## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 ACT OF 1934	3 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
For the quarterly period ended S	eptember 30, 2012
OR	
☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 ACT OF 1934	3 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
For the transition period from	n to
Commission File Numbe	r 0-27266
Westell Technol (Exact name of registrant as speci	<b>O</b> ,
DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	36-3154957 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
750 North Commons Drive, Aurora, IL (Address of principal executive offices)	60504 (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including	g area code (630) 898-2500
Not applicable (Former name, former address and former fiscal ye	
Indicate by check or mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter per (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes	riod that the registrant was required to file such reports) and
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronical Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was require	of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated file Exchange Act.:	
Large Accelerated Filer □	Accelerated Filer
Non-Accelerated Filer □	Smaller Reporting Company □
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company as defin	ned in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Yes □ No 区
Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes	of common stock as of October 16, 2012:
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value – 45,868,505 shares	
Class B Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value – 13,937,151 shares	

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#### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information**

Certain statements contained herein that are not historical facts or that contain the words "believe", "expect", "intend", "anticipate", "estimate", "may", "will", "plan", "should", or derivatives thereof and other words of similar meaning are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed in or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, product demand and market acceptance risks, need for financing and capital, economic weakness in the United States ("U.S.") economy and telecommunications market, the effect of international economic conditions and trade, legal, social and economic risks (such as import, licensing and trade restrictions), the impact of competitive products or technologies, competitive pricing pressures, customer product selection decisions, product cost increases, component supply shortages, new product development, excess and obsolete inventory, commercialization and technological delays or difficulties (including delays or difficulties in developing, producing, testing and selling new products and technologies), the ability to successfully consolidate and rationalize operations, the ability to successfully identify, acquire and integrate acquisitions, effects of the Company's accounting policies, retention of key personnel and other risks more fully described in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012, under Item 1A - Risk Factors. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update these forward-looking statements to reflect current events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events or otherwise.

#### **Trademarks**

The following terms used in this filing are our trademarks: WESTELL BOXER  $^{\circ}$ , CellPak $^{\circ}$ , eSmartAccess $^{\mathsf{TM}}$ , Homecloud $^{\mathsf{TM}}$ , OS Plant Systems $^{\circ}$ , WESTELL SHADE $^{\circ}$ , WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES $^{\mathsf{TM}}$ , VirtualEdge and Design $^{\circ}$  and Westell $^{\circ}$ . All other trademarks appearing in this filing are the property of their holders.

## WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	September 30, 2012 (unaudited)		March 31, 2012	
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	96,427	\$	120,832
Restricted cash		4,838		7,451
Short-term investments		23,132		14,455
Accounts receivable (net of allowance of \$12 and \$12 at September 30, 2012 and				
March 31, 2012, respectively)		5,944		5,710
Inventories		9,978		9,906
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		2,259		1,456
Deferred income tax asset		2,576		1,859
Total current assets		145,154		161,669
Property and equipment:				
Machinery and equipment		1,065		1,174
Office, computer and research equipment		8,713		8,837
Leasehold improvements		7,491		7,720
Total property and equipment, gross		17,269		17,731
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		(16,153)		(16,534)
Total property and equipment, net		1,116		1,197
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Goodwill		2,860		801
Intangibles, net		5,535		2,728
Deferred income tax asset		32,016		30,740
Other assets		559		291
Total assets	\$	187,240	\$	197,426
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	2,998	\$	3,142
Accrued expenses	Ф	2,998	Ф	2,125
Accrued compensation		1,183		1,203
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Total current liabilities		7,052		6,470
Tax contingency reserve long-term		3,484		3,483
Contingent consideration long-term		2,332		1 100
Other long-term liabilities		1,001		1,109
Total liabilities		13,869		11,062
Commitments and contingencies (Note 10)				
Stockholders' equity:				-0.4
Class A common stock, par \$0.01, Authorized – 109,000,000 shares		462		504
Outstanding – 46,233,629 and 50,429,399 shares at September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012, respectively				
Class B common stock, par \$0.01, Authorized – 25,000,000 shares		139		139
Issued and outstanding – 13,937,151 and 13,937,151 shares at September 30, 2012 and				
March 31, 2012, respectively				
Preferred stock, par \$0.01, Authorized – 1,000,000 shares		_		_
Issued and outstanding – none				
Additional paid-in capital		405,904		405,147
Treasury stock at cost – 15,544,941 and 11,180,931 shares at September 30, 2012		,-		,
and March 31, 2012, respectively		(30,955)		(21,173)
Cumulative translation adjustment		608		619
Accumulated deficit		(202,787)		(198,872)
Total stockholders' equity		173,371		186,364
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	2	187,240	\$	197,426

# WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,		Six months ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Revenue	\$ 9,922	\$20,728	\$20,452	\$ 43,929
Cost of goods sold	6,474	14,507	13,208	29,342
Gross profit	3,448	6,221	7,244	14,587
Operating expenses:				
Sales and marketing	1,824	1,695	3,708	3,694
Research and development	1,934	1,991	3,761	4,068
General and administrative	2,663	1,765	5,244	3,918
Restructuring	57	32	149	277
Intangible amortization	211	138	420	277
Total operating expenses	6,689	5,621	13,282	12,234
Operating income (loss)	(3,241)	600	(6,038)	2,353
Gain on CNS asset sale	_	46	_	31,654
Other income (expense)	7	77	91	95
Interest (expense)	0	(5)	0	(5)
Income (loss) before income taxes and discontinued operations	(3,234)	718	(5,947)	34,097
Income tax benefit (expense)	1,059	1,852	2,032	(11,376)
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	(2,175)	2,570	(3,915)	22,721
Discontinued Operations (Note 1):				
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax expense of \$615 and \$1,123 for the three				
and six months ended September 30, 2011, respectively		928		1,908
Net income (loss)	\$ (2,175)	\$ 3,498	\$ (3,915)	\$ 24,629
Basic net income (loss) per share:				
Basic net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0.04)	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.33
Basic net income from discontinued operations		0.01		0.03
Basic net income (loss) per share	\$ (0.04)	\$ 0.05	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.36
Diluted net income (loss) per share:				
Diluted net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0.04)	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.33
Diluted net income from discontinued operations		0.01		0.03
Diluted net income (loss) per share	\$ (0.04)	\$ 0.05	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.36
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding:				
Basic	60,420	67,416	61,465	67,879
Effect of dilutive securities: restricted stock, restricted stock units and stock options*	_	1,118	_	1,405
Diluted	60,420	68,534	61,465	69,284
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<sup>\*</sup> In periods with a net loss, the basic loss per share equals the diluted loss per share as all common stock equivalents are excluded from the per share calculation. The Company had 1.0 million shares represented by options for the three months and 0.5 million shares represented by options for the six months ended September 30, 2011, which were not included in the computation of average diluted shares outstanding because they were anti-dilutive.

# WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (In thousands) (Unaudited)

		Three months ended September 30,		hs ended ber 30,
	2012	2012 2011		2011
Net income (loss)	\$(2,175)	\$3,498	\$(3,915)	\$24,629
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Translation adjustment	76	(508)	(11)	(433)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$(2,099)	\$2,990	\$(3,926)	\$24,196

# WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Siz	Six months ended September 3		
		2012		2011
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	\$	(3,915)	\$	24,629
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				1 101
Depreciation and amortization		666		1,191
Stock-based compensation		731		667
Gain on CNS asset sale				(31,654)
Loss (gain) on sale or disposal of fixed assets		(9) 149		277
Restructuring Deferred taxes				
Exchange rate (gain) loss		(1,993)		12,034
Gain on sale of non-operating assets		1		(2)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		_		(323)
Accounts receivable		(234)		6,226
Inventory		243		13
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(701)		827
Other assets and liabilities		(292)		42
Deferred revenue		(77)		229
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(349)		(16,241)
Accrued compensation		(87)		(2,551)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(5,867)		(4,638)
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Maturities of held-to-maturity short-term debt securities		8,129		503
Maturities of other short-term investments		4,836		490
Purchases of held-to-maturity short-term debt securities		(17,963)		(13,868)
Purchases of other short-term investments		(3,679)		(5,481)
Purchases of property and equipment		(171)		(697)
Payments for business acquisition		(2,524)		
Proceeds from CNS asset sale		_		36,683
Proceeds from sale or disposal of fixed assets		15		_
Proceeds from sale of non-operating assets		_		325
Changes in restricted cash		2,613		(3,350)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(8,744)		14,605
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Purchases of treasury stock		(9,826)		(8,825)
Proceeds from stock options exercised		29		1,578
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(9,797)		(7,247)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		3		(102)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(24,405)		2,618
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		120,832		86,408
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	96,427	\$	89,026
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#### Note 1. Basis of Presentation

