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

**FORM 10-Q**

**Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2016**

**or**

**Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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

**Commission File Number 1-7234**

**GP STRATEGIES CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**52-0845774**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**70 Corporate Center**  
**11000 Broken Land Parkway, Suite 200, Columbia, MD**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**21044**  
(Zip Code)

**(443) 367-9600**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

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

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock as of July 25, 2016 was as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	16,627,321 shares

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**Part I. Financial Information****Item 1. Financial Statements****GP STRATEGIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	<b>June 30, 2016</b>	<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,860	\$ 21,030
Accounts and other receivables, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,625 in 2016 and \$1,856 in 2015	88,803	90,912
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	45,621	46,061
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	10,163	9,173
Total current assets	<u>159,447</u>	<u>167,176</u>
Property, plant and equipment	21,080	20,629
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(15,679)</u>	<u>(14,384)</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net	5,401	6,245
Goodwill	122,354	121,975
Intangible assets, net	5,755	6,221
Other assets	2,913	733
	<u>\$ 295,870</u>	<u>\$ 302,350</u>
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	\$ 42,482	\$ 34,084
Current portion of long-term debt	13,333	13,333
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	55,444	61,071
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	15,901	18,366
Total current liabilities	<u>127,160</u>	<u>126,854</u>
Long-term debt	4,444	11,111
Other noncurrent liabilities	<u>6,368</u>	<u>6,041</u>
Total liabilities	<u>137,972</u>	<u>144,006</u>
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	172	172
Additional paid-in capital	107,093	105,872
Retained earnings	82,311	73,598
Treasury stock at cost	(14,765)	(8,497)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<u>(16,913)</u>	<u>(12,801)</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>157,898</u>	<u>158,344</u>
	<u>\$ 295,870</u>	<u>\$ 302,350</u>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**GP STRATEGIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations  
(Unaudited)  
(In thousands, except per share data)

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Revenue	\$ 125,542	\$ 125,665	\$ 241,298	\$ 240,918
Cost of revenue	105,198	105,589	203,027	201,707
Gross profit	20,344	20,076	38,271	39,211
Selling, general and administrative expenses	12,279	12,007	24,249	23,606
Gain (loss) on change in fair value of contingent consideration, net	88	(55)	(71)	(258)
Operating income	8,153	8,014	13,951	15,347
Interest expense	359	306	604	671
Other income (expense)	175	(310)	629	(535)
Income before income tax expense	7,969	7,398	13,976	14,141
Income tax expense	3,056	2,684	5,263	5,320
Net income	<u>\$ 4,913</u>	<u>\$ 4,714</u>	<u>\$ 8,713</u>	<u>\$ 8,821</u>
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	16,677	17,178	16,718	17,169
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	16,768	17,354	16,799	17,334
Per common share data:				
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.51
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.51

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**GP STRATEGIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income  
(Unaudited)  
(In thousands)

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Net income	\$ 4,913	\$ 4,714	\$ 8,713	\$ 8,821
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(3,716)	3,487	(4,112)	(1,098)
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 1,197</u>	<u>\$ 8,201</u>	<u>\$ 4,601</u>	<u>\$ 7,723</u>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**GP STRATEGIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
Six Months Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015  
(Unaudited, in thousands)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 8,713	\$ 8,821
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Loss on change in fair value of contingent consideration, net	71	258
Depreciation and amortization	3,475	4,052
Non-cash compensation expense	2,888	2,920
<b>Changes in other operating items:</b>		
Accounts and other receivables	805	2,504
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	(557)	(11,806)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(1,484)	(447)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(431)	1,372
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	(2,242)	(3,638)
Contingent consideration payments in excess of fair value on acquisition date	(540)	(325)
Other	(716)	(586)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>9,982</u>	<u>3,125</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(922)	(1,350)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(2,330)	—
Other investing activities	(1,587)	(173)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(4,839)</u>	<u>(1,523)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	8,585	7,999
Repayment of long-term debt	(6,666)	(6,666)
Contingent consideration payments	(2,085)	(2,284)
Change in negative cash book balance	(2,734)	(1,779)
Repurchases of common stock in the open market	(7,876)	(1,101)
Other financing activities	26	141
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(10,750)</u>	<u>(3,690)</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(563)	(113)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(6,170)</u>	<u>(2,201)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	21,030	14,541
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 14,860</u>	<u>\$ 12,340</u>
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:</b>		
Cash paid during the period for income taxes	\$ 3,910	\$ 2,808

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

# GP STRATEGIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

June 30, 2016

(Unaudited)

### (1) Basis of Presentation

GP Strategies Corporation is a global performance improvement solutions provider of training, e-Learning solutions, management consulting and engineering services. References in this report to “GP Strategies,” the “Company,” “we” and “our” are to GP Strategies Corporation and its subsidiaries, collectively.

The accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2016 and the condensed consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income and cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 have not been audited, but have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015, as presented in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. In the opinion of management, this interim information includes all material adjustments, which are of a normal and recurring nature, necessary for a fair presentation. The results for the 2016 interim period are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the entire year.

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the operations of the Company and its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

### (2) Accounting Standards Issued

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which provides a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and will supersede most current revenue recognition guidance. The ASU’s core principle is that a company will recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. ASU 2014-09 was originally effective for annual reporting periods, and interim periods within that period, beginning after December 15, 2016 and early adoption was not permitted. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Deferral of the Effective Date*, to defer the effective date by one year to December 15, 2017 for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after that date and permitted early adoption of the standard, but not before the original effective date of annual reporting periods and interim periods within that period beginning after December 15, 2016. Companies may use either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective approach to adopt the ASU. We are still in the process of evaluating the impact of adoption of this ASU on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases*. This standard will require all leases with durations greater than twelve months to be recognized on the balance sheet as a right-of-use asset and a lease liability. ASU 2016-02 is effective for public companies for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years. We believe adoption of this standard will have a significant impact on our consolidated balance sheets. Although we have not completed our assessment, we do not expect the adoption of ASU 2016-02 to change the recognition and measurement of lease expense within the consolidated statements of operations.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, *Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718)*. This standard makes several modifications to Topic 718 related to the accounting for forfeitures, employer tax withholding on share-based compensation and the financial statement presentation of excess tax benefits or deficiencies. ASU 2016-09 also clarifies the statement of cash flows presentation for certain components of share-based awards. The ASU includes multiple provisions intended to simplify various aspects of the accounting for share-based payments. The standard is effective for annual and interim reporting periods of public companies beginning after December 15, 2016, although early adoption is permitted. We are currently in the process of evaluating the impact of adoption of this ASU on our consolidated financial statements.

