 50,932	\$ 50,932	\$	\$
U.S. Treasury Bills	21,352	21,352		
Government agency bonds	45,909	45,909		
Certificates of deposit	21,823	21,823		
	\$ 140,016	\$ 140,016	\$	\$

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	Carrying Value	Fair Value Measurement at December 31, 2011		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
		(In thousands) (unaudited)		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 83,187	\$ 83,187	\$	\$
Cash held in escrow	6,433	6,433		
Restricted cash equivalents	12,265	12,265		
Available-for-sale securities	5,184	5,184		
Warrant participations	276			276
Marketable securities held-to-maturity:				
Commercial paper	\$ 42,919	\$ 42,919	\$	\$
U.S. Treasury Bills	17,555	17,555		
Government agency bonds	80,712	80,712		
Corporate bonds	1,296	1,296		
Certificates of deposit	31,903	31,903		
	\$ 174,385	\$ 174,385	\$	\$

As of December 31, 2012, \$111.0 million of marketable securities had contractual maturities which were less than one year and \$29.1 million of marketable securities had contractual maturities greater than one year. Held-to-maturity securities are carried at amortized cost, which, due to the short-term maturity of these instruments, approximates fair value using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities defined as Level 1 inputs under the fair value hierarchy.

The Company's ownership interests in NuPathe are accounted for at fair value. The fair value of the Company's ownership interest in NuPathe's common stock was measured using quoted market prices for NuPathe's common stock as traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market, which is considered a Level 1 input under the valuation hierarchy. The fair value of the Company's ownership interest in NuPathe's preferred stock, warrants and options was measured using an option pricing model, which is based on Level 3 inputs as defined above.

The Company's Penn Mezzanine warrant participations are carried at fair value. The value of the Company's holdings in warrant participations is measured by reference to Level 3 inputs. The inputs and valuation techniques used include discounted cash flows and valuation of comparable public companies. The Company recorded a gain of \$0.2 million associated with mark-to-market adjustments related to its warrant participations with Penn Mezzanine in the year ended December 31, 2012 which is reflected in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

The Company recorded impairment charges totaling \$5.0 million related to PixelOptics in 2012 measured as the amount by which PixelOptics carrying value exceeded its estimated fair value. The fair market value of the Company's equity ownership in PixelOptics was determined to be \$11.8 million based on Level 3 inputs as defined above. The inputs and valuation techniques used included discounted cash flows as well as the pricing of a transaction between other institutional shareholders in PixelOptics' debt and equity securities.

The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$2.5 million related to its Penn Mezzanine debt and equity participations in 2012 measured as the amount by which the carrying value of the Company's participation in the debt and equity interests acquired by Penn Mezzanine exceeded their estimated fair values. The fair market values of the Company's participating interests in debt, equity and warrants acquired by Penn Mezzanine were determined based on Level 3 inputs as defined above. The inputs and valuation techniques used included discounted cash flows and valuations of comparable public companies.

The Company recognized an impairment charge of \$0.4 million related to a legacy private equity fund in 2012, measured as the amount by which the carrying value of the Company's interest in the fund exceeded its estimated fair value. The fair market value of the Company's interest in the fund was determined to be \$1.9 million based on the value of the Company's pro rata portion of the fair value of the fund's net assets, which is a Level 3 input under the fair value hierarchy.

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The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$5.7 million related to Swap.com in 2011 measured as the amount by which Swap.com's carrying value exceeded its estimated fair value. The fair market value of the Company's interest in Swap.com was determined to be zero based on Level 3 inputs as defined above. The inputs and valuation techniques used include discounted cash flows and valuation of comparable public companies.

The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1.4 million related to SafeCentral in 2011 measured as the amount by which SafeCentral's carrying value exceeded its estimated fair value. The fair market value of the Company's interest in SafeCentral was determined to be \$0.8 million based on Level 3 inputs as defined above. The inputs and valuation techniques used include discounted cash flows and valuation of comparable public companies.

The value of the Company's available-for-sale securities as of December 31, 2012 is measured by reference to quoted prices for Tengion's common stock as traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market, which is considered a Level 1 input under the valuation hierarchy.

5. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2012	2011
	(In thousands)	
Building and improvements	\$ 607	\$ 547
Office equipment	1,002	997
	1,609	1,544
Accumulated depreciation	(1,416)	(1,316)
	\$ 193	\$ 228

6. Convertible Debentures and Credit Arrangements

The carrying values of the Company's convertible senior debentures were as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2012	2011
	(In thousands)	
Convertible senior debentures due 2018	\$ 48,483	\$
Convertible senior debentures due 2014	67	45,253
Convertible senior debentures due 2024	441	441
Convertible senior debentures - non-current	\$ 48,991	\$ 45,694

Convertible Senior Debentures due 2018

In November 2012, Safeguard issued \$55.0 million principal amount of its 5.25% convertible senior debentures due 2018 (the 2018 Debentures). Proceeds from the offering were used to repurchase outstanding 10.125% convertible senior debentures due 2014 (the 2014 Debentures). The

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repurchase of the 2014 Debentures resulted in a loss on repurchase of \$7.9 million which is recorded in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. Interest on the 2018 Debentures is payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15.

Holders may convert their notes prior to November 15, 2017 at their option only under the following circumstances:

during any calendar quarter commencing after the calendar quarter ending on December 31, 2012, if the last reported sale price of the common stock for at least 20 trading days during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the immediately preceding calendar quarter is greater than or equal to 130% of the conversion price on each applicable trading day;

during the five business day period after any five consecutive trading day period in which the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of notes for each trading day of the measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our common stock and the conversion rate on such trading day;

if the notes have been called for redemption; or

upon the occurrence of specified corporate events.

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On or after November 15, 2017 until the close of business on the second business day immediately preceding the maturity date, holders may convert their notes at any time, regardless of whether any of the foregoing conditions has been met. Upon conversion, the Company will satisfy its conversion obligation by paying or delivering, as the case may be, cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, at the Company's election.

The conversion rate is 55.17 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of debentures, equivalent to a conversion price of approximately \$18.13 per share of common stock. The closing price of the Company's common stock at December 31, 2012 was \$14.75.

On or after November 15, 2016, the Company may redeem for cash any of the 2018 Debentures if the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock exceeds 140% of the conversion price for at least 20 trading days during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the trading day before the date that notice of redemption is given, including the last trading day of such period. Upon any redemption of the debentures, the Company will pay a redemption price of 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of redemption, and additional interest, if any.