#### **Description of Business**

Westell Technologies, Inc. (the "Company") is a holding company. Its wholly owned subsidiary, Westell, Inc., designs and distributes telecommunications products which are sold primarily to major telephone companies. Noran Tel, Inc., a manufacturer of transmission, power distribution and remote monitoring products, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Westell, Inc. On February 27, 2012, the Company approved a plan to relocate the majority of its Noran Tel operations to the Company's location in Aurora, Illinois, with the intent to optimize operations (the "Noran Tel relocation"). The planned relocation was completed during the second quarter of fiscal year 2013 and impacted approximately 35 employees located in Canada. Noran Tel's remaining Canadian operations will focus on power distribution product development and sales in Canada of Westell products.

#### **Business Acquisition**

On May 15, 2012, the Company acquired certain assets and liabilities of ANTONE Wireless Corporation ("ANTONE"), including rights to ANTONE products, for \$2.5 million cash, subject to an adjustment for working capital, plus contingent cash consideration of up to \$3.5 million. The contingent consideration is based upon profitability of the acquired products for post-closing periods through June 30, 2016 and may be offset by working capital adjustments and other indemnification claims. The acquisition included inventories, property and equipment, contract rights, customer relationships, technology, and certain specified operating liabilities that existed at the closing date. The Company hired nine of ANTONE's employees. ANTONE products include high-performance tower-mounted amplifiers, multi-carrier power amplifier boosters, and cell-site antenna sharing products. The acquisition qualifies as a business combination and is accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting.

The results of ANTONE's operations have been included in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements since the date of acquisition and are reported in the Westell operating segment.

In accordance with the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations, the Company preliminarily allocated the total purchase price to identifiable tangible and intangible assets based on each element's estimated fair value. The Company is in the process of determining the fair value of the intangible assets and the contingent consideration. The Company may adjust the preliminary purchase price allocation once the fair-value analysis is complete. Purchased intangibles will be amortized over their respective estimated useful lives. Goodwill recorded from this acquisition is the residual purchase price after allocating the total consideration to the preliminary fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, and represents the expected synergies and other benefits from this acquisition related to the Company's market position, customer relationships and supply chain capabilities. All goodwill recorded on the acquisition of ANTONE is expected to be amortized and deductible for U.S. federal and state income tax purposes.

The following table summarized the preliminary estimated fair values of the assets and liabilities assumed on May 15, 2012, at the acquisition date:

(in thousands)	
Inventories	\$ 326
Deposit	3
Intangibles	3,230
Liabilities	(612)
Goodwill	2,061
Net assets acquired	\$5,008
Cash consideration transferred	\$2,524
Contingent consideration	3,038
Working capital adjustment (shortfall)	(554)
Total preliminary consideration	\$5,008

The identifiable intangible assets include \$2.8 million designated to technology and \$0.4 million designated to customer relationships, each with estimated useful lives of 8 years. The Company calculated values on a preliminary basis based on the present value of the future estimated cash flows derived from operations attributable to technology and existing customer contracts and relationships.

In the three months ended September 30, 2012, the Company recorded a \$303,000 warranty obligation for pre-acquisition sales made by ANTONE related to a specific product failure. Pre-acquisition warranty costs in excess of \$25,000 are indemnified by the seller and have been adjusted in the valuation of the contingent consideration. See Note 7, Product Warranties.

#### Sale of Conference Plus, Inc.

On December 31, 2011, the Company sold its wholly owned subsidiary, Conference Plus, Inc., including Conference Plus Global Services, Ltd. ("CGPS"), a wholly owned subsidiary of ConferencePlus (collectively, "ConferencePlus") to Arkadin for \$40.3 million in cash (the "ConferencePlus sale"). Of the total purchase price, \$4.1 million was placed in escrow at closing for one year as security for certain indemnity obligations of the Company. The escrow amount has been recorded as Restricted cash on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012. The results of operations of ConferencePlus presented herein have been classified as discontinued operations for the three and six months ended September 30, 2011. The Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the six months ended September 30, 2011 include discontinued operations.

ConferencePlus revenue and income before income taxes reported in discontinued operations is as follows:

	Three n	nonths ended	Six months ended		
(in thousands)	Septem	ber 30, 2011	Septen	nber 30, 2011	
Revenue	\$	10,505	\$	21,660	
Income before income taxes	\$	1,543	\$	3,031	

#### **CNS Asset Sale**

On April 15, 2011, the Company sold certain assets and transferred certain liabilities of the Customer Networking Solutions ("CNS") segment to NETGEAR, Inc. for \$36.7 million in cash (the "CNS asset sale"). The Company retained a major CNS customer relationship and contract, and also retained the Homecloud product development program. The Company completed the remaining contractually required product shipments under the retained contract in December 2011.

During the six months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded a pre-tax gain of \$31.7 million on this asset sale. In connection with the CNS asset sale, the Company entered into a Master Services Agreement and an Irrevocable Site License Agreement under which the Company provided transition services and office space to NETGEAR. The site license expired in April 2012.

The pre-tax gain on the CNS asset sale for the six months ended September 30, 2011 is calculated as follows:

Cash Proceeds	\$36,683
Less: Net value of assets and liabilities sold or transferred as of April 15, 2011	(5,029)
Total CNS asset sale gain before income taxes	\$31,654

As part of the agreement, the Company agreed to indemnify NETGEAR following the closing of the sale against specified losses in connection with the CNS business and generally retain responsibility for various legal liabilities that may accrue. An escrow of \$3.4 million was established for this purpose or for other claims and is reflected as Restricted cash on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2012. In the quarter ended September 30, 2012, \$2.6 million of the escrow was released with the remaining \$0.7 million reflected as Restricted cash on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2012.

Subsequent to September 30, 2012, but prior to the release of the financial statements, the Company resolved, through arbitration, a dispute with NETGEAR regarding an interpretation of the Asset Purchase Agreement covering the CNS asset sale. As a result, the Company must pay NETGEAR an estimated \$0.9 million which it

expects to satisfy through release of the escrow balance to NETGEAR and an additional payment. The Company previously recorded a \$0.4 million contingency reserve for this claim and recorded an additional expense of \$0.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2012.

#### **Basis of Presentation and Reporting**

The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared using accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") for interim financial reporting, and consistent with the instructions of Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X, and accordingly they do not include all of the information and footnotes required in the annual consolidated financial statements and accompanying footnotes. The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2012. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and that affect revenue and expenses during the period reported. Estimates are used when accounting for the allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable, excess and obsolete inventory, net realizable value of inventory, product warranty accrued, relative selling prices, stock-based compensation, goodwill and intangible asset fair value, depreciation, income taxes, and contingencies, among other things. These estimates are based on management's best estimates and judgment. Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors. The Company adjusts such estimates and assumptions when facts and circumstances dictate. Actual results could differ from those estimates. In addition, certain reclassification adjustments have been made to historical results to achieve consistency in presentation.

In the opinion of management, the unaudited interim financial statements included herein reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly the Company's condensed consolidated financial position and the results of operations and cash flows at September 30, 2012 and for all periods presented. The results of operations for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for fiscal year 2013.