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**(3) Significant Customers & Concentration of Credit Risk**

We have a market concentration of revenue in both the automotive sector and financial services & insurance sector. Revenue from the automotive industry accounted for approximately 22% and 18% of our consolidated revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. In addition, we have a concentration of revenue from a single automotive customer, which accounted for approximately 14% and 11% of our consolidated revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. As of June 30, 2016, accounts receivable from a single automotive customer totaled \$14.2 million, or 16%, of our consolidated accounts receivable balance.

Revenue from the financial services & insurance industry accounted for approximately 21% and 22% of our consolidated revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. In addition, we have a concentration of revenue from a single financial services customer, which accounted for approximately 15% and 14% of our consolidated revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. As of June 30, 2016, billed and unbilled accounts receivable from a single financial services customer totaled \$27.7 million, or 21%, of our consolidated accounts receivable and costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts balances.

No other single customer accounted for more than 10% of our consolidated revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 or 2015 or consolidated accounts receivable balance as of June 30, 2016.

**(4) Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution of common stock equivalent shares that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock.

Our dilutive common stock equivalent shares consist of stock options and restricted stock units computed under the treasury stock method, using the average market price during the period. The following table presents instruments which were not dilutive and were excluded from the computation of diluted EPS in each period, as well as the dilutive common stock equivalent shares which were included in the computation of diluted EPS:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
Non-dilutive instruments	72	55	89	28
Dilutive common stock equivalents	91	176	81	165

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**(5) Acquisitions**

Jencal Training

On March 1, 2016, we acquired the share capital of Jencal Training Limited (Jencal Training) and its subsidiary B2B Engage Limited (B2B), an independent provider of vocational skills training in the United Kingdom. The upfront purchase price was \$2.7 million in cash and is subject to a working capital adjustment which we expect will be finalized and agreed upon with the sellers in the third quarter of 2016. In addition, the purchase agreement requires up to an additional \$0.4 million of consideration, contingent upon attaining incremental funding levels under a customer contract prior to July 31, 2016. The preliminary purchase price allocation for the acquisition primarily includes \$1.4 million of customer-related intangible assets which are being amortized over four years from the acquisition date and \$1.7 million of goodwill. None of the goodwill recorded for financial statement purposes is deductible for tax purposes. The acquired Jencal Training business is included in the Learning Solutions segment and the results of its operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements beginning March 1, 2016. The pro-forma impact of the acquisition is not material to our results of operations.

Contingent Consideration

Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 805 requires that contingent consideration be recognized at fair value on the acquisition date and be re-measured each reporting period with subsequent adjustments recognized in the consolidated statement of operations. We estimate the fair value of contingent consideration liabilities based on financial projections of the acquired companies and estimated probabilities of achievement and discount the liabilities to present value using a weighted-average cost of capital. Contingent consideration is valued using significant inputs that are not observable in the market which are defined as Level 3 inputs pursuant to fair value measurement accounting. We believe our estimates and assumptions are reasonable; however, there is significant judgment involved. At each reporting date, the contingent consideration obligation is revalued to estimated fair value, and changes in fair value subsequent to the acquisitions are reflected in income or expense in the consolidated statements of operations, and could cause a material impact to, and volatility in, our operating results. Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration obligations may result from changes in discount periods, changes in the timing and amount of revenue and/or earnings estimates and changes in probability assumptions with respect to the likelihood of achieving the various earn-out criteria.

Below is a summary of the changes in the recorded amount of contingent consideration liabilities from December 31, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (dollars in thousands):

<b>Acquisition:</b>	<b>Liability as of December 31, 2015</b>	<b>Additions (Payments)</b>	<b>Change in Fair Value of Contingent Consideration</b>	<b>Foreign Currency Translation</b>	<b>Liability as of June 30, 2016</b>
Jencal Training	\$ —	\$ 294	\$ (88)	\$ (5)	\$ 201
Effective Companies	2,381	(2,625)	159	85	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,381</b>	<b>\$ (2,331)</b>	<b>\$ 71</b>	<b>\$ 80</b>	<b>\$ 201</b>

As of June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, contingent consideration is considered a current liability and is included in accounts payable of \$0.2 million and \$2.4 million, respectively.

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**(6) Intangible Assets**

Goodwill

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by reportable business segment for the six months ended June 30, 2016 were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Learning Solutions</b>	<b>Professional &amp; Technical Services</b>	<b>Sandy Training &amp; Marketing</b>	<b>Performance Readiness Solutions</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$ 49,822	\$ 43,702	\$ 653	\$ 27,798	\$ 121,975
Acquisitions	1,750	—	—	—	1,750
Foreign currency translation	(528)	(716)	—	(127)	(1,371)
Balance as of June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 51,044</u>	<u>\$ 42,986</u>	<u>\$ 653</u>	<u>\$ 27,671</u>	<u>\$ 122,354</u>

Intangible Assets Subject to Amortization

Intangible assets with finite lives are subject to amortization over their estimated useful lives. The primary assets included in this category and their respective balances were as follows (in thousands):

**June 30, 2016**

	<b>Gross Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net Carrying Amount</b>
Customer relationships	\$ 18,991	\$ (13,770)	\$ 5,221
Intellectual property and other	1,538	(1,004)	534
	<u>\$ 20,529</u>	<u>\$ (14,774)</u>	<u>\$ 5,755</u>

**December 31, 2015**

Customer relationships	\$ 19,351	\$ (13,822)	\$ 5,529
Intellectual property and other	1,772	(1,080)	692
	<u>\$ 21,123</u>	<u>\$ (14,902)</u>	<u>\$ 6,221</u>

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**(7) Stock-Based Compensation**

We recognize compensation expense for stock-based compensation awards issued to employees that are expected to vest. Compensation cost is based on the fair value of awards as of the grant date.