The 2018 Debentures holders have the right to require the Company to repurchase the 2018 Debentures if the Company undergoes a fundamental change, which includes the sale of all or substantially all of the Company's common stock or assets; liquidation; dissolution; a greater than 50% change in control; the delisting of the Company's common stock from the New York Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ Global Market (or any of their respective successors); or a substantial change in the composition of the Company's board of directors as defined in the governing agreement. Holders may require that the Company repurchase for cash all or part of their debentures at a fundamental change repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the debentures to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the fundamental change repurchase date.

Because the 2018 Debentures may be settled in cash or partially in cash upon conversion, the Company separately accounts for the liability and equity components of the 2018 Debentures. The carrying amount of the liability component was determined at the transaction date by measuring the fair value of a similar liability that does not have an associated equity component. The carrying amount of the equity component represented by the embedded conversion option was determined by deducting the fair value of the liability component from the initial proceeds of the 2018 Debentures as a whole. At December 31, 2012, the fair value of the \$55.0 million outstanding 2018 Debentures was approximately \$57.8 million, based on the midpoint of the bid and ask prices as of such date. At December 31, 2012, the gross carrying amount of the equity component was \$6.6 million, the principal amount of the liability component was \$55.0 million, the unamortized discount was \$6.5 million and the net carrying value of the liability component was \$48.5 million. The Company is amortizing the excess of the face value of the 2018 Debentures over their carrying value over their term as additional interest expense using the effective interest method and recorded \$0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. The effective interest rate on the 2018 Debentures is 8.7%.

The Company incurred \$1.8 million of costs associated with the issuance of the 2018 Debentures. \$1.6 million was recorded as deferred issuance costs in Other assets on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet and \$0.2 million was recorded as an offset against the carrying amount of the equity component discussed above. The deferred issuance costs are being amortized as additional interest expense using the effective interest method.

Convertible Senior Debentures due 2024

In 2004, the Company issued an aggregate of \$150.0 million in face value of convertible senior debentures with a stated maturity date of March 15, 2024 (the 2024 Debentures). At December 31, 2012, the fair value of the \$0.4 million outstanding 2024 Debentures approximated their carrying value, based on the midpoint of bid and ask prices as of such date. On March 21, 2011, the Company repurchased \$30.8 million of the 2024 Debentures as required by the 2024 Debenture holders. Interest on the 2024 Debentures is payable semi-annually. At the debentures holders' option, the 2024 Debentures are convertible into the Company's common stock through March 14, 2024, subject to certain conditions. The adjusted conversion rate of the 2024 Debentures is \$43.3044 of principal amount per share. The remaining 2024 Debentures holders have the right to require the Company to repurchase the 2024 Debentures on March 20, 2014 or March 20, 2019 at a repurchase price equal to 100% of their face amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. In limited circumstances, the Company has the right to redeem all or some of the 2024 Debentures.

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The Company has \$0.4 million principal amount of the 2024 Debentures outstanding at December 31, 2012.

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In March 2010, the Company issued an aggregate of \$46.9 million in face value of convertible senior debentures with a stated maturity of March 15, 2014 (the 2014 Debentures). As noted above, in November 2012 the Company repurchased substantially all of the 2014 Debentures for \$58.7 million plus accrued interest. The Company recognized a loss on repurchase of \$7.9 million which is reported in Other income (loss), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The Company has \$0.1 million of the 2014 Debentures outstanding at December 31, 2012. At December 31, 2012, the fair value of the \$0.1 million outstanding 2014 Debentures approximated their carrying value, based on the midpoint of bid and ask prices as of such date. Interest on the 2014 Debentures is payable semi-annually on March 15 and September 15. At the time of issuance, as required under the terms of the 2014 Debentures, the Company placed approximately \$19.0 million in a restricted escrow account to make all scheduled interest payments on the 2014 Debentures through their maturity. During 2012 and 2011, interest payments of \$4.8 million and \$4.8 million, respectively, were made out of the restricted escrow account and are considered non-cash activities. Upon repurchase of the 2014 Debentures, \$7.7 million was released from the restricted escrow account representing interest payments that would have been due through maturity of the 2014 Debentures.

At the debentures holders' option, the 2014 Debentures are convertible into the Company's common stock at any time after March 15, 2013. The conversion price is \$16.50 of principal amount per share, equivalent to a conversion rate of 60.6061 shares of Company common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of the 2014 Debentures. The 2014 Debentures holders have the right to require repurchase of the 2014 Debentures upon a fundamental change, including the sale of all or substantially all of the Company's common stock or assets; liquidation; dissolution; or a change in control; or the delisting of the Company's common stock from the New York Stock Exchange if the Company were unable to obtain a listing for its common stock on another national or regional securities exchange. In limited circumstances, the Company has the right to redeem some or all of the 2014 Debentures.

Credit Arrangements

The Company is party to a loan agreement with a commercial bank which provides it with a revolving credit facility in the maximum aggregate amount of \$50 million in the form of borrowings, guarantees and issuances of letters of credit (subject to a \$20 million sublimit). Actual availability under the credit facility is based on the amount of cash maintained at the bank as well as the value of the Company's public and private partner company interests. This credit facility bears interest at the prime rate for outstanding borrowings, subject to an increase in certain circumstances. Other than for limited exceptions, the Company is required to maintain all of its depository and operating accounts and the lesser of \$80 million or 75% of its investment and securities accounts at the bank. The credit facility, as amended December 21, 2012, matures on December 31, 2014. Under the credit facility, the Company provided a \$6.3 million letter of credit expiring on March 19, 2019 to the landlord of CompuCom Systems, Inc.'s Dallas headquarters which has been required in connection with the sale of CompuCom Systems in 2004. Availability under the Company's revolving credit facility at December 31, 2012 was \$43.7 million.

7. Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

Accrued expenses consisted of the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2012	2011
	(In thousands)	
Accrued interest	\$ 335	\$ 1,403
Other	2,266	2,287
	\$ 2,601	\$ 3,690

8. Equity

Preferred Stock

Shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.10 per share, are voting and are issuable in one or more series with rights and preferences as to dividends, redemption, liquidation, sinking funds and conversion determined by the Board of Directors. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, there were one million shares authorized and none outstanding.

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Under the amended and restated 2004 Equity Compensation Plan, employees, executive officers, directors and consultants are eligible for grants of stock options, restricted stock awards, stock appreciation rights, stock units, performance units and other stock-based awards. The 2004 Equity Compensation Plan has 2.2 million shares authorized for issuance. The 2001 Associates Equity Compensation Plan, with 0.9 million shares authorized for issuance, and the 1999 Equity Compensation Plan, with 1.5 million shares authorized for issuance, expired by their terms and no further grants may be made under those plans. During 2011, the Company issued 85 thousand options outside of existing plans as inducement awards in accordance with New York Stock Exchange rules.