#### Reclassification

Previously reported amounts in the Consolidated Statement of Operations have been adjusted for the effects of the discontinued operations described above. The reclassifications related to discontinued operations had no impact on previously reported amounts for total assets, total liabilities, total stockholders' equity or net income.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

In July 2012, the FASB issued ASU No. 2012-02, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (Topic350): Testing Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets for Impairment* ("ASU 2012-02"). ASU 2012-02 provides entities with an option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether events or circumstances indicate that it is more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired. If an entity concludes that it is more than 50% likely that an indefinite-lived intangible asset is not impaired, no further analysis is required. However, if an entity concludes otherwise, it would be required to determine the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset to measure the amount of actual impairment, if any, as currently required under US GAAP. ASU 2012-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after September 15, 2012. The adoption of this pronouncement is not expected to materially impact the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

#### Note 2. Revolving Credit Agreement

The Company entered into a secured revolving credit agreement with The Private Bank and Trust Company dated as of March 5, 2009 (the "Credit Agreement") and subsequently entered into amendments to its Credit Agreement to extend the maturity date to March 31, 2013 and amend certain other provisions. The Credit Agreement is an asset-based revolving credit facility in an amount up to \$12.0 million based on 80% of eligible accounts receivable plus the lesser of 30% of eligible inventory or \$3.0 million. The obligations of the Company under the Credit Agreement are secured by a guaranty from certain subsidiaries of the Company, and by substantially all of the assets of the Company.

The revolving loans under the Credit Agreement bear interest at the greater of the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a spread of 2.25%, or an alternative base rate. The alternative base rate is the greater of prime rate or the Federal Funds rate (the "Base Rate") less 0.25%. The Company is also required to pay a non-use fee of 0.2% per annum on the unused portion of the revolving loans. The fee is waived if the Company maintains with the lender an average monthly non-interest bearing account balance of \$5.0 million and an average monthly balance of \$15.0 million consisting of other investments. The Company has maintained such balances since entering the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement contains financial covenants that include a minimum tangible net worth and a limitation on capital expenditures for any fiscal year. The Company was in compliance with these covenants on September 30, 2012. As of September 30, 2012, the Company had no debt and approximately \$7.2 million available under the Credit Agreement.

In addition, although the Company has never declared or paid any cash dividends on its common stock and does not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future, the Company's credit facility restricts the Company's ability to pay dividends without bank approval.

#### Note 3. Restructuring Charge

#### Noran Tel Restructuring

In the three and six months ended September 30, 2012, the Company recognized additional restructuring expense of \$57,000 and \$149,000, respectively, in the Westell segment for personnel costs related to severance and other relocation costs for the Noran Tel relocation, described in Note 1. The total cost of this action was \$424,000. The relocation was completed during the quarter ended September 30, 2012. As of September 30, 2012, \$262,000 of these costs had been paid leaving an unpaid balance of \$162,000 which is presented on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet within Accrued compensation.

#### ConferencePlus Restructuring

In connection with the ConferencePlus sale, the Company retained a restructuring liability for personnel costs related to severance agreements with two former ConferencePlus executives. During the six months ended September 30, 2012, approximately \$280,000 was paid leaving an unpaid balance of \$58,000 which is presented on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets within Accrued compensation.

#### CNS Asset Sale Restructuring

As a result of the CNS asset sale that occurred in the three months ended June 30, 2011, the Company initiated a cost reduction action that resulted in the termination of 12 employees in the CNS segment. The total cost of this restructuring action was \$397,000, offset by \$122,000 which was reimbursed by NETGEAR, of which \$32,000 and \$277,000 was recorded in the three and six months ended September 30, 2011, respectively. As of March 31, 2012, all of these costs have been paid.

Total restructuring charges and their utilization for the six months ended September 30, 2012 are summarized as follows:

(in thousands)	Employ	ee-related	Other	r costs	Total
Liability at March 31, 2012	\$	561	\$	52	\$ 613
Charged		89		60	149
Foreign currency translation adjustment		2		(0)	2
Utilized		(432)		(112)	(544)
Liability at September 30, 2012	\$	220	\$	0	\$ 220

#### Note 4. Interim Segment Information

The Company's two reportable segments are as follows:

Westell: The Company's Westell product family consists of indoor and outdoor cabinets, enclosures and mountings; power distribution products; network interface devices ("NIDs") for TDM/SONET networks and service demarcation; span powering equipment; remote monitoring devices; copper/fiber connectivity panels; managed Ethernet switches for utility and industrial networks; Ethernet extension devices for providing native Ethernet service handoff in carrier applications; wireless signal conditioning and monitoring products for cellular networks; tower-mounted amplifiers; multi-carrier power amplifier boosters; cell site antenna-sharing products for cell site optimization; and custom systems integration ("CSI") services. Traditional products are sold primarily into wireline markets, but the Company also is actively moving to develop revenues from wireless telecommunications products. In the quarter ended September 30, 2012, the Company completed the relocation of the majority the power distribution and remote monitoring products which were designed through the Company's Noran Tel subsidiary located in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, to its location in Aurora, Illinois. The remaining operations in Canada are focused on power distribution product development and sales in Canada of Westell products.

CNS: The Company's CNS family of broadband products enables high-speed routing and networking of voice, data, video, and other advanced services in the home. The products allow service providers to deliver services, content, and applications over existing copper, fiber, coax, and wireless infrastructures. CNS products are typically installed in consumer residences or small businesses as a key component of broadband service packages. During the quarter ended June 30, 2011, the Company completed the CNS asset sale. The Company retained a major CNS customer relationship and contract. The Company completed the remaining contracted product shipments under this contract in December 2011. In fiscal year 2013, the Company continues to provide warranty services under its contractual obligations and to sell ancillary products and software on a project basis to the retained customer. The Company expects limited activity going forward. The Company also retained the Homecloud product development program, which continues. The Homecloud product family aims to provide a new suite of services into the home, with an initial focus on media and information management, sharing and delivery, and prospective functionality applicable to enhanced security; home control; and network management.

Management evaluates performance of these segments primarily by utilizing revenue and segment operating income (loss). The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those for Westell Technologies, Inc. described in the summary of significant accounting policies. The Company defines segment operating income (loss) as gross profit less expenses, including direct expenses from research and development expenses, sales and marketing expenses, and general and administrative ("G&A"). In fiscal year 2012, certain operating expenses were allocated between the Westell and CNS segments, including rent, information technology costs, and accounting. The Westell segment was allocated 72% of these resource costs and the CNS segment was allocated 28% of the costs in the three and six months ended September 30, 2011. Segment operating income (loss) excludes certain unallocated G&A costs. Unallocated costs include a portion of executive costs plus costs for corporate development, corporate governance, compliance and unutilized office space. When combined with the operating segments and after elimination of intersegment expenses, these costs total to the amounts reported in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Segment information for the three and six months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 is set forth below:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012					
(in thousands)	Westell	CNS	<b>Unallocated</b>	Total		
Revenue	\$ 9,854	\$ 68	\$ —	\$ 9,922		
Cost of goods sold	6,405	69		6,474		
Gross profit	3,449	(1)	_	3,448		
Gross margin	35.0%	(1.5)%	_	34.8%		
Operating expenses:						
Sales and marketing	1,831	(7)	_	1,824		
Research and development	1,436	498	_	1,934		
General and administrative	1,046	540	1,077	2,663		
Restructuring	57	_	_	57		
Intangible amortization	210	1		211		
Operating expenses	4,580	1,032	1,077	6,689		
Operating income (loss) from continuing operations	<u>\$(1,131)</u>	<u>\$ (1,033)</u>	(1,077)	(3,241)		
Other income (expense)			7	7		
Income (loss) from continuing operations before tax			(1,070)	(3,234)		
Income tax benefit (expense)			1,059	1,059		
Net income (loss) from continuing operations			\$ (11)	\$ (2,175)		