The following table summarizes the pre-tax stock-based compensation expense included in reported net income (in thousands):

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Non-qualified stock options	\$ 28	\$ 52	\$ 75	\$ 114
Restricted stock units	611	650	1,209	1,089
Board of Directors stock grants	65	116	147	227
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 704	\$ 818	\$ 1,431	\$ 1,430

Pursuant to our 2011 Stock Incentive Plan (the “2011 Plan”), we may grant awards of non-qualified stock options, incentive stock options, restricted stock, stock units, performance shares, performance units and other incentives payable in cash or in shares of our common stock to officers, employees or members of the Board of Directors. As of June 30, 2016, we had non-qualified stock options and restricted stock units outstanding under these plans as discussed below.

***Non-Qualified Stock Options***

Summarized information for the Company’s non-qualified stock options is as follows:

Stock Options	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining contractual term	Aggregate intrinsic value
Outstanding at December 31, 2015	110,550	\$ 14.54		
Granted	—	—		
Exercised	(9,000)	12.55		
Forfeited	(300)	13.17		
Expired	(600)	19.38		
Outstanding at June 30, 2016	100,650	\$ 14.69	0.95	\$ 704,000
Exercisable at June 30, 2016	88,550	\$ 14.26	0.90	\$ 658,000

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***Restricted Stock Units***

In addition to stock options, we issue restricted stock units to key employees and members of the Board of Directors based on meeting certain service goals. The stock units vest to the recipients at various dates, up to five years, based on fulfilling service requirements. We recognize the value of the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant as compensation expense over the requisite service period. Upon vesting, the stock units are settled in shares of our common stock. Summarized share information for our restricted stock units is as follows:

	<b>Six Months Ended June 30, 2016</b>	<b>Weighted average grant date fair value</b>
	<i>(In shares)</i>	<i>(In dollars)</i>
Outstanding and unvested, beginning of period	274,140	\$ 28.74
Granted	137,937	26.93
Vested	(3,087)	18.33
Forfeited	(2,382)	26.14
Outstanding and unvested, end of period	<u>406,608</u>	<u>\$ 28.22</u>

On March 29, 2016, the Compensation Committee granted 71,918 performance-based restricted stock units ("PSU's") to certain officers of the Company. Vesting of the PSU's is contingent upon the employee's continued employment and the Company's achievement of certain performance goals during a three-year performance period. The performance goals are established by the Compensation Committee and for the 2016-2018 performance period are based on financial targets, including an average annual return on invested capital ("ROIC") and average annual growth in earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (adjusted to exclude the effect of acquisitions, dispositions, and certain other nonrecurring or extraordinary items) ("Adjusted EBITDA"). We recognize compensation expense, net of estimated forfeitures, for PSU's on a straight-line basis over the performance period based on the probable outcome of achievement of the financial targets. At the end of each reporting period, we estimate the number of PSU's expected to vest, based on the probability and extent to which the performance goals will be met, and take into account these estimates when calculating the expense for the period. If the number of shares expected to be earned changes during the performance period, we will make a cumulative adjustment to compensation expense based on the revised number of shares expected to be earned.

Also on March 29, 2016 in conjunction with the grant of PSU's, the Compensation Committee granted a total of 40,679 time-based restricted stock units to the same officers of the Company. Vesting of the time-based restricted stock units is subject to the employee's continued employment through December 31, 2018.

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### **(8) Debt**

On September 2, 2014, we entered into a Fourth Amended and Restated Financing and Security Agreement (the "Credit Agreement"). The Credit Agreement provides for a revolving credit facility up to a maximum principal amount of \$65 million expiring on October 31, 2018 and for a term loan in the principal amount of \$40 million maturing on October 31, 2017, and is secured by substantially all of our assets.

The maximum interest rate on the Credit Agreement is the daily one-month LIBOR market index rate plus 2.50%. Based on our financial performance, the interest rate can be reduced to a minimum rate of the daily one-month LIBOR market index rate plus 1.25%, with the rate being determined based on our maximum leverage ratio for the preceding four quarters. Each unpaid advance on the revolving loan will bear interest until repaid. The term loan is payable in monthly installments equal to \$1.1 million plus applicable interest, beginning on November 1, 2014 and ending on October 31, 2017. We may prepay the term loan or the revolving loan, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty, subject to certain conditions. Amounts repaid or prepaid on the term loan may not be reborrowed.

The Credit Agreement contains customary affirmative and negative covenants, including covenants that limit or restrict our and our subsidiaries' (subject to certain exceptions) ability to, among other things, grant liens, make investments, incur indebtedness, merge or consolidate, dispose of assets or make acquisitions. We are also required to maintain compliance with a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and a maximum leverage ratio. We were in compliance with all of the financial covenants under the Credit Agreement as of June 30, 2016. As of June 30, 2016, our total long-term debt outstanding under the term loan was \$17.8 million. In addition, there were \$42.5 million of borrowings outstanding and \$20.0 million of available borrowings under the Credit Agreement. For the six months ended June 30, 2016, the weighted average interest rate on our borrowings was 2.2%.