To the extent allowable, service-based awards are incentive stock options. Options granted under the plans are at prices equal to or greater than the fair market value at the date of grant. Upon exercise of stock options, the Company issues shares first from treasury stock, if available, then from authorized but unissued shares. At December 31, 2012, the Company had reserved 4.0 million shares of common stock for possible future issuance under its equity compensation plans.

Classification of Stock-Based Compensation Expense

Stock-based compensation expense was recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
General and administrative expense	\$ 2,014	\$ 3,052	\$ 3,777
	\$ 2,014	\$ 3,052	\$ 3,777

At December 31, 2012, the Company had outstanding options that vest based on three different types of vesting schedules:

- 1) market-based;
- 2) performance-based; and
- 3) service-based.

Market-based awards entitle participants to vest in a number of options determined by achievement by the Company of certain target market capitalization increases (measured by reference to stock price increases on a specified number of outstanding shares) over an eight-year period. The requisite service periods for the market-based awards are based on the Company's estimate of the dates on which the market conditions will be met as determined using a Monte Carlo simulation model. Compensation expense is recognized over the requisite service periods using the straight-line method but is accelerated if market capitalization targets are achieved earlier than estimated. During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, the Company did not issue any market-based option awards to employees. During the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, 110 thousand and 21 thousand market-based options vested based on achievement of market capitalization targets. No market based options vested during 2012. During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, six thousand, 125 thousand and 10 thousand market-based options were cancelled or forfeited. The Company recorded compensation expense related to these awards of \$0.4 million, \$1.2 million and \$1.7 million during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Depending on the Company's stock performance, the maximum number of unvested shares at December 31, 2012 attainable under these grants was 1.0 million shares.

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Performance-based awards entitle participants to vest in a number of awards determined by achievement by the Company of target capital returns based on net cash proceeds received by the Company upon the sale, merger or other exit transaction of certain identified partner companies. Vesting may occur, if at all, once per year. The requisite service periods for the performance-based awards are based on the Company's estimate of when the performance conditions will be met. Compensation expense is recognized for performance-based awards for which the performance condition is considered probable of achievement. Compensation expense is recognized over the requisite service periods using the straight-line method but is accelerated if capital return targets are achieved earlier than estimated. During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, the Company issued 180 thousand, 193 thousand and 130 thousand performance-based option awards to employees. During the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, 14 thousand and 56 thousand options vested based on the achievement of capital return targets. During the year ended December 31, 2010, no options vested based on the achievement of capital returns targets.

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During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, six thousand, 108 thousand and six thousand performance-based option awards were canceled or forfeited. The Company recorded compensation expense related to these option awards of \$0.2 million, \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The maximum number of unvested shares at December 31, 2012 attainable under these grants was 809 thousand shares.

All other outstanding options are service-based awards that generally vest over four years after the date of grant and expire eight years after the date of grant. Compensation expense is recognized over the requisite service period using the straight-line method. The requisite service period for service-based awards is the period over which the award vests. During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, the Company issued 113 thousand, 121 thousand and 95 thousand service-based option awards to employees. During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, one thousand, 60 thousand and nine thousand service-based options were canceled or forfeited. The Company recorded compensation expense related to these awards of \$0.7 million, \$0.8 million and \$1.2 million during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

The fair value of the Company's stock-based awards to employees was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the end of the quarter in which the grant occurred. The expected term of stock options granted was estimated using the historical exercise behavior of employees. Expected volatility was based on historical volatility measured using weekly price observations of the Company's common stock for a period equal to the stock option's expected term. Assumptions used in the valuation of options granted in each period were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Service-Based Awards			
Dividend yield	0%	0%	0%
Expected volatility	56%	57%	58%
Average expected option life	5 years	5 years	5 years
Risk-free interest rate	0.8%	1.4%	2.0%
Performance-Based Awards			
Dividend yield	0%	0%	0%
Expected volatility	55%	57%	58%
Average expected option life	5.5 years	5.8 years	4.9 years
Risk-free interest rate	0.8%	0.9%	2.0%

The weighted-average grant date fair value of options issued by the Company during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$7.45, \$8.28 and \$7.42 per share, respectively.

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Option activity of the Company is summarized below:

	Shares (In thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (In years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (In thousands)
Outstanding at December 31, 2009	3,268	\$ 9.51		
Options granted	224	14.65		
Options exercised	(121)	9.16		
Options canceled/forfeited	(50)	12.13		
Outstanding at December 31, 2010	3,321	9.83		
Options granted	314	16.55		
Options exercised	(124)	11.32		
Options canceled/forfeited	(293)	11.03		
Outstanding at December 31, 2011	3,218	10.32		
Options granted	293	14.91		
Options exercised	(211)	10.22		
Options canceled/forfeited	(13)	13.48		
Outstanding at December 31, 2012	3,287	10.72	3.55	\$ 14,146
Options exercisable at December 31, 2012	1,320	9.93	2.32	6,646
Options vested and expected to vest at December 31, 2012	2,854	10.39	3.05	13,113
Shares available for future grant	252			

The total intrinsic value of options exercised for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$1.2 million, \$0.9 million and \$0.4 million, respectively.

At December 31, 2012, total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options granted under the plans for service-based awards was \$0.9 million. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.5 years.

At December 31, 2012, total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options granted under the plans for market-based awards was \$0.1 million. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1 year, but would be accelerated if market capitalization targets are achieved earlier than estimated.

At December 31, 2012, total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options granted under the plans for performance-based awards was \$3.4 million. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.6 years but would be accelerated if stock price targets are achieved earlier than estimated.

During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, the Company issued 90 thousand, 61 thousand and 74 thousand performance-based stock units to employees which vest based on achievement by the Company of target capital returns based on net cash proceeds received by the Company on the sale, merger or other exit transaction of certain identified partner companies, as described above related to performance-based option awards. Performance-based stock units represent the right to receive shares of the Company's common stock, on a one-for-one basis. During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, the Company issued 30 thousand,

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20 thousand and 25 thousand restricted shares to employees. The restricted shares issued vest 25% on the first anniversary of grant and the remaining 75% thereafter in equal monthly installments over the next three years. During the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company issued 53 thousand unrestricted shares to employees in connection with the 2009 management incentive plan payments earned by certain senior employees.