	T	l September 30, 2011	<u> </u>	
(in thousands)	Westell	CNS	Unallocated	Total
Revenue	\$10,401	\$10,327	\$ —	\$20,728
Cost of goods sold	6,469	8,038		14,507
Gross profit	3,932	2,289	_	6,221
Gross margin	37.8%	22.2%	_	30.0%
Operating expenses:				
Sales and marketing	1,446	249	_	1,695
Research and development	1,342	649	_	1,991
General and administrative	604	256	905	1,765
Restructuring	_	32	_	32
Intangible amortization	137	<u> </u>		138
Operating expenses	3,529	1,187	905	5,621
Operating income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 403	\$ 1,102	(905)	600
Gain on CNS asset sale			46	46
Other income (expense)			77	77
Interest (expense)			(5)	(5)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before tax			(787)	718
Income tax benefit (expense)			1,852	1,852
Net income (loss) from continuing operations			\$ 1,065	\$ 2,570

	Six Months Ended September 30, 2012				
(in thousands)	Westell	CNS	Unallocated	Total	
Revenue	\$19,272	\$ 1,180	\$ —	\$ 20,452	
Cost of goods sold	13,050	158		13,208	
Gross profit	6,222	1,022	_	7,244	
Gross margin	32.3%	86.6%	_	35.4%	
Operating expenses:					
Sales and marketing	3,706	2	_	3,708	
Research and development	2,885	876	_	3,761	
General and administrative	2,294	542	2,408	5,244	
Restructuring	149	_	_	149	
Intangible amortization	418	2		420	
Operating expenses	9,452	1,422	2,408	13,282	
Operating income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (3,230)	\$ (400)	(2,408)	(6,038)	
Other income (expense), net			91	91	
Income (loss) from continuing operations before tax			(2,317)	(5,947)	
Income tax benefit (expense)			2,032	2,032	
Net income (loss) from continuing operations			\$ (285)	\$ (3,915)	

	Six Months Ended September 30, 2011			
(in thousands)	Westell	CNS	Unallocated	Total
Revenue	\$25,246	\$18,683	<del>\$</del> —	\$ 43,929
Cost of goods sold	14,806	14,536		29,342
Gross profit	10,440	4,147	_	14,587
Gross margin	41.4%	22.2%	_	33.2%
Operating expenses:				
Sales and marketing	2,928	766	_	3,694
Research and development	2,606	1,462	_	4,068
General and administrative	1,422	551	1,945	3,918
Restructuring	_	277	_	277
Intangible amortization	275	2		277
Operating expenses	7,231	3,058	1,945	12,234
Operating income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 3,209	\$ 1,089	(1,945)	2,353
Gain on CNS asset sale			31,654	31,654
Other income (expenses)			95	95
Interest (expense)			(5)	(5)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before tax			29,799	34,097
Income tax benefit (expense)			(11,376)	(11,376)
Net income (loss) from continuing operations			\$ 18,423	\$ 22,721

#### Note 5. Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of first-in, first-out ("FIFO") cost or market value. The components of inventories are as follows:

(in thousands)	September 3 2012	30, March 31, 2012
Raw material	\$ 5,85	\$ 5,290
Finished goods and sub-assemblies	6,08	6,095
Reserve for excess and obsolete inventory and net realizable value	(1,96	<u>(1,479)</u>
Total inventory	\$ 9,97	\$ 9,906

#### Note 6. Stock-Based Compensation

The following table is a summary of total stock-based compensation resulting from stock options, restricted stock, and restricted stock units ("RSUs"), excluding the impact of discontinued operations, during the three and six months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

Three months					
		Six mont	Six months ended		
		September 30,			
2012	2011	2012	2011		
\$350	\$314	\$731	\$626		
\$350	\$314	\$731	\$626		
	\$350 end	September 30,       2012     2011       \$350     \$314       —     —       \$350     \$314	ended September 30, 2012 2011         Six mont Septem Septem 2012           \$350         \$314         \$731           —         —         —           \$350         \$314         \$731		

The equity awards granted in the six months ended September 30, 2012 vest in equal annual installments over four years.

#### **Stock Options**

Stock option activity for the six months ended September 30, 2012 is as follows:

	Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (a) (in thousands)
Outstanding on March 31, 2012	2,254,103	\$ 2.04	3.3	\$ 1,483
Granted	340,000	2.15		
Exercised	(22,240)	1.28		
Forfeited	(18,440)	1.84		
Expired	(127,950)	3.27		
Outstanding on September 30, 2012	2,425,473	\$ 2.00	3.2	\$ 1,218

(a) The intrinsic value for the stock options is calculated based on the difference between the exercise price of the underlying awards and the average of the high and low Westell Technologies' stock price as of the reporting date.

#### **Restricted Stock**

The following table sets forth restricted stock activity for the six months ended September 30, 2012:

			ted-Average t Date Fair
	Shares	,	Value
Non-vested as of March 31, 2012	1,045,000	\$	1.54
Granted	70,000		2.36
Vested	(342,500)		1.46
Forfeited	(24,000)		1.43
Non-vested as of September 30, 2012	748,500	\$	1.66

#### **RSUs**

The following table sets forth the RSU activity for the six months ended September 30, 2012:

		0	ted-Average t Date Fair
	Shares		Value
Non-vested as of March 31, 2012	500,000	\$	3.25
Granted	460,000		2.30
Vested	(100,000)		3.48
Forfeited	(30,000)		2.36
Non-vested as of September 30, 2012	830,000	\$	2.72

#### Note 7. Product Warranties

Most of the Company's products carry a limited warranty ranging up to seven years for Westell segment products and from one to three years for CNS segment products. The specific terms and conditions of those warranties vary depending upon the customer and the product sold. Factors that enter into the estimate of the Company's warranty reserve include: the number of units shipped historically, anticipated rates of warranty claims, and cost per claim. The Company periodically assesses the adequacy of its recorded warranty liability and adjusts the reserve as necessary. The current portions of the warranty reserve were \$390,000 and \$110,000 as of September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012, respectively, and are presented on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as Accrued expenses. The long-term portions of the warranty reserve were \$108,000 and \$133,000 as of September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012, respectively, and are presented on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets in Other long-term liabilities.

In the quarter ended September 30, 2012, the Company recorded a \$303,000 warranty obligation for pre-acquisition sales made by ANTONE related to a specific product failure. An indemnification claim of \$303,000 for this warranty obligation has been adjusted in the valuation of the contingent consideration (see Notes 1, 10, and 12).

The following table presents the changes in the Company's product warranty reserve:

	Three n	nonths			
			Six mont	Six months ended September 30,	
			Septen		
(in thousands)	2012	2011	2012	2011	
Total product warranty reserve at the beginning of the period	\$236	\$560	\$243	\$ 758	
Warranty reserve acquired from ANTONE	_	_	25	_	
Specific pre-acquisition ANTONE product warranty in excess of acquired limit	303	_	303	_	
Warranty expense (reversal)	5	15	(5)	83	
Utilization	(46)	(55)	(68)	(127)	
Warranty liability transferred to NETGEAR				(104)	
				<u>(194</u> )	
Total product warranty reserve at the end of the period	\$498	\$520	\$498	\$ 520	

#### Note 8. Note Payable Guarantee

In fiscal year 2005, the Company sold its Data Station Termination product lines and specified fixed assets to Enginuity Communications Corporation ("Enginuity"). The Company provided an unconditional guarantee relating to a 10-year term note payable by Enginuity to the third-party lender that financed the transaction (the "Enginuity Note"). The Enginuity Note had an unpaid balance of \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million as of September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012, respectively. Certain owners of Enginuity personally guaranteed the note and pledged assets as collateral. These personal guarantees will stay in place until the note is paid in full, as will the Company's guarantee. Under the Company's guarantee, the Company must pay all amounts due under the note payable upon demand from the lender; however, the Company would have recourse against the assets of Enginuity, the personal guarantees, and pledged assets.

The Company evaluated ASC 810 and concluded that Enginuity is a VIE as a result of the note guarantee. The Company is not considered the primary beneficiary of the VIE and consolidation therefore is not required. At the time of the product sale, the Company assessed its obligation under this guarantee pursuant to the provisions of FIN 45, *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others*, as codified in ASC topic 460, *Guarantees* ("ASC 460"), and recorded a \$0.3 million liability for the value of the guarantee. The Company evaluates the fair value of the liability based on Enginuity's operating performance and the current status of the guaranteed note obligation. The balance of the liability is \$14,000 and \$25,000 as of September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012, respectively. The liability is classified as a current liability in the Accrued expenses line on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

#### Note 9. Income Taxes

The Company uses an estimated annual effective tax rate based on expected annual income to determine the quarterly provision for income taxes before discrete items. The impact of additional discrete items is recorded in the quarter in which they occur. In assessing the realizability of the deferred tax assets, the Company considered whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized through the generation of future taxable income. The Company will continue to reassess realizability of the deferred tax assets going forward.