### **(9) Income Taxes**

Income tax expense was \$5.3 million, or an effective income tax rate of 37.7%, for the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to \$5.3 million, or an effective income tax rate of 37.6%, for the six months ended June 30, 2015. Income tax expense for the quarterly periods is based on an estimated annual effective tax rate which includes the U.S. federal, state and local, and non-U.S. statutory rates, permanent differences, and other items that may have an impact on income tax expense.

An uncertain tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return is recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not (i.e., a likelihood of more than fifty percent) that the position would be sustained upon examination by tax authorities that have full knowledge of all relevant information. A recognized tax position is then measured at the largest amount of benefit that is greater than fifty percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. Interest and penalties related to income taxes are accounted for as income tax expense. As of June 30, 2016, we had no uncertain tax positions reflected on our consolidated balance sheet. The Company files income tax returns in U.S. federal, state and local jurisdictions, and various non-U.S. jurisdictions, and is subject to audit by tax authorities in those jurisdictions. Tax years 2012 through 2015 remain open to examination by these tax jurisdictions, and earlier years remain open to examination in certain of these jurisdictions which have longer statutes of limitations.

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**(10) Stockholders' Equity**

Changes in stockholders' equity during the six months ended June 30, 2016 were as follows (in thousands):

	Common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Treasury stock at cost	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Total stockholders' equity
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ 172	\$ 105,872	\$ 73,598	\$ (8,497)	\$ (12,801)	\$ 158,344
Net income	—	—	8,713	—	—	8,713
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	—	—	—	(4,112)	(4,112)
Repurchases of common stock	—	—	—	(7,959)	—	(7,959)
Stock-based compensation expense	—	1,431	—	—	—	1,431
Issuance of stock for employer contributions to retirement plan	—	(1)	—	1,379	—	1,378
Net issuances of stock pursuant to stock compensation plans and other	—	(209)	—	312	—	103
Balance at June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 172</u>	<u>\$ 107,093</u>	<u>\$ 82,311</u>	<u>\$ (14,765)</u>	<u>\$ (16,913)</u>	<u>\$ 157,898</u>

Stock Repurchase Program

We have a share repurchase program under which we may repurchase shares of our common stock from time to time in the open market, subject to prevailing business and market conditions and other factors. During the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, we repurchased approximately 340,000 and 33,000 shares, respectively, of our common stock in the open market for a total cost of approximately \$8.0 million and \$1.1 million, respectively. As of June 30, 2016, there was approximately \$6.1 million available for future repurchases under the buyback program.

**(11) Business Segments**

As of June 30, 2016, we operated through four reportable business segments: (i) Learning Solutions, (ii) Professional & Technical Services, (iii) Sandy Training & Marketing, and (iv) Performance Readiness Solutions. Each of our reportable segments represents an operating segment under U.S. GAAP. We are organized by operating groups primarily based upon the markets served by each group and/or the services performed. Each operating group consists of business units which are focused on providing specific products and services to certain classes of customers or within targeted markets. Marketing and communications, accounting, finance, legal, human resources, information systems and other administrative services are organized at the corporate level. Business development and sales resources are aligned with operating groups to support existing customer accounts and new customer development.

Further information regarding our business segments is discussed below.

**Learning Solutions.** The Learning Solutions segment delivers training, curriculum design and development, eLearning services, system hosting, training business process outsourcing and consulting services globally. This segment serves large companies in the electronics and semiconductors, healthcare, software, financial services and other industries, as well as government agencies. This segment also provides apprenticeship and vocational skills training for the United Kingdom government. The ability to deliver a wide range of training services on a global basis allows this segment to take over the entire learning function for the client, including their training personnel.

**Professional & Technical Services.** The Professional & Technical Services segment provides training, consulting, engineering and technical services, including lean consulting, emergency preparedness, safety and regulatory compliance, chemical demilitarization and environmental services primarily to large companies in the manufacturing, steel, pharmaceutical, energy and petrochemical industries; federal and state government agencies; and large government contractors. Our proprietary EtaPRO™ Performance and Condition Monitoring System provides a suite of real-time software solutions for power generation facilities and is installed on power-generating units across the world. In addition to providing custom training solutions, this segment provides web-based training through our GPiLEARN™ portal, which offers a variety of courses to power plant

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personnel in the U.S. and other countries. This segment also provides services to users of alternative fuels, including designing and constructing liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquid to compressed natural gas (LCNG) and hydrogen fueling stations, as well as supplying equipment.

**Sandy Training & Marketing.** The Sandy Training & Marketing segment provides custom product sales training and has been a leader in serving manufacturing customers in the U.S. automotive industry for over 30 years. Sandy provides custom product sales training designed to better educate customer salesforces with respect to new vehicle features and designs, in effect rapidly increasing the salesforce knowledge base and enabling them to address detailed customer queries. Furthermore, Sandy helps our clients assess their customer relationship marketing strategy and connect with their customers on a one-to-one basis, including through custom publications. This segment also provides technical training services to automotive manufacturers as well as customers in other industries.

**Performance Readiness Solutions.** This segment provides performance consulting and technology consulting services, including platform adoption, end-user training, change management, knowledge management, customer product training outsourcing, training content development and sales enablement solutions. This segment also offers organizational performance solutions, including leadership development training and employee engagement tools and services. Industries served include manufacturing, aerospace, healthcare, life sciences, consumer products, financial, telecommunications, services and higher education, as well as government agencies.

We do not allocate the following items to the segments: selling, general & administrative expenses, other income (expense), interest expense, gain (loss) on change in fair value of contingent consideration and income tax expense. Inter-segment revenue is eliminated in consolidation and is not significant.