The Company issued deferred stock units during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 to all non-employee directors as annual service grants and to directors who deferred all or a portion of directors' fees earned. Deferred stock units issued to directors in lieu of directors' fees are 100% vested at the grant date; matching deferred stock units equal to 25% of directors' fees deferred generally vest one year following the grant date. Deferred stock units represent the right to receive shares of the Company's common stock, on a one-for-one basis, following termination of employment or service, death or permanent disability. During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, the Company issued 25 thousand, 28 thousand and 32 thousand deferred stock units to directors.

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During the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2010, the Company granted five thousand and two thousand restricted shares, respectively, to members of its advisory boards, which comprise non-employees and recorded compensation expense of \$0.1 million in each year related to these awards. No such awards were granted in 2011. These awards generally vest within one year following grant.

Total compensation expense for deferred stock units, performance-based stock units and restricted stock was approximately \$0.7 million, \$0.7 million and \$0.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Unrecognized compensation expense related to deferred stock units, performance stock units and restricted stock at December 31, 2012 was \$3.5 million. The total fair value of deferred stock units, performance stock units and restricted stock vested during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$0.9 million, \$2.0 million and \$1.8 million, respectively.

Deferred stock unit, performance-based stock unit and restricted stock activity are summarized below:

	Shares (In thousands)	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Unvested at December 31, 2010	298	\$ 10.09
Granted	109	15.93
Vested	(116)	8.16
Forfeited	(38)	12.73
Unvested at December 31, 2011	253	13.10
Granted	151	15.00
Vested	(53)	13.06
Forfeited	(4)	13.67
Unvested at December 31, 2012	347	13.85

10. Other Income (Loss), Net

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Loss on repurchase of convertible debentures	\$ (7,895)	\$	\$
Loss on exchange of convertible debentures			(8,289)
Gain on sale of companies and funds, net	9,004		63,247
Gain on mark-to-market of holdings in fair value method partner companies	11,035		22,394
Impairment charges on cost method partner companies and private equity funds	(350)		(2,146)
Impairment charges on Penn Mezzanine loan and equity participations	(2,489)		
Other than temporary impairment on available-for-sale securities	(260)	(7,451)	(1,108)
Other	293	1,306	711
	\$ 9,338	\$ (6,145)	\$ 74,809

11. Income Taxes

The federal and state provision (benefit) for income taxes was \$0.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

The total income tax provision (benefit) differed from the amounts computed by applying the U.S. federal income tax rate of 35% to net income (loss) before income taxes as a result of the following:

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	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Statutory tax (benefit) expense	(35.0)%	35.0%	35.0%
Increase (decrease) in taxes resulting from:			
Valuation allowance	34.7	(35.3)	(47.4)
Other adjustments	.3	0.3	1.7
Nondeductible loss on exchange of convertible senior debentures			10.7
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

The tax effects of temporary differences that gave rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities were as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2012	2011
	(In thousands)	
Deferred tax asset (liability):		
Carrying values of partner companies and other holdings	\$ 52,602	\$ 50,041
Tax loss and credit carryforwards	75,369	59,626
Accrued expenses	1,860	1,838
Stock-based compensation	7,942	7,580
Other	1,557	1,047
	139,330	120,132
Valuation allowance	(139,330)	(120,132)
Net deferred tax liability	\$	\$

As of December 31, 2012, the Company and its subsidiaries consolidated for tax purposes had federal net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$204.2 million. These carryforwards expire as follows:

	Total (In thousands)
2013	\$
2014	
2015	
2016	
2017 and thereafter	204,209
	\$ 204,209

In assessing the recoverability of deferred tax assets, the Company considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The Company has determined that it is more likely than not that certain future tax benefits may not be realized as a result of current and future income. Accordingly, a valuation allowance has been recorded against substantially all of the Company's deferred tax assets.

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The Company recognizes in its Consolidated Financial Statements the impact of a tax position if that position is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination, based on the technical merits of the position. All uncertain tax positions relate to unrecognized tax benefits that would impact the effective tax rate when recognized.

The Company does not expect any material increase or decrease in its income tax expense, in the next twelve months, related to examinations or changes in uncertain tax positions.

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There were no changes in the Company's uncertain tax positions for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and various state jurisdictions. Tax years 2009 and forward remain open for examination for federal tax purposes and tax years 2007 and forward remain open for examination for the Company's more significant state tax jurisdictions. To the extent utilized in future years' tax returns, net operating loss carryforwards at December 31, 2012 will remain subject to examination until the respective tax year is closed. The Company recognizes penalties and interest accrued related to income tax liabilities in income tax benefit (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

12. Net Income (Loss) Per Share

The calculations of net income (loss) per share were:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands except per share data)		
Basic:			
Net income (loss)	\$ (39,362)	\$ 110,597	\$ 26,609
Average common shares outstanding	20,974	20,764	20,535
Net income (loss) per share	\$ (1.88)	\$ 5.33	\$ 1.30
Diluted:			
Net income (loss)	\$ (39,362)	\$ 110,597	\$ 26,609
Interest on convertible senior debentures		5,750	
Net income (loss) for diluted per share calculation	\$ (39,362)	\$ 116,347	\$ 26,609
Number of shares used in basic per share computation	20,974	20,764	20,535
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Convertible senior debentures		3,009	
Unvested restricted stock and DSUs		60	115
Employee stock options		689	857
Number of shares used in diluted per share computation	20,974	24,522	21,507
Net income (loss) per share	\$ (1.88)	\$ 4.74	\$ 1.24

Basic and diluted average common shares outstanding for purposes of computing net income (loss) per share includes outstanding common shares and vested deferred stock units (DSUs).

If a consolidated or equity method partner company has dilutive stock options, unvested restricted stock, DSUs, warrants or securities outstanding, diluted net income (loss) per share is computed by first deducting from net income (loss) the income attributable to the potential exercise of the dilutive securities of the partner company. This impact is shown as an adjustment to net income (loss) for purposes of calculating diluted net income (loss) per share.

The following potential shares of common stock and their effects on income were excluded from the diluted net loss per share calculation because their effect would be anti-dilutive:

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At December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, options to purchase 3.3 million, 0.1 million and 0.6 million shares of common stock, respectively, at prices ranging from \$3.93 to \$18.80 per share, \$18.78 to \$21.36 per share and \$10.10 to \$21.36 per share were excluded from the calculation.

At December 31, 2012 and 2010, unvested restricted stock units, performance stock units and DSUs convertible into 0.3 million and 2 thousand shares of stock, respectively, were excluded from the calculations.