In the three and six months ended September 30, 2012, the Company recorded a net tax benefit of \$1.1 million and \$2.0 million, respectively, which resulted from an estimated annual effective tax rate of 37.2% for the fiscal year plus the effects of discrete items. For the six months ended September 30, 2012, there was \$181,000 of discrete tax expense resulting primarily from the impact of an estimated change in state apportionment factors and tax shortfalls related to settlements of share-based compensation.

In the three and six months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded a tax benefit of \$1.9 million and expense of \$11.4 million, respectively, related to net income from continuing operations which resulted from an estimated annual effective tax rate of 41.9% for the fiscal year plus separate discrete items. For the three and six months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded a discrete tax benefit of \$2.1 million for a reduction in an uncertain tax position that effectively settled during the period. For the six months ended September 30, 2011, the gain on the CNS asset sale was treated as a discrete item and the provision related specifically to that item was \$12.5 million.

#### Note 10. Commitments and Contingencies

#### **Obligations**

Future obligations and commitments, which are comprised of future minimum lease payments and inventory purchase obligations, increased \$1.2 million in the six months ended September 30, 2012 to \$17.9 million, which was up from \$16.7 million at March 31, 2012.

#### Litigation

The Company and its subsidiaries are involved in various assertions, claims, proceedings and requests for indemnification concerning intellectual property, including patent infringement suits involving technologies that are incorporated in the Company's products, which are being handled and defended in the ordinary course of business. These matters are in various stages of investigation and litigation, and they are being vigorously defended. Although the Company does not expect that the outcome in any of these matters, individually or collectively, will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations, litigation is inherently unpredictable. Therefore, judgments could be rendered, or settlements entered, that could adversely affect the Company's operating results or cash flows in a particular period. The Company routinely assesses all of its litigation and threatened litigation as to the probability of ultimately incurring a liability, and it records its best estimate of the ultimate loss in situations where it assesses the likelihood of loss as probable. The Company has not recorded any contingent liability attributable to existing litigation.

#### **Contingency Reserves**

As of September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012, the Company had total contingent reserves of \$397,000 and \$810,000, respectively, related to certain intellectual property and indemnification claims. The contingency reserves are classified as Accrued expenses on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

As of September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012, \$397,000 and \$410,000, respectively, of the contingent reserves related to the discontinued operations of ConferencePlus. The decrease related to the discontinued operations contingent liability resulted from the payment of a claim.

Subsequent to September 30, 2012, but prior to the release of the financial statements, the Company resolved, through arbitration, a dispute with NETGEAR regarding an interpretation of the Asset Purchase Agreement covering the CNS asset sale. As a result, the Company must pay NETGEAR an estimated \$0.9 million which it expects to satisfy through release of the escrow balance to NETGEAR and an additional payment. As of March 31, 2012, the Company had a \$0.4 million contingency reserve for this claim and recorded an additional expense of \$0.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2012. As of September 30, 2012, the \$0.9 million reserve is classified as Accrued expenses on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Additionally, as of September 30, 2012, the Company had a contingent cash consideration payable related to the acquisition of ANTONE. The ANTONE contingent consideration becomes payable based upon the profitability of the acquired products for post-closing periods through June 30, 2016 and may be offset by working capital adjustments and other indemnification claims. The maximum earn-out that could be paid before offsets is \$3.5 million. As of September 30, 2012, the fair value of the contingent consideration liability after offsetting a working capital adjustment and an indemnification claim for warranty obligations is \$2.4 million (see Notes 1, 7 and 12).

#### Note 11. Short-term Investments

The following table presents short-term investments as of September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012:

	September 30,	March 31,
(in thousands)	2012	2012
Certificates of deposit	\$ 4,904	\$ 6,061
Held-to-maturity, pre-refunded municipal bonds	18,228	8,394
Total investments	\$ 23,132	\$14,455

The fair value of investments approximates their carrying amounts due to the short-term nature of these financial assets.

#### Note 12. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined by ASC 820 as the price that would be received upon selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. ASC 820 establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.
- Level 2 Quoted prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities, or other inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the
  assets and liabilities. This includes certain pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies and similar techniques that use
  significant unobservable inputs.

The Company's money market funds are measured using Level 1 inputs. The ANTONE contingent consideration described in Note 1 and the note payable guarantee described in Note 8 are measured using Level 3 inputs.

The following table presents financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and their related valuation inputs as of September 30, 2012:

(in the course In)	Total Fair Value of Asset or	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs	Balance Sheet
(in thousands)	Liability	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	Classification
Assets:					
Money market funds	\$74,225	\$ 74,225	_	_	Cash and cash equivalents
Liabilities:					
Contingent consideration, current	\$ 42	_	_	\$ 42	Accrued expenses
Contingent consideration, long-term					Contingent consideration
	\$ 2,332	_	_	\$ 2,332	payable, net
Note payable guarantee	\$ 14	_	_	\$ 14	Accrued expenses

The following table presents financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and their related valuation inputs as of March 31, 2012:

	Total	Quoted Prices	Significant		
	Fair	in Active	Other	Significant	
	Value of	Markets for	Observable	Unobservable	
	Asset or	Identical Assets	Inputs	Inputs	Balance Sheet
(in thousands)	Liability	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	Classification
Assets:					
Money market funds	\$82,931	\$ 82,931	_	_	Cash and cash equivalents
Liabilities:					
Note payable guarantee	\$ 25	_	_	\$ 25	Accrued expenses

The fair value of investments approximates their carrying amounts due to the short-term nature of these financial assets.

In connection with the ANTONE acquisition in the quarter ended June 30, 2012, payment of a portion of the purchase price is contingent upon the profitability of the acquired products for post-closing periods through June 30, 2016 and may be offset by working capital adjustments and other indemnification claims. The Company estimates the fair value of contingent consideration as the present value of the expected payments over the term of the arrangement based on financial forecasts of future profitability of the acquired products, and reaching the forecast. This estimate is subject to ongoing evaluation.

The fair value measurement of contingent consideration as of September 30, 2012 encompasses the following significant unobservable inputs:

(\$ in thousands)	Unobservable Inputs	
Estimated earn-out contingent consideration	\$	3,500
Working capital adjustment		(454)
Indemnification related to warranty claims		(303)
Discount rate		7.5%
Approximate timing of cash flows		3 years

The following table summarizes contingent consideration activity:

\$ —
3,038
93
(454)
(303)
\$2,374

#### Note 13. Share Repurchases

In February 2010, the Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program (the "February 2010 authorization") whereby the Company may repurchase up to an aggregate of \$10.0 million of its outstanding Class A Common Stock. During the three and six months ended September 30, 2011, 0.9 million and 2.6 million shares were repurchased under the February 2010 authorization with a weighted-average per share purchase price of \$2.71 and \$3.21, respectively. Repurchases in the six months ended September 30, 2011 include the May 31, 2011 purchase of 1,000,000 shares of its Class A Common Stock, including 618,664 shares that were converted from the Company's Class B Common Stock. These shares were purchased from the beneficiaries a voting trust, dated February 23, 1994 (the "Voting Trust"), and from the beneficiaries of other trusts associated with certain family members of Messrs. Robert C. Penny III and Robert W. Foskett. Messrs Penny and Foskett currently are members of the Company's Board of Directors. They also serve as co-trustees and are beneficiaries of the Voting Trust. The Company paid a total of \$3.4 million or

approximately \$3.43 per share, which represented the volume weighted-average price of the Company's Class A Common Stock for the three daily trading sessions on May 23, 24 and 25, 2011, as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. The February 2010 authorization was fully utilized as of November 2011.