The following table sets forth the revenue and operating results attributable to each reportable segment and includes a reconciliation of segment revenue to consolidated revenue and operating results to consolidated income before income tax expense (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Learning Solutions	\$ 52,706	\$ 50,755	\$ 102,612	\$ 102,584
Professional & Technical Services	26,024	30,066	51,853	59,963
Sandy Training & Marketing	27,374	25,199	49,198	39,928
Performance Readiness Solutions	19,438	19,645	37,635	38,443
	<u>\$ 125,542</u>	<u>\$ 125,665</u>	<u>\$ 241,298</u>	<u>\$ 240,918</u>
<b>Gross profit:</b>				
Learning Solutions	\$ 9,572	\$ 8,387	\$ 19,276	\$ 16,734
Professional & Technical Services	4,106	5,829	7,990	12,242
Sandy Training & Marketing	3,830	3,427	6,281	5,403
Performance Readiness Solutions	2,836	2,433	4,724	4,832
Total gross profit	20,344	20,076	38,271	39,211
Selling, general and administrative expenses	12,279	12,007	24,249	23,606
Gain (loss) on change in fair value of contingent consideration, net	88	(55)	(71)	(258)
Operating income	<u>8,153</u>	<u>8,014</u>	<u>13,951</u>	<u>15,347</u>
Interest expense	359	306	604	671
Other income (expense)	175	(310)	629	(535)
Income before income tax expense	<u>\$ 7,969</u>	<u>\$ 7,398</u>	<u>\$ 13,976</u>	<u>\$ 14,141</u>

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

### Results of Operations

#### *General Overview*

We are a global performance improvement solutions provider of training, e-Learning solutions, management consulting and engineering services that seeks to improve the effectiveness of organizations by providing services and products that are customized to meet the specific needs of clients. Clients include Fortune 500 companies and governmental and other commercial customers in a variety of industries. We believe we are a global leader in performance improvement, with over four decades of experience in providing solutions to optimize workforce performance.

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## Acquisition

On March 1, 2016, we acquired the share capital of Jencal Training Limited (Jencal Training) and its subsidiary B2B Engage Limited (B2B), an independent provider of vocational skills training in the United Kingdom. The upfront purchase price was \$2.7 million in cash and is subject to a working capital adjustment which we expect will be finalized and agreed upon with the sellers in the third quarter of 2016. In addition, the purchase agreement requires up to an additional \$0.4 million of consideration, contingent upon attaining incremental funding levels under a customer contract prior to July 31, 2016. The preliminary purchase price allocation for the acquisition primarily includes \$1.4 million of customer-related intangible assets which are being amortized over four years from the acquisition date and \$1.7 million of goodwill. None of the goodwill recorded for financial statement purposes is deductible for tax purposes. The acquired Jencal Training business is included in the Learning Solutions segment and the results of its operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements beginning March 1, 2016. The pro-forma impact of the acquisition is not material to our results of operations.

## Operating Highlights

### Three Months ended June 30, 2016 Compared to the Three Months ended June 30, 2015

Our revenue decreased \$0.1 million or 0.1% during the second quarter of 2016 compared to the second quarter of 2015. The net decrease is due to a \$2.2 million revenue increase in our Sandy Training & Marketing segment and a \$2.0 million revenue increase in our Learning Solutions segment, offset by a \$4.0 million decline in our Professional & Technical Services segment and a \$0.2 million decline in our Performance Readiness Solutions segment. The changes in revenue and gross profit are discussed in further detail below by segment.

Operating income, the components of which are discussed below, increased \$0.1 million or 1.7% to \$8.2 million for the second quarter of 2016 compared to \$8.0 million for the second quarter of 2015. The net increase in operating income was primarily due to a \$0.3 million increase in gross profit and a \$0.1 million gain on the change in fair value of contingent consideration, offset by a \$0.3 million increase in SG&A expenses, which are discussed in more detail below. Operating income for the second quarter of 2016 includes \$0.5 million of severance costs related to cost cutting measures.

For the three months ended June 30, 2016, we had income before income tax expense of \$8.0 million compared to \$7.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015. Net income was \$4.9 million, or \$0.29 per diluted share, for the three months ended June 30, 2016, compared to net income of \$4.7 million, or \$0.27 per diluted share, for the three months ended June 30, 2015. Diluted weighted average shares outstanding were 16.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2016 compared to 17.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015. The decrease in shares outstanding is primarily due to the repurchase of shares of our outstanding common stock in the open market during 2015 and 2016.

## Revenue

(Dollars in thousands)

	Three months ended	
	June 30,	
	2016	2015
Learning Solutions	\$ 52,706	\$ 50,755
Professional & Technical Services	26,024	30,066
Sandy Training & Marketing	27,374	25,199
Performance Readiness Solutions	19,438	19,645
	<u>\$ 125,542</u>	<u>\$ 125,665</u>

Learning Solutions revenue increased \$2.0 million or 3.8% during the second quarter of 2016 compared to the second quarter of 2015. The increase in revenue is due to the following:

- A \$1.5 million revenue increase attributable to the Jencal Training acquisition completed on March 1, 2016; and
- A \$1.8 million net increase in e-Learning content development and training business process outsourcing (BPO) services.

These increases were partially offset by a \$1.3 million decrease in revenue due to unfavorable changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Professional & Technical Services revenue decreased \$4.0 million or 13.4% during the second quarter of 2016 compared to the second quarter of 2015. The net decrease in revenue is due to the following:

- A \$2.2 million decrease in training and technical services for oil and gas clients;
- A \$0.8 million net decrease in training and professional services for energy clients;
- A \$0.6 million net decrease in engineering and technical services; and
- A \$0.4 million decrease in revenue due to unfavorable changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Sandy Training & Marketing revenue increased \$2.2 million or 8.6% during the second quarter of 2016 compared to the second quarter of 2015. The net increase is primarily due to a \$2.9 million increase in training services for automotive clients, offset by a \$0.7 million decline in magazine publications revenue due to a decline in volume.

Performance Readiness Solutions revenue decreased \$0.2 million or 1.1% during the second quarter of 2016 compared to the second quarter of 2015. The net decrease is primarily due to a \$0.7 million decline in platform adoption training services and \$0.5 million decline in performance consulting services, partially offset by a \$1.0 million increase in technical training services largely due to a new contract with an aerospace client.