At December 31, 2010, a total of 0.7 million shares of common stock representing the effect of assumed conversion of the 2024 Debentures were excluded from the calculation.

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At December 31, 2010, a total of 2.8 million shares of common stock representing the effect of assumed conversion of the 2014 Debentures were excluded from the calculations.

At December 31, 2012, a total of 3.0 million shares of common stock representing the effect of assumed conversion of the 2018 Debentures were excluded from the calculations.

13. Related Party Transactions

In May 2001, the Company entered into a \$26.5 million loan agreement with Warren V. Musser, the Company's former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Through December 31, 2012, the Company recognized impairment charges against the loan of \$15.7 million. The Company's efforts to collect Mr. Musser's outstanding loan obligation have included the sale of existing collateral, obtaining and selling additional collateral, litigation and negotiated resolution. Since 2001 and through December 31, 2012, the Company has received a total of \$16.9 million in payments on the loan. In December 2011, the loan documents were amended to take into account accumulated unpaid interest and to make certain other changes related to collateral, maturity dates and other terms.

The Company received cash from the sale of collateral in 2011 in the amount of \$0.1 million and no payments in 2012 or 2010. The carrying value of the loan at December 31, 2012 was zero.

In the normal course of business, the Company's directors, officers and employees hold board positions with partner and other companies in which the Company has a direct or indirect ownership interest.

14. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company and its partner companies are involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. While in the current opinion of the Company the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations, no assurance can be given as to the outcome of these actions, and one or more adverse rulings could have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position and results of operations or that of its partner companies. The Company records costs associated with legal fees as such services are rendered.

The Company leases its corporate headquarters and office equipment under leases expiring at various dates to 2016. Total rental expense under operating leases was \$0.6 million, \$0.5 million and \$0.5 million in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases with initial or remaining terms of one year or more at December 31, 2012, are (in millions): \$0.6 2013; \$0.5 2014; \$0.0 2015; \$0.0 2016; and \$0.0 thereafter.

Not including the Laureate Pharma, Inc. lease guaranty described below, the Company had outstanding guarantees of \$3.8 million at December 31, 2012.

The Company has committed capital of approximately \$0.1 million to a private equity fund. This commitment is expected to be funded during the next 12 months.

Under certain circumstances, the Company may be required to return a portion or all the distributions it received as a general partner of a private equity fund (clawback). The maximum clawback the Company could be required to return due to our general partner interest is approximately \$1.3 million, of which \$1.0 million was reflected in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and \$0.3 million was reflected in Other long-term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2012. The Company's ownership in the fund is 19%. The clawback liability is joint and several; therefore the Company may be required to fund the clawback for other general partners should they default. The Company believes its potential liability due to the possibility of default by other general partners is remote.

In connection with the Company's May 2008 sale of its equity and debt interests in Acsis, Inc., Alliance Consulting Group Associates, Inc., Laureate Pharma, Inc., ProModel Corporation and Neuronyx, Inc. (the Bundle Transaction), an aggregate of \$6.4 million of the gross proceeds

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of the sale were placed in escrow pending the expiration of a predetermined notification period, subject to possible extension in the event of a claim against the escrowed amounts. On April 25, 2009, the purchaser in the Bundle Transaction notified the Company of claims being asserted against the entire escrowed amounts. The Company does not believe that such claims are valid and has instituted legal action to obtain the release of such amounts from escrow. The proceeds being held in escrow will remain there until the dispute over the claims has been settled or determined pursuant to legal process.

The Company remains guarantor of Laureate Pharma's Princeton, New Jersey facility lease. The current lease extends into 2016. The Company is entitled to indemnification in connection with the continuation of this guaranty. As of December 31, 2012, scheduled lease payments to be made by Laureate Pharma over the remaining lease term are approximately \$4.8 million.

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In October 2001, the Company entered into an agreement with its former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, to provide for annual payments of \$0.65 million per year and certain health care and other benefits for life. The related current liability of \$0.8 million was included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and the long-term portion of \$2.9 million was included in Other long-term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2012.

The Company provided a \$6.3 million letter of credit expiring on March 19, 2019 to the landlord of CompuCom Systems, Inc.'s Dallas headquarters as required in connection with the sale of CompuCom Systems in 2004.

The Company has agreements with certain employees that provide for severance payments to the employee in the event the employee is terminated without cause or an employee terminates his employment for good reason. The maximum aggregate exposure under the agreements was approximately \$4.2 million at December 31, 2012.

15. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

During the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2010, the Company converted \$0.4 million and \$2.7 million respectively, of advances to partner companies into ownership interests in partner companies. The Company made no such conversions in 2011.

Cash payments for interest in the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$0.8 million, \$0.4 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. In addition, during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, interest payments of \$4.8 million, \$4.8 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, on the 2014 Debentures were made using restricted cash equivalents.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company completed a non-cash exchange of \$46.9 million in face value of its 2024 Debentures for the same amount in face value of its 2014 Debentures.

Cash paid for taxes in the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$0.0 million in each year.

16. Operating Segments

In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company expanded its focus within the former Life Sciences segment to include companies in the HealthTech sector and has renamed that segment Healthcare. The HealthTech sector had previously been included in the Technology segment. As a result of the change, the Company's reportable operating segments are now Healthcare, Technology and Penn Mezzanine. AdvantEdge Healthcare Solutions, a provider of physician billing and practice management services and software, which had previously been reported within the Technology segment, is now reported under the Healthcare segment. As a result of the change, the Company has restated its previously reported segment disclosure information, to include the results of AdvantEdge Healthcare Solutions within the Healthcare segment.

In August 2011, the Company acquired a 36% ownership interest in the management company and general partner of Penn Mezzanine for \$3.9 million. In the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company funded an aggregate of \$9.7 million for participations in certain mezzanine loans and equity interests initiated by Penn Mezzanine. As a result of the capital deployed in 2011, the Company began to separately evaluate the results of Penn Mezzanine. The Company re-evaluated its reportable segments and made the determination that Penn Mezzanine would be reported as a reportable segment.

As of December 31, 2012, the Company held an interest in 18 non-consolidated partner companies.