In August 2011, the Board of Directors authorized an additional share repurchase program whereby the Company may repurchase up to an aggregate of \$20.0 million of its outstanding Class A Common Stock (the "August 2011 authorization"). During the three and six months ended September 30, 2012, approximately 2.1 million and 4.2 million shares were repurchased under the August 2011 authorization with a weighted-average per share purchase price of \$2.24 and \$2.25, respectively. There was approximately \$3.0 million remaining for additional share repurchases under this program as of September 30, 2012.

Additionally, in the six months ended September 30, 2011 and 2012, the Company repurchased 113,734 and 124,404 shares of Class A Common Stock, respectively, from certain executives that were surrendered to satisfy the minimum statutory tax withholding obligations on the vesting of restricted stock units and performance-based restricted stock units. These repurchases are not included in the authorized share repurchase program and had a weighted-average purchase price of \$3.52 and \$2.36 per share, respectively. There were no share repurchases outside of the authorized share repurchase program during the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

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

The following discussion should be read together with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the related Notes thereto and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this Form 10-Q. All references herein to the term "fiscal year" shall mean a year ended March 31 of the year specified.

The Company commenced operations in 1980 as a provider of telecommunications network transmission products that enable advanced telecommunications services over copper telephone wires. Until fiscal 1994, the Company derived substantially all of its revenues from its Westell segment products, particularly the sale of Network Interface Unit ("NIU") products and related products. The Company introduced its first Customer Networking Solutions ("CNS") products in fiscal 1993. The Company also provided audio teleconferencing services from fiscal 1989 until Conference Plus, Inc was sold on December 31, 2011. The Company realizes the majority of its revenues from the North American market.

On May 15, 2012, the Company acquired certain assets and liabilities of ANTONE Wireless Corporation, including rights to ANTONE products, for \$2.5 million in cash, subject to an adjustment for working capital, plus contingent cash consideration of up to \$3.5 million. The contingent consideration is based upon profitability of the acquired products for post-closing periods through June 30, 2016 and may be offset by working capital adjustments, pre-acquisition warranty claims in excess of \$25,000, and other indemnification claims. The acquisition included inventories, property and equipment, contract rights, intangible assets, and certain specified operating liabilities that existed at the closing date. The Company also hired nine of ANTONE's employees. ANTONE products include high-performance tower-mounted amplifiers, multi-carrier power amplifier boosters, and cell-site antenna-sharing products. The acquisition qualifies as a business combination and is accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting.

On December 31, 2011, the Company sold its wholly owned subsidiary, Conference Plus, Inc., including Conference Plus Global Services, Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of ConferencePlus (collectively, "ConferencePlus") to Arkadin for \$40.3 million in cash (the "ConferencePlus sale"). Of the total purchase price, \$4.1 million was placed in escrow at closing for one year as security for certain indemnity obligations of the Company.

On April 15, 2011, the Company sold certain assets and transferred certain liabilities of the CNS segment to NETGEAR, Inc. ("NETGEAR") for \$36.7 million in cash (the "CNS asset sale"). As part of the CNS asset sale, most of the CNS segment's customer relationships, contracts and employees were transferred to NETGEAR. The Company retained one major CNS customer relationship and contract. As part of the agreement, the Company agreed to indemnify NETGEAR following the closing of the sale against specified losses in connection with the CNS business and generally retained responsibility for various legal liabilities that may accrue. An escrow balance of \$3.4 million was established for one year for this purpose or for other claims. In the quarter ended September 30, 2012, \$2.6 million of the escrow was released with the remaining \$0.7 million reflected as Restricted cash on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2012. Subsequent to September 30, 2012, but prior to the release of the financial statements, the Company resolved, through arbitration, a dispute with NETGEAR regarding an interpretation of the Asset Purchase Agreement covering the CNS asset sale. As a result, the Company must pay NETGEAR an estimated \$0.9 million which it expects to satisfy through release of the escrow balance to NETGEAR and an additional payment. The Company previously recorded a contingency reserve of \$0.4 million for this claim and recorded an additional expense of \$0.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2012. The Company completed the remaining product shipments under the retained customer contract in December 2011. In fiscal year 2013, the Company continues to provide warranty services under its contractual obligations and to sell ancillary products and software on a project basis to the retained customer. The Company expects this activity to abate going forward. The Company also retained within its CNS division the Homecloud product development program. The Homecloud product family which is under development aims to provide a new suite of services into the home, with an initial focus on media and information management, sharing and delivery, and prospective functionality applicable to enhanced security; home control; and network management.

In the Westell segment, the Company designs, distributes, markets and services a broad range of carrier-class products. The Company's Westell product family consists of indoor and outdoor cabinets, enclosures and

mountings; power distribution products; network interface devices ("NIDs") for TDM/SONET networks and service demarcation; span powering equipment; remote monitoring devices; copper/fiber connectivity panels; managed Ethernet switches for utility and industrial networks; Ethernet extension devices for providing native Ethernet service handoff in carrier applications; wireless signal conditioning and monitoring products for cellular networks; tower-mounted amplifiers; multi-carrier power amplifier boosters; cell site antenna-sharing products for cell site optimization; and custom systems integration ("CSI") services. Traditional products are sold primarily into wireline markets, but the Company also is actively moving to generate revenues from wireless telecommunications products. In the quarter ended September 30, 2012, the Company completed the relocation of the majority of the power distribution and remote monitoring products which were designed through the Company's Noran Tel subsidiary located in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, to its location in Aurora, Illinois. The remaining operations in Canada will be focused on power distribution product development and sales in Canada of Westell products. The Company completed this transition during the quarter ended September 30, 2012.

The prices for the products vary based upon volume, customer specifications and other criteria, and they are subject to change for a variety of reasons, including cost and competitive factors.

The Company's customer base for its products is highly concentrated and comprised primarily of major telecommunications service providers ("telephone companies"), independent domestic local exchange carriers and public telephone administrations located in the U.S. and Canada. Due to the stringent quality specifications of its customers and the regulated environment in which its customers operate, the Company must undergo lengthy approval and procurement processes prior to selling most of its products. Accordingly, the Company must make significant up front investments in product and market development prior to actual commencement of sales of new products.

To remain competitive, the Company must continue to invest in new product development and in targeted sales and marketing efforts to launch new product lines. Failure to increase revenues from new products, whether due to lack of market acceptance, competition, technological change or otherwise, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations. The Company expects to continue to evaluate new product opportunities and engage in research and development activities.

In view of the Company's reliance on the telecommunications market for revenues and the unpredictability of orders and pricing pressures, the Company believes that period-to-period comparisons of its financial results are not necessarily meaningful and should not be relied upon as an indication of future performance.

#### **Results of Operations**

Below is a table that compares revenue for the three and six months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 by segment.

#### Revenue

	Т	Three months ended September 30,			Six months end September 30	
(in thousands)	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Westell	\$9,854	\$10,401	\$ (547)	\$19,272	\$25,246	\$ (5,974)
CNS	68	10,327	(10,259)	1,180	18,683	(17,503)
Consolidated revenue	\$9,922	\$20,728	\$(10,806)	\$20,452	\$43,929	\$(23,477)

Westell revenue decreased 5% and 24% in the three and six months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year due primarily to lower demand resulting from a combination of a shift from T1 to Ethernet technology for the backhaul of cellular traffic and customer programs to constrain spending, manage inventory levels, and re-use decommissioned products.

CNS revenue in the three and six months ended September 30, 2012 decreased compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year due to the CNS asset sale, which closed on April 15, 2011, and the deliberate wind-down of business transacted with the sole customer remaining thereafter. Revenue for the three and six months ended September 30, 2012 was derived from one remaining customer and consisted primarily of project-based software revenue. Revenue for the six months ended September 30, 2011 contained pre-closing revenue of \$1.0 million related to customers that transferred with the CNS asset sale. The remaining revenue was from a single customer that did not transfer with the sale and represents revenue from modem, gateway, ancillary products and product screening.