### *Gross Profit*

(Dollars in thousands)

	<b>Three months ended</b>			
	<b>June 30,</b>			
	<b>2016</b>		<b>2015</b>	
		% Revenue		% Revenue
Learning Solutions	\$ 9,572	18.2%	\$ 8,387	16.5%
Professional & Technical Services	4,106	15.8%	5,829	19.4%
Sandy Training & Marketing	3,830	14.0%	3,427	13.6%
Performance Readiness Solutions	2,836	14.6%	2,433	12.4%
	<u>\$ 20,344</u>	<u>16.2%</u>	<u>\$ 20,076</u>	<u>16.0%</u>

Learning Solutions gross profit of \$9.6 million or 18.2% of revenue for the second quarter of 2016 increased by \$1.2 million or 14.1% when compared to gross profit of \$8.4 million or 16.5% of revenue for the second quarter of 2015. The increase in gross profit and margin is primarily due to the revenue increases noted above, cost reduction initiatives, and a \$0.3 million increase in gross profit attributable to the Jencal acquisition completed in March 2016. The net gross profit increase was partially offset by a \$0.3 million decrease in gross profit due to unfavorable changes in foreign currency exchange rates and \$0.3 million of severance costs during the second quarter of 2016 due to cost cutting measures.

Professional & Technical Services gross profit of \$4.1 million or 15.8% of revenue for the second quarter of 2016 decreased by \$1.7 million or 29.6% when compared to gross profit of \$5.8 million or 19.4% of revenue for the second quarter of 2015. The decrease in gross profit and margin is primarily due to a decline in higher margin revenue streams in this segment and a loss in our alternative fuels business during the second quarter of 2016. The decline in gross profit also reflects \$0.1 million of severance costs in this segment during the second quarter of 2016.

Sandy Training & Marketing gross profit of \$3.8 million or 14.0% of revenue for the second quarter of 2016 increased by \$0.4 million or 11.8% when compared to gross profit of \$3.4 million or 13.6% of revenue for the second quarter of 2015 due to the net revenue increase noted above.

Performance Readiness Solutions gross profit of \$2.8 million or 14.6% of revenue for the second quarter of 2016 increased by \$0.4 million or 16.6% when compared to gross profit of \$2.4 million or 12.4% of revenue for the second quarter of 2015. The increase in gross profit is primarily due to a decrease in overhead costs, which was partially offset by \$0.1 million of severance costs in this segment during the second quarter of 2016.

### *Selling, General and Administrative Expenses*

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$0.3 million or 2.3% from \$12.0 million for the second quarter of 2015 to \$12.3 million for the second quarter of 2016. The increase in SG&A expenses is due to a \$0.3 million increase in labor and benefits expense and a \$0.2 million net increase in various other expenses, partially offset by a \$0.2 million decrease in amortization expense during the three months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 due to certain intangible assets related to previously completed acquisitions becoming fully amortized.

### *Change in Fair Value of Contingent Consideration*

We recognized a gain on the change in fair value of contingent consideration related to acquisitions of \$0.1 million in the second quarter of 2016 compared to a loss of \$0.1 million in the second quarter of 2015. Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration obligations result from changes in discount periods, changes in the timing and amount of revenue and/or earnings estimates and changes in probability assumptions with respect to the likelihood of achieving the various earn-out criteria. See Note 5 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further details regarding the potential contingent consideration payments and the changes in fair value of the related liabilities during the three months ended June 30, 2016.

### *Interest Expense*

Interest expense increased slightly by \$0.1 million from \$0.3 million for the second quarter of 2015 to \$0.4 million for the second quarter of 2016 primarily due to an increase in short-term borrowings in the second quarter of 2016 compared to the second quarter of 2015.

### *Other Income (Expense)*

Other income was \$0.2 million for the second quarter of 2016 compared to other expense of \$0.3 million for the second quarter of 2015 and consists primarily of income from a joint venture and foreign currency gains and losses. During the three months ended June 30, 2016, we had net foreign currency gains of \$0.1 million compared to net foreign currency losses of \$0.5 million in the corresponding period in 2015. The foreign currency gains and losses primarily relate to the effect of exchange rates on intercompany receivables and payables and third party receivables and payables that are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of our legal entities.

### *Income Tax Expense*

Income tax expense was \$3.1 million for the second quarter of 2016 compared to \$2.7 million for the second quarter of 2015. The effective income tax rate was 38.3% and 36.3% for the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The increase in the effective income tax rate during the second quarter of 2016 is primarily due to an increase in income in jurisdictions with higher tax rates. Income tax expense for the quarterly periods is based on an estimated annual effective tax rate which includes the U.S. federal, state and local, and non-U.S. statutory rates, permanent differences, and other items that may have an impact on income tax expense.

### **Six Months ended June 30, 2016 Compared to the Six Months ended June 30, 2015**

Our revenue increased \$0.4 million or 0.2% and our gross profit decreased \$0.9 million or 2.4% during the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to six months ended June 30, 2015. The net increase in revenue is due to a \$9.3 million revenue increase in our Sandy Training & Marketing segment, offset by a \$8.1 million decline in our Professional & Technical Services segment and a \$0.8 million decline in our Performance Readiness Solutions segment. The changes in revenue and gross profit are discussed in further detail below by segment.

Operating income, the components of which are discussed in detail below, decreased \$1.4 million or 9.1% to \$14.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to \$15.3 million for the same period in 2015. The net decrease in operating income was primarily due to a \$0.9 million decrease in gross profit and a \$0.6 million increase in SG&A expenses, offset by a \$0.2 million increase in the change in fair value of contingent consideration. Operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2016 includes \$0.6 million of severance costs related to cost cutting measures.

For the six months ended June 30, 2016, we had income before income tax expense of \$14.0 million compared to \$14.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015. Net income was \$8.7 million, or \$0.52 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2016, compared to net income of \$8.8 million, or \$0.51 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2015. Diluted weighted average shares outstanding were 16.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to 17.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015. The decrease in shares outstanding is primarily due to the repurchase of shares of our outstanding common stock in the open market during 2015 and 2016.