The Company's active partner companies as of December 31, 2012 by segment were as follows for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010:

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Partner Company	Safeguard Primary Ownership as of December 31,			Accounting Method
	2012	2011	2010	
AdvantEdge Healthcare Solutions, Inc.	40.2%	40.2%	40.2%	Equity
Alverix, Inc.	49.2%	49.6%	49.6%	Equity
Crescendo Bioscience, Inc.	12.6%	NA	NA	Cost
Good Start Genetics, Inc.	30.0%	26.3%	26.3%	Equity
Medivo, Inc.	30.0%	30.0%	NA	Equity
NovaSom, Inc.	30.3%	30.3%	NA	Equity
NuPathe, Inc.	17.8%	17.8%	18.1%	Fair value (1)
PixelOptics, Inc.	24.6%	24.7%	NA	Equity
Putney, Inc.	27.6%	27.6%	NA	Equity

- (1) The Company's ownership interest in NuPathe was accounted for as available-for-sale securities following NuPathe's completion of an initial public offering in August 2010. On October 23, 2012, the Company participated in a private placement of NuPathe preferred stock units, and in conjunction with this financing the Company placed two persons on NuPathe's board of directors. As a result, the Company determined that it exercises significant influence over NuPathe which makes the equity method of accounting applicable to its ownership interests. Instead, the Company elected the fair value option beginning on that date. Prior to August 2010, the Company accounted for NuPathe under the equity method.

Technology

Partner Company	Safeguard Primary Ownership as of December 31,			Accounting Method
	2012	2011	2010	
AppFirst, Inc.	35.0%	NA	NA	Equity
Beyond.com Inc.	38.3%	38.3%	38.3%	Equity
Bridgevine, Inc.	21.7%	22.8%	22.8%	Equity
DriveFactor Inc.	35.4%	23.9%	NA	Equity
Hoopla Software, Inc.	25.3%	28.0%	NA	Equity
Lumesis, Inc.	31.6%	NA	NA	Equity
MediaMath, Inc.	22.2%	22.4%	17.3%	Equity (2)
Spongecell, Inc.	23.1%	NA	NA	Equity
ThingWorx, Inc.	39.8%	30.2%	NA	Equity

- (2) In the first quarter of 2011, the Company's ownership interest in MediaMath increased from 17.3% to 22.4%, above the threshold at which the Company believes it exercises significant influence. Accordingly, the Company changed its method of accounting for MediaMath from the cost method to the equity method.

As of December 31, 2012, the Penn Mezzanine segment has a 36% ownership interest in the management company and general partner of Penn Mezzanine L.P. The Company accounts for its interest under the equity method.

Results of the Healthcare and Technology segments reflect the equity income (loss) of their respective equity method partner companies, other income (loss) associated with fair value method and cost method partner companies and the gains or losses on the sale of their respective partner companies. Results of the Penn Mezzanine segment includes interest, dividend and participation fees earned on the mezzanine interests in which the Company participates as well as equity income (loss) associated with the Company's management company and general partner interest in the

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Penn Mezzanine platform.

Management evaluates its Healthcare and Technology segments' performance based on net loss which is based on the number of partner companies accounted for under the equity method, the Company's voting ownership percentage in these partner companies and the net results of operations of these partner companies and any impairment charges or gain (loss) on sale of, or mark-to-market of partner companies.

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Management evaluates the Penn Mezzanine segment performance based on the performance of the mezzanine interests in which the Company participates. This includes an evaluation of the current and future cash flows associated with interest and dividend payments as well as estimated losses based on evaluating known and inherent risks in the investments in which the Company participates.

Other Items include certain expenses which are not identifiable to the operations of the Company's operating business segments. Other Items primarily consist of general and administrative expenses related to corporate operations, including employee compensation, insurance and professional fees, including legal and finance, interest income, interest expense, other income (loss) and equity income (loss) related to certain private equity fund ownership interests. Other Items also include income taxes, which are reviewed by management independent of segment results.

Prior to its sale in December 2010, Clariant was included in the Healthcare segment. The Company accounted for its interest in Clariant under the fair value method.

As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, all of the Company's assets were located in the United States.

Segment assets in Other Items included primarily cash, cash equivalents, cash held in escrow and marketable securities of \$212.5 million and \$264.0 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

The following represents segment data from operations:

	Healthcare	Technology	For the Year Ended December 31, 2012		Other Items	Total
			Penn Mezzanine	Total Segments		
(In thousands)						
Operating loss	\$	\$	\$ (10)	\$ (10)	\$ (19,463)	\$ (19,473)
Interest income			1,505	1,505	1,421	2,926
Equity income (loss)	(26,544)	(119)	(317)	(26,980)	463	(26,517)
Net (loss)	(6,660)	(119)	(1,136)	(7,915)	(31,447)	(39,362)
Segment Assets:						
December 31, 2012	83,500	58,753	12,153	154,406	219,738	374,144
	Healthcare	Technology	For the Year Ended December 31, 2011		Other Items	Total
			Penn Mezzanine	Total Segments		
(In thousands)						
Operating loss	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ (21,168)	\$ (21,168)
Interest income			210	210	1,214	1,424
Equity income (loss)	121,299	21,454	(71)	142,682	(225)	142,457
Net income (loss)	114,063	21,478	139	135,680	(25,083)	110,597
Segment Assets:						
December 31, 2011	72,127	38,458	12,965	123,550	283,086	406,636
	Healthcare	Technology	For the Year Ended December 31, 2010		Other Items	Total
			Technology	Total Segments		
(In thousands)						
Operating loss	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ (20,847)	\$ (20,847)

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Equity loss	(12,472)	(9,858)	(22,330)	(4)	(22,334)
Net income (loss)	69,972	(9,822)	60,150	(33,541)	26,609

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Net loss from Other Items was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
	(In thousands)		
Corporate operations	\$ (31,447)	\$ (25,083)	\$ (33,541)
Income tax benefit (expense)			
	\$ (31,447)	\$ (25,083)	\$ (33,541)

17. Selected Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited)

	March 31	Three Months Ended		December 31
		June 30	September 30	
	(In thousands except per share data)			
2012:				
General and administrative expense	\$ 4,743	\$ 5,148	\$ 4,790	\$ 4,792
Operating loss	(4,743)	(5,148)	(4,790)	(4,792)
Other income (loss), net	3,084	4,819	91	1,344
Interest income	899	595	696	736
Interest expense	(1,452)	(1,456)	(1,461)	(1,267)
Equity loss	(7,448)	(8,947)	(3,293)	(6,829)
Net loss before income taxes	(9,660)	(10,137)	(8,757)	(10,808)
Income tax benefit (expense)				
Net loss	\$ (9,660)	\$ (10,137)	\$ (8,757)	\$ (10,808)
Net loss per share (a)				
Basic	\$ (0.46)	\$ (0.48)	\$ (0.42)	\$ (0.51)
Diluted	\$ (0.46)	\$ (0.48)	\$ (0.42)	\$ (0.51)
2011:				
General and administrative expense	\$ 4,884	\$ 5,570	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,614
Operating loss	(4,884)	(5,570)	(5,100)	(5,614)
Other income (loss), net	(292)	(775)	(324)	(4,754)
Interest income	367	324	278	455
Interest expense	(1,636)	(1,441)	(1,445)	(1,449)
Equity income (loss)	(2,565)	129,277	28,922	(13,177)
Net income (loss) before income taxes	(9,010)	121,815	22,331	(24,539)
Income tax benefit (expense)				