#### Gross Margin

	Three months ended			Six months ended		
	September 30,			Se	eptember 30	,
	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Westell	35.0%	37.8%	(2.8)%	32.3%	41.4%	(9.1)%
CNS	(1.5)%	22.2%	(23.7)%	86.6%	22.2%	64.4%
Consolidated gross margin	34.8%	30.0%	4.8 %	35.4%	33.2%	2.2%

Gross margin in the Westell segment decreased in both the three and six-month periods ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same periods in the prior year because of higher excess and obsolete inventory charges and lower absorption of overhead costs. The six months ended September 30, 2012 included a \$622,000 charge for excess and obsolete inventory compared with a \$314,000 charge in the six months ended September 30, 2011. The inventory charge resulted primarily from the technology shift that decreased demand for T1-related products.

CNS gross margin decreased in the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in the prior year because the current quarter had ancillary products sales of \$68,000 and \$51,000 of obsolete inventory expense resulting in no gross profits. CNS gross margin increased in the six months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same period in the prior year primarily due to project-based high margin software revenue, which was the majority of the revenue in fiscal year 2013, compared to lower-margin product revenue, which was the majority of the revenue in fiscal year 2012.

#### Sales and Marketing

		Three months ended		Six months ended		
	S	eptember 30.	<u>,                                      </u>		September 30,	
(in thousands)	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Westell	\$1,831	\$1,446	\$ 385	\$3,706	\$2,928	\$ 778
CNS	(7)	249	(256)	2	766	(764)
Consolidated sales and marketing expense	\$ <u>1,824</u>	\$1,695	\$ 129	\$3,708	\$3,694	\$ 14

Sales and marketing expense in the Westell segment increased 27% in the three and six months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year due primarily to higher compensation and related expenses. The increase in compensation and related expenses resulted primarily from the addition of employees hired with the ANTONE acquisition, the addition of a Vice President of Sales and Marketing and increased commission expense.

Sales and marketing expense in the CNS segment decreased in the three and six months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year due to the CNS asset sale. Expenses in fiscal year 2012 are primarily for management, shipping and warranty costs and adjustments for the one remaining customer, and limited marketing costs related to the Homecloud product.

#### Research and Development

	Thr	Three months ended September 30,			Six months ended September 30,		
(in thousands)	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change	
Westell	\$1,436	\$1,342	\$ 94	\$2,885	\$2,606	\$ 279	
CNS	498	649	(151)	876	1,462	(586)	
Consolidated research and development expense	<u>\$1,934</u>	\$1,991	\$ (57)	\$3,761	\$4,068	\$(307)	

Research and development expenses in the Westell segment increased by 7% and 11% in the three and six months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year. The increase was due primarily to the addition of development costs for ANTONE products and increased investment in distributed antenna system ("DAS") product development.

Research and development expenses in the CNS segment decreased by 23% and 40% in the three and six months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year due to the

CNS asset sale and the deliberate wind-down of business transacted with the sole customer remaining thereafter. The Company continues to invest in development of the Homecloud product, which was launched as a limited release on September 26, 2012.

#### General and Administrative

	Three months ended			Six months ended			
	September 30,			September 30,			
(in thousands)	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change	
Westell	\$1,046	\$ 604	\$ 442	\$2,294	\$1,422	\$ 872	
CNS	540	256	284	542	551	(9)	
Unallocated corporate costs	1,077	905	172	2,408	1,945	463	
Consolidated general and administrative expense	\$2,663	\$1,765	\$ 898	\$5,244	\$3,918	\$1,326	

In fiscal year 2012, certain operating expenses were allocated between the Westell and CNS segments, including rent, information technology costs, and accounting costs. The Westell and CNS segment received 72% and 28% of these resource costs in fiscal year 2012, respectively. In fiscal year 2013, CNS segment G&A reflects direct costs only. The CNS segment expense includes a \$534,000 expense in the quarter ended September 30, 2012 related to a dispute with NETGEAR that was resolved through arbitration. The remaining increase in general and administrative expense, on a consolidated basis, resulted primarily from: increased personnel costs resulting from the addition of a Vice President of Corporate Development; legal costs relating to the ANTONE acquisition; legal costs associated with a claim in arbitration; and increased net expense for building rent resulting from a sublease offset present in fiscal year 2012, but not in fiscal year 2013

**Restructuring** The Company's Westell business segment recorded an additional restructuring charge of \$57,000 and \$149,000 in the three and six months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, related to the relocation of Noran Tel production from Canada to the Company's headquarters in Aurora, IL. The Company had a reduction in force in the CNS business segment in the first quarter of fiscal year 2012 that resulted in a restructuring charge totaling \$32,000 and \$277,000 in the three and six months ended September 30, 2011, respectively.

#### Intangible amortization

	Thi	Three months ended			Six months ended		
	<u> </u>	September 30,			September 30,		
(in thousands)	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change	
Westell	\$210	\$137	\$ 73	\$418	\$275	\$ 143	
CNS	1	1	0	2	2	0	
Consolidated intangible amortization	\$211	\$138	\$ 73	\$420	\$277	\$ 143	

The intangibles consist of product technology and customer relationships derived from acquisitions. The increase in intangible amortization in fiscal year 2013, compared to fiscal year 2012, resulted from the ANTONE acquisition.

*Gain on CNS asset sale* The Company recorded a pre-tax gain of \$31.7 million on the CNS asset sale during the six months ended September 30, 2011.

*Other income, net* Other income (expense), net, was income of \$7,000 and \$77,000 in the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$91,000 and \$95,000 of income in the six months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Other income (expense) contains interest income earned on short-term investments and foreign currency gains and losses.

*Income tax benefit (expense)* The Company uses an estimated annual effective tax rate based on expected annual income to determine the quarterly provision for income taxes before discrete items. The impact of additional discrete items is recorded in the quarter in which they occur. In assessing the realizability of the deferred tax assets, the Company considered whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized through the generation of future taxable income.

In the three and six months ended September 30, 2012, the Company recorded a net tax benefit of \$1.1 million and \$2.0 million, respectively, which resulted from an estimated annual effective tax rate of 37.2% for the fiscal year plus the effects of discrete items. For the six months ended September 30, 2012, there was \$181,000 of discrete tax expense resulting primarily from the estimated impact of a change in state apportionment factors and tax shortfalls related to settlements of share-based compensation.

In the three and six months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded a tax benefit of \$1.9 million and tax expense of \$11.4 million. These tax provisions resulted from an effective tax rate of 41.9% for the fiscal year with the separate addition of discrete items. For the three and six months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded a discrete tax benefit of \$2.1 million for a reduction in an uncertain tax position that effectively settled during the period. For the six months ended September 30, 2011, the gain on the CNS asset sale was treated as a discrete item and the provision related specifically to that item was \$12.5 million.

**Discontinued operations** There was no income from discontinued operations in the first six months of fiscal year 2013. On December 31, 2011, the Company sold its ConferencePlus subsidiary. The results of operations of ConferencePlus have been classified as income from discontinued operations. Net income from discontinued operations was approximately \$0.9 million and \$1.9 million in the three and six months ended September 30, 2011, respectively.

*Net income (loss)* Net loss was \$2.2 million and \$3.9 million in the three and six months ended September 30, 2012 compared to net income of \$3.5 million and \$24.6 million in the three and six months ended September 30, 2011, respectively. The changes were due to the cumulative effects of the variances identified above.

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

At September 30, 2012, the Company had \$96.4 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$23.1 million in short-term investments, consisting of bank deposits, money market funds, certificates of deposits, and pre-refunded municipal bonds. At September 30, 2012, the Company also had \$4.8 million of restricted cash for escrow amounts relating to the CNS asset sale and the sale of ConferencePlus. At September 30, 2012, the Company had no debt outstanding and \$7.2 million available under its secured revolving credit facility.