## Revenue

(Dollars in thousands)

	Six months ended June 30,	
	2016	2015
Learning Solutions	\$ 102,612	\$ 102,584
Professional & Technical Services	51,853	59,963
Sandy Training & Marketing	49,198	39,928
Performance Readiness Solutions	37,635	38,443
	<u>\$ 241,298</u>	<u>\$ 240,918</u>

Learning Solutions revenue was flat during the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. While revenue was flat, we experienced the following changes in revenue:

- A \$1.9 million revenue increase attributable to the Jencal Training acquisition completed on March 1, 2016; and
- A \$1.1 million net increase in e-Learning content development and training business process outsourcing (BPO) services.

These increases were partially offset by a \$3.0 million decrease in revenue due to unfavorable changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Professional & Technical Services revenue decreased \$8.1 million or 13.5% during the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. The net decrease in revenue is due to the following:

- A \$4.1 million decrease in training and technical services for oil and gas clients;
- A \$1.7 million net decrease in training and professional services for energy clients;
- A \$0.9 million net decrease in engineering and technical training services;
- A \$0.8 million decrease in revenue due to unfavorable changes in foreign currency exchange rates; and
- A \$0.6 million decrease due to the completion of projects in our alternative fuels business.

Sandy Training & Marketing revenue increased \$9.3 million or 23.2% during the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. The net increase is primarily due to a \$4.6 million increase in magazine publications revenue due to a new publication contract with an automotive customer which began in the second quarter of 2015 and a \$4.7 million net increase in training services for automotive customers.

Performance Readiness Solutions revenue decreased \$0.8 million or 2.1% during the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. The net decrease is primarily due to a \$1.6 million decline in platform adoption training services, partially offset by a \$0.8 million increase in technical training services largely due to a new contract with an aerospace client.

## Gross Profit

(Dollars in thousands)

	Six months ended June 30,			
	2016		2015	
	\$	% Revenue	\$	% Revenue
Learning Solutions	\$ 19,276	18.8%	\$ 16,734	16.3%
Professional & Technical Services	7,990	15.4%	12,242	20.4%
Sandy Training & Marketing	6,281	12.8%	5,403	13.5%
Performance Readiness Solutions	4,724	12.6%	4,832	12.6%
	<u>\$ 38,271</u>	<u>15.9%</u>	<u>\$ 39,211</u>	<u>16.3%</u>

Learning Solutions gross profit of \$19.3 million or 18.8% of revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 increased by \$2.5 million or 15.2% when compared to gross profit of \$16.7 million or 16.3% of revenue for the same period in 2015. The increase in gross profit is primarily due to cost reduction initiatives and a one-time cost reduction related to a UK government funded skills training contract during the first quarter of 2016. The net gross profit increase was partially offset by a \$0.6 million decrease in

gross profit due to unfavorable changes in foreign currency exchange rates and \$0.3 million of severance costs during the second quarter of 2016 due to cost cutting measures.

Professional & Technical Services gross profit of \$8.0 million or 15.4% of revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 decreased by \$4.3 million or 34.7% when compared to gross profit of \$12.2 million or 20.4% of revenue for the same period in 2015. The decrease in gross profit and margin is primarily due to a decline in higher margin revenue streams in this segment and a loss in our alternative fuels business during the first half of 2016. The decline in gross profit also reflects \$0.1 million of severance costs in this segment during the second quarter of 2016.

Sandy Training and Marketing gross profit of \$6.3 million or 12.8% of revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 increased by \$0.9 million or 16.3% when compared to gross profit of \$5.4 million or 13.5% of revenue for the same period in 2015 due to the net revenue increase noted above. Gross profit as a percentage of revenue decreased during the first half of 2016 primarily due to an increase in lower margin publication revenue compared to the second half of 2015.

Performance Readiness Solutions gross profit of \$4.7 million or 12.6% of revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 decreased by \$0.1 million or 2.2% when compared to gross profit of \$4.8 million or 12.6% of revenue for the same period in 2015. The decrease in gross profit is primarily due to the net revenue decline noted above. In addition, gross profit reflects \$0.1 million of severance costs in this segment during the second quarter of 2016.

#### *Selling, General and Administrative Expenses*

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$0.6 million or 2.7% from \$23.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 to \$24.2 million for the same period in 2016. The increase in SG&A expenses is due to a \$0.6 million increase in labor and benefits expense and a \$0.4 million net increase in various other expenses, partially offset by a \$0.4 million decrease in amortization expense during the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 due to certain intangible assets related to previously completed acquisitions becoming fully amortized.

#### *Change in Fair Value of Contingent Consideration*

We recognized net losses on the change in fair value of contingent consideration related to acquisitions of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration obligations result from changes in discount periods, changes in the timing and amount of revenue and/or earnings estimates and changes in probability assumptions with respect to the likelihood of achieving the various earn-out criteria. See Note 5 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further details regarding the potential contingent consideration payments and the changes in fair value of the related liabilities during the six months ended June 30, 2016.

#### *Interest Expense*

Interest expense decreased \$0.1 million from \$0.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 to \$0.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016 primarily due to a decrease in long-term debt in 2016 compared to 2015.

#### *Other Income (Expense)*

Other income was \$0.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to other expense of \$0.5 million for the same period in 2015 and consisted primarily of income from a joint venture offset by foreign currency losses in both years. During the six months ended June 30, 2016, we had net foreign currency gains of \$0.4 million compared to net foreign currency losses of \$0.9 million in the corresponding period in 2015. The foreign currency gains and losses primarily relate to the effect of exchange rates on intercompany receivables and payables and third party receivables and payables that are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of our legal entities.