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Net income (loss)	\$ (9,010)	\$ 121,815	\$ 22,331	\$ (24,539)
Net income (loss) per share (a)				
Basic	\$ (0.44)	\$ 5.87	\$ 1.07	\$ (1.18)
Diluted	\$ (0.46)	\$ 5.05	\$ 0.98	\$ (1.18)

- (a) Per share amounts for the quarters have each been calculated separately. Accordingly, quarterly amounts may not add to the annual amounts because of differences in the average common shares outstanding during each period. Additionally, in regard to diluted per share amounts only, quarterly amounts may not add to the annual amounts because of the inclusion of the effect of potentially dilutive securities only in the periods in which such effect would have been dilutive, and because of the adjustments to net income (loss) for the dilutive effect of partner company common stock equivalents and convertible securities.

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None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports filed under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure. A controls system cannot provide absolute assurance that the objectives of the controls system are met, and no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within a company have been detected. Our management, with the participation of our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2012. Based on that evaluation, the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2012 are functioning effectively.

Our business strategy involves the acquisition of new businesses on an ongoing basis, most of which are young, growing companies. Typically, these companies historically have not had all of the controls and procedures they would need to comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder. These companies also frequently develop new products and services. Following an acquisition, or the launch of a new product or service, we work with the company's management to implement all necessary controls and procedures.

(b) Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Our internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets; provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and directors; and provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012. In making this assessment, management used the framework established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). As a result of this assessment and based on the criteria in the COSO framework, management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2012, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective.

Our independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG LLP, has audited the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012. Their opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting and their opinion on our Consolidated Financial Statements are included in Item 8 in this Form 10-K.

(c) Change in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

No change in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information

None

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PART III

Item 10. *Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance*

Incorporated by reference to the portions of our Definitive Proxy Statement entitled Election of Directors, Corporate Governance and Board Matters and Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance. Information about our Executive Officers is included in Annex to Part I above.

Item 11. *Executive Compensation*

Incorporated by reference to the portions of our Definitive Proxy Statement entitled Compensation Discussion and Analysis, Compensation Committee Report and Executive Compensation.

Item 12. *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters*

Incorporated by reference to the portion of our Definitive Proxy Statement entitled Stock Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners, Directors and Officers.

SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

Our equity compensation plans provide a broad-based program designed to attract and retain talent while creating alignment with the long-term interests of our shareholders. Employees at all levels participate in our equity compensation plans. In addition, members of our Board of Directors (Board) and members of our Advisory Board receive equity grants for their service on our Board and Advisory Board, respectively. Members of our Board also receive deferred stock unit awards and are eligible to defer directors fees and receive deferred stock units with a value equal to the directors fees deferred and matching deferred stock units equal to 25% of the directors fees deferred.

The 2001 Associates Equity Compensation Plan (2001 Plan) provided for the grant of nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance units, and other stock-based awards to employees, consultants or advisors of Safeguard and its subsidiaries, provided that no grants could be made under this plan to executive officers or directors of Safeguard. Under the NYSE rules that were in effect at the time this plan was adopted in 2001, shareholder approval of the plan was not required. Except for the persons eligible to participate in the 2001 Plan and the inability to grant incentive stock options under the 2001 Plan, the terms of the 2001 Plan are substantially the same as the other equity compensation plans approved by our shareholders (which have been described in previous filings).

A total of 900,000 shares of our common stock were authorized for issuance under the 2001 Plan. At December 31, 2012, 303,448 shares were subject to outstanding options and performance stock units, no shares were available for future issuance, and 464,808 shares had been issued under the 2001 Plan. The 2001 Plan expired by its terms on February 21, 2011. Equity grants previously awarded under this plan that have not yet expired or otherwise become unexercisable continue to be administered in accordance with the terms of the grants. Any portions of outstanding equity grants under the 2001 Plan that expire or become unexercisable for any reason shall be cancelled and shall be unavailable for future issuance.

During 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2011, the Compensation Committee granted employee inducement awards to five newly hired officers. The awards were granted outside of Safeguard s existing equity compensation plans in accordance with NYSE rules and consisted of options to purchase up to an aggregate of 1,501,665 shares of Safeguard common stock. All of these employee inducement awards were granted with a per share exercise price equal to the average of the high and low prices of Safeguard common stock on the grant date, 1,437,915 of such awards were granted with an eight-year term and 63,750 of such awards were granted with a 10-year term. Of the shares underlying the employee inducement awards that were outstanding at December 31, 2012, 375,415 shares are subject to time-based vesting, with an aggregate of 93,854 shares vesting on the first anniversary of the grant date and 281,561 shares vesting in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter. Of the remaining shares underlying the employee inducement awards that were outstanding at December 31, 2012, 1,062,500 vest incrementally based upon the achievement of certain specified levels of increase in Safeguard s stock price and 63,750 vest based on the aggregate cash produced as a result of exit transactions involving certain of our partner companies relative to the amount of cash deployed in connection with such partner companies. With the exception of the market-based vesting or performance-based vesting provisions, the terms and provisions of the employee inducement awards are substantially the same as options previously awarded to other officers under Safeguard s equity compensation plans.

The following table provides information as of December 31, 2012 about the securities authorized for issuance under our equity compensation plans. The material features of our equity compensation plans are described in Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements filed as part of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Table of Contents**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

Plan Category	Number of Securities to Be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (1) (a)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (2) (b)	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders (3)	1,960,419	\$ 11.9819	252,164
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders (4)	1,805,114	\$ 9.6154	
Total	3,765,533	\$ 10.7186	252,164

- (1) Includes a total of 390,034 shares underlying performance stock units and deferred stock units awarded for no consideration and 88,191 shares underlying deferred stock units awarded to directors in lieu of all or a portion of directors' fees.
- (2) The weighted average exercise price calculation excludes 478,225 shares underlying outstanding deferred stock units and performance stock units included in column (a) which are payable in stock, on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Represents awards granted under the 1999 Equity Compensation Plan and the 2004 Equity Compensation Plan and shares available for issuance under the 2004 Equity Compensation Plan.
- (4) Includes awards granted under the 2001 Plan and 1,501,665 employee inducement awards.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Incorporated by reference to the portions of the Definitive Proxy Statement entitled "Corporate Governance Principles and Board Matters," "Board Independence" and "Review and Approval of Transactions with Related Persons and Relationships and Transactions with Management and Others."