The Company does not have any outstanding debt, nor does it have material commitments for capital expenditure requirements, balloon payments, or other payments due on long term obligations. Off-balance sheet arrangements of the Company include the Enginuity note described in Note 8 of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and standard operating leases. Future obligations and commitments, which are comprised of future minimum lease payments and inventory purchase obligations, increased \$1.2 million in the six months ended September 30, 2012 to \$17.9 million, up from \$16.7 million at March 31, 2012. As of September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012, the Company had a contingent liability of \$397,000 and \$810,000, respectively, related to certain intellectual property and indemnification claims. As of September 30, 2012 and March 31, 2012, \$397,000 and \$410,000, respectively, of the contingent liability related to the discontinued operations. Additionally, as of September 30, 2012, the Company has a contingent cash consideration payable of approximately \$2.4 million related to the acquisition of ANTONE which is estimated to be paid over a three year period. The contingent consideration liability is offset by \$0.5 million working capital adjustment and a \$0.3 million indemnification claim for warranty obligations. The maximum contingent consideration that could be paid is \$3.5 million less any offsets for working capital and indemnification claims. The Company believes that the existing sources of liquidity and cash from operations will satisfy cash flow requirements for the foreseeable future.

The Company entered into a secured revolving credit agreement with The Private Bank and Trust Company dated as of March 5, 2009 (the "Credit Agreement") and subsequently entered into amendments to its Credit Agreement to extend the maturity date to March 31, 2013 and amend certain other provisions. The Credit Agreement is an asset-based revolving credit facility in an amount up to \$12.0 million based on 80% of eligible accounts receivable plus the lesser of 30% of eligible inventory or \$3.0 million. The obligations of the Company under the Credit Agreement are secured by a guaranty from certain subsidiaries of the Company, and by substantially all of the assets of the Company.

The revolving loans under the Credit Agreement bear interest at the greater of the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a spread of 2.25%, or an alternative base rate. The alternative base rate is the greater of prime rate or the Federal Funds rate (the "Base Rate") less 0.25%. The Company is also required to pay a non-use fee of 0.2% per annum on the unused portion of the revolving loans. These charges are waived if the Company maintains with the lender an average monthly non-interest bearing account balance of \$5.0 million and an average monthly balance of \$15.0 million consisting of other investments. The Company has maintained such balances since entering the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement contains financial covenants that include a minimum tangible net worth and a limitation on capital expenditures for any fiscal year. The Company was in compliance with these covenants on September 30, 2012.

In addition, although the Company has never declared or paid any cash dividends on its common stock and does not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future, the Company's credit facility restricts the Company's ability to pay dividends without bank approval.

The Company's operating activities used cash of \$5.9 million in the six months ended September 30, 2012 which resulted primarily from a \$3.9 million net loss, a \$2.0 million increase in deferred taxes and a \$1.5 million increase in net working capital. The Company's investing activities used \$8.7 million which resulted primarily from the purchase of ANTONE for \$2.5 million and from net purchases of short-term investments of \$8.7 million, offset by the release of \$2.6 million of restricted cash. In the six months ended September 30, 2012, the Company's financing activities used \$9.8 million of cash primarily for the purchase of treasury stock.

As of September 30, 2012, the Company had deferred tax assets of approximately \$36.8 million before a valuation allowance of \$2.2 million, which reduced the recorded net deferred tax asset to \$34.6 million. Also, as of September 30, 2012, the Company had a \$3.5 million tax contingency reserve related to uncertain tax positions. The federal net operating loss carryforward begins to expire in fiscal year 2023. Realization of deferred tax assets associated with the Company's future deductible temporary differences, net operating loss carryforwards and tax credit carryforwards is dependent upon generating sufficient taxable income prior to their expiration, among other factors. The Company uses estimates of future taxable income to assess the valuation allowance that may be required against deferred tax assets. Management periodically evaluates the recoverability of the deferred tax assets and may adjust the valuation allowance against deferred tax assets accordingly.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

A complete description of the Company's significant accounting policies is discussed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012.

#### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISKS.

As of September 30, 2012, there were no material changes to the information provided in Item 7A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012, except as follows:

#### Foreign Currency Risk

The Company's foreign subsidiary, Noran Tel, is located in Canada. In the quarter ended September 30, 2012, the Company completed the relocation of the production of products from Canada to its headquarters in Aurora, IL. Noran Tel has five remaining employees located in Canada and is now focused on power distribution product development and sales in Canada of Westell products. Noran Tel is funded by the U.S. operations. On August 1, 2012, the functional currency was changed from the Canadian dollar to the U.S. dollar. The Company will continue to have revenue and expenses denominated in Canadian currency, but it is no longer exposed to gains and losses from fluctuations affecting net investments and earnings of Noran Tel. The Company estimates market risk as the potential decrease in pretax earnings resulting from a hypothetical change in the ending exchange rate of 10%. If such change occurred at September 30, 2012, the impact would be immaterial to the Company's financial statements.

#### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

#### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's senior management, including the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer, the Company conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"). Based on this evaluation, the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded as of the Evaluation Date that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective such that the information relating to the Company, including consolidated subsidiaries, required to be disclosed in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") reports (i) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2012 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

On May 15, 2012, the Company acquired ANTONE and, as a result, the Company continues to integrate the processes and controls relating to ANTONE into the Company's existing system of internal control over financial reporting. Specific transitional controls for the acquired business are also in place. The Company expects to complete the integration of ANTONE's operations into our control processes in fiscal year 2013.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

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

The Company is involved in various legal proceedings incidental to the Company's business. In the ordinary course of our business, we are routinely audited and subject to inquiries by governmental and regulatory agencies. Management believes that the outcome of such proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated operations or financial condition.

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

See "Risk Factors" in Part 1 – Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2012 for information about risk factors. There have been no material changes in our risk factors from those disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2012.

#### ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The following table provides information about the Company's repurchase activity for its Class A Common Stock during the three months ended September 30, 2012.

	Total Number of Shares	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the
Period	Purchased	(a)	Programs (b)	Programs (b)
July 1 - 31, 2012	719,289	\$ 2.3033	719,289	\$ 6,056,984
August 1 - 31, 2012	798,163	\$ 2.2454	798,163	\$ 4,264,807
September 1 - 30, 2012	583,402	\$ 2.1628	583,402	\$ 3,003,017
Total	2,100,854	\$ 2.2423	2,100,854	\$ 3,003,017

- (a) Average price paid per share includes commissions.
- (b) In August 2011, the Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program whereby the Company may repurchase up to an additional aggregate of \$20.0 million of its outstanding Class A Common Stock.

#### **ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 31.1	Certification by the Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
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of 2002

Exhibit 101 The following financial information from the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2012, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) and furnished electronically herewith: (i) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets; (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations; (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; and (v) the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Items 3, 4 and 5 are not applicable and have been omitted.

#### **SIGNATURES**

DATE: November 6, 2012

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

WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Richard S. Gilbert

Richard S. Gilbert Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Brian S. Cooper

Brian S. Cooper Chief Financial Officer

By: /s/ Amy T. Forster

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Vice President and Corporate Controller

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### CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

- I, Richard S. Gilbert, certify that:
- (1) I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2012 of the Company;
- (2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- (3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- (4) The Company's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Company and have:
  - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter (the Company's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting; and
- (5) The Company's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Company's auditors and the audit committee of the Company's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 6, 2012

/s/ Richard S. Gilbert

Richard S. Gilbert Chief Executive Officer

## CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

- I, Brian S. Cooper, certify that:
- (1) I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2012 of the Company;
- (2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- (3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- (4) The Company's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Company and have:
  - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter (the Company's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting; and
- (5) The Company's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Company's auditors and the audit committee of the Company's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 6, 2012

/s/ Brian S. Cooper

Brian S. Cooper Chief Financial Officer

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

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Westell Technologies, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the fiscal period ended September 30, 2012 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that based on their knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company as of and for the periods covered in the Report.

# /s/ Richard S. Gilbert Richard S. Gilbert Chief Executive Officer November 6, 2012 /s/ Brian S. Cooper Brian S. Cooper Chief Financial Officer November 6, 2012

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Westell Technologies, Inc. and will be retained by Westell Technologies, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

The foregoing certification is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Form 10-Q and shall not be considered filed as part of the Form 10-Q.