#### *Income Tax Expense*

Income tax expense was \$5.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to \$5.3 million for the same period in 2015. The effective income tax rate was 37.7% and 37.6% for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Income tax expense for the quarterly periods is based on an estimated annual effective tax rate which includes the U.S. federal, state and local, and non-U.S. statutory rates, permanent differences, and other items that may have an impact on income tax expense.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

### ***Working Capital***

Our working capital was \$32.3 million at June 30, 2016 compared to \$40.3 million at December 31, 2015. As of June 30, 2016 we had \$42.5 million of short-term borrowings and \$17.8 million of long-term debt outstanding. We believe that cash generated from operations and borrowings available under our Credit Agreement (\$20.0 million of available borrowings as of June 30, 2016) will be sufficient to fund our working capital and other requirements for at least the next twelve months.

As of June 30, 2016, the amount of cash and cash equivalents held outside of the U.S. by foreign subsidiaries was \$14.8 million. At the present time, we do not anticipate repatriating these balances to fund domestic operations. We would be required to accrue for and pay taxes in the U.S. in the event we repatriated these funds.

### ***Stock Repurchase Program***

We have a share repurchase program under which we may repurchase shares of our common stock from time to time in the open market, subject to prevailing business and market conditions and other factors. During the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, we repurchased approximately 340,000 and 33,000 shares, respectively, of our common stock in the open market for a total cost of approximately \$8.0 million and \$1.1 million, respectively. As of June 30, 2016, there was approximately \$6.1 million available for future repurchases under the buyback program.

### ***Acquisition-Related Payments***

In connection with previously completed acquisitions, we paid \$2.6 million in contingent consideration in June 2016 for the Effective Companies acquisition and we may be required to pay up to an additional \$0.4 million of contingent consideration in 2016 for the Jencal Training acquisition.

### ***Significant Customers & Concentration of Credit Risk***

We have a market concentration of revenue in both the automotive sector and financial services & insurance sector. Revenue from the automotive industry accounted for approximately 22% and 18% of our consolidated revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. In addition, we have a concentration of revenue from a single automotive customer, which accounted for approximately 14% and 11% of our consolidated revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. As of June 30, 2016, accounts receivable from a single automotive customer totaled \$14.2 million, or 16%, of our consolidated accounts receivable balance. Revenue from the financial services & insurance industry accounted for approximately 21% and 22% of our consolidated revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. In addition, we have a concentration of revenue from a single financial services customer, which accounted for approximately 15% and 14.0% of our consolidated revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. As of June 30, 2016, billed and unbilled accounts receivable from a single financial services customer totaled \$27.7 million, or 21%, of our consolidated accounts receivable and costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts balances. No other single customer accounted for more than 10% of our consolidated revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2016 or 2015 or consolidated accounts receivable balance as of June 30, 2016.

### ***Cash Flows***

#### **Six Months ended June 30, 2016 Compared to the Six Months ended June 30, 2015**

Our cash and cash equivalents balance decreased \$6.2 million from \$21.0 million as of December 31, 2015 to \$14.9 million as of June 30, 2016. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents during the six months ended June 30, 2016 resulted from cash provided by operating activities of \$10.0 million, cash used in investing activities of \$4.8 million, cash used in financing activities of \$10.8 million and a negative effect of exchange rates changes on cash of \$0.6 million.

Cash provided by operating activities was \$10.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to \$3.1 million for the same period in 2015. The increase in cash is primarily due to a net favorable change in working capital balances during the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 largely due to a decrease in costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts.

Cash used in investing activities was \$4.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to \$1.5 million for the same period in 2015. The increase in cash used is due to \$2.3 million of cash, net of cash acquired, used to complete the Jencal Training acquisition in March 2016 and \$1.6 million of cash used for an investment in a new joint venture during the second quarter of 2016.

Cash used in financing activities was \$10.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to \$3.7 million for the same period in 2015. The increase in cash used in financing activities is primarily due a \$6.8 million increase in share repurchases and a \$1.0 million increase resulting from the change in negative cash book balances during the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015.

### ***Debt***

On September 2, 2014, we entered into a Fourth Amended and Restated Financing and Security Agreement (the “Credit Agreement”). The Credit Agreement provides for a revolving credit facility up to a maximum principal amount of \$65 million expiring on October 31, 2018 and for a term loan in the principal amount of \$40 million maturing on October 31, 2017, and is secured by substantially all of our assets.

The maximum interest rate on the Credit Agreement is the daily one-month LIBOR market index rate plus 2.50%. Based on our financial performance, the interest rate can be reduced to a minimum rate of the daily one-month LIBOR market index rate plus 1.25%, with the rate being determined based on our maximum leverage ratio for the preceding four quarters. Each unpaid advance on the revolving loan will bear interest until repaid. The term loan is payable in monthly installments equal to \$1.1 million plus applicable interest, beginning on November 1, 2014 and ending on October 31, 2017. We may prepay the term loan or the revolving loan, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty, subject to certain conditions. Amounts repaid or prepaid on the term loan may not be reborrowed.

The Credit Agreement contains customary affirmative and negative covenants, including covenants that limit or restrict our and our subsidiaries’ (subject to certain exceptions) ability to, among other things, grant liens, make investments, incur indebtedness, merge or consolidate, dispose of assets, make acquisitions. We are also required to maintain compliance with a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.5 to 1.0 and a maximum leverage ratio of 2.0 to 1.0. As of June 30, 2016, our fixed coverage charge ratio was 1.9 to 1.0 and our leverage ratio was 1.4 to 1.0, all of which were in compliance with the Credit Agreement.

As of June 30, 2016, our total long-term debt outstanding under the term loan was \$17.8 million. In addition, there were \$42.5 million of borrowings outstanding and \$20.0 million of available borrowings under the Credit Agreement. For the six months ended June 30, 2016, the weighted average interest rate on our borrowings was 2.2%.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Commitments**

As of June 30, 2016, we did not have any off-balance sheet commitments except