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Incorporated by reference to the portion of the Definitive Proxy Statement entitled "Independent Public Accountant - Audit Fees."

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Incorporated by reference to Item 8 of this Report on Form 10-K.

The audited financial statements of NuPathe, Inc. and PixelOptics, Inc. which are accounted for under the fair value option and equity method, respectively, were not available as of the date of this Report on Form 10-K. In accordance with Rule 3-09 of Regulation S-X, we expect to file those financial statements by amendment to this Report on Form 10-K within 90 days following the end of the Company's fiscal year.

(b) Exhibits

The exhibits required to be filed as part of this Report are listed in the exhibit index below.

(c) Financial Statement Schedules

None

Exhibits

The following is a list of exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K filed as part of this Report. For exhibits that previously have been filed, the Registrant incorporates those exhibits herein by reference. The exhibit table below includes the Form Type and Filing Date of the previous filing and the location of the exhibit in the previous filing which is being incorporated by reference herein. Documents which are incorporated by reference to filings by parties other than the Registrant are identified in footnotes to this table.

Exhibit Number	Description	Incorporated Filing Reference	
		Form Type & Filing Date	Original Exhibit Number
2.1.1	Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 29, 2008, by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., as Seller, and Saints Capital Dakota, L.P., as Purchaser.	Form 8-K 3/4/08	2.1
2.1.2	First Amendment to Purchase Agreement, dated May 6, 2008, by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., as Seller, and Saints Capital Dakota, L.P., as Purchaser	Form 8-K 5/7/08	2.1
3.1.1	Seconded Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.	Form 8-K 10/25/07	3.1
3.1.2	Amendment to Seconded Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.	Form 8-K 8/27/09	3.1
3.1.3	Statement with Respect to Shares	Registration Statement on Form S-4	
3.2	Amended and Restated By-laws of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.	12/17/10 Form 8-K	3.1.3
		10/25/07	3.2

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4.1	Indenture, dated as of February 18, 2004, between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee, including the form of 2.625% Convertible Senior Debentures due 2024	Form 10-K	
		3/15/04	4.10
4.2	Indenture, dated as of March 26, 2010, by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and U.S. Bank, National Association	Form 8-K	
		3/30/10	4.1

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Exhibit Number	Description	Incorporated Filing Reference	
		Form Type & Filing Date	Original Exhibit Number
4.3	Global Note representing 10.125% Convertible Senior Debentures due March 15, 2014	Form 8-K	
4.4	Escrow Agreement, dated as of March 26, 2010, by and among Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., U.S. Bank, National Association (as trustee) and U.S. Bank, National Association (in its capacity as escrow agent)	3/30/10 Form 8-K	4.2
4.5	Indenture, dated as of November 19, 2012, between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee	3/30/10 Form 8-K	4.3
10.1*	Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. 1999 Equity Compensation Plan, as amended and restated on October 21, 2008	11/20/12 Form 10-Q	4.1
10.2	Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. 2001 Associates Equity Compensation Plan, as amended and restated on October 21, 2008	11/6/08 Form 10-Q	10.4
10.3*	Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. 2004 Equity Compensation Plan, as amended and restated on July 13, 2009 (attached to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement filed on July 23, 2009)	11/6/08 Form 10-K	10.5
10.4*	Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (amended and restated as of January 1, 2009)	3/16/10 Form 10-K	10.3
10.5*	Management Incentive Plan	3/19/09 Form 8-K	10.4
10.6*	Compensation Summary Non-employee Directors	4/25/08 Form 10-Q	10.1
10.7.1*	Amended and Restated Agreement by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and Peter J. Boni dated December 5, 2008	7/30/10 Form 10-K	10.1
10.7.2*	Compensation Agreement by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and Peter J. Boni dated December 14, 2009	3/19/09 Form 10-K	10.7
10.7.3*	Letter Agreement between Peter J. Boni and Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. dated as of November 12, 2012	3/16/10 Form 8-K	10.7.2
10.8.1*	Amended and Restated Agreement by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and James A. Datin dated December 31, 2008	11/13/12 Form 10-K	10.1
10.8.2*	Compensation Agreement by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and James A. Datin dated December 14, 2009	3/19/09 Form 10-K	10.8
10.8.3*	Compensation Agreement by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and James A. Datin dated December 28, 2012	3/16/10	10.8.2
10.9.1*	Agreement by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and Stephen Zarrilli dated as of May 28, 2008	Form 8-K	10.1

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10.9.2*	Letter Amendment dated December 9, 2008, to Agreement by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and Stephen Zarrilli dated as of May 28, 2008	5/29/08 Form 10-K	
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10.10.2*	Compensation Agreement by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and Brian J. Sisko dated December 14, 2009	Form 10-K 3/16/10	10.11.2
10.10.3*	Compensation Agreement by and between Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. and Brian J. Sisko dated December 28, 2012		
10.11.1	Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement dated as of May 27, 2009, by and among Silicon Valley Bank, Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., Safeguard Delaware, Inc. and Safeguard Scientifics (Delaware), Inc.	Form 8-K 5/28/09	10.1
10.11.2	Joinder and First Loan Modification Agreement dated as of December 31, 2010, by and among Silicon Valley Bank, Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., Safeguard Delaware, Inc., Safeguard Scientifics (Delaware), Inc. and Safeguard Delaware II, Inc.	Form 8-K 1/4/11	10.1
10.11.3	Second Loan Modification Agreement dated as of April 29, 2011, by and among Silicon Valley Bank, Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., Safeguard Delaware, Inc., Safeguard Scientifics (Delaware), Inc. and Safeguard Delaware II, Inc.	Form 10-Q 7/28/11	10.2
10.11.4	Third Loan Modification Agreement dated as of December 21, 2012, by and among Silicon Valley Bank, Safeguard Scientifics, Inc., Safeguard Delaware, Inc., Safeguard Delaware II, Inc. and Safeguard Scientifics (Delaware), Inc.	Form 8-K 12/27/12	10.1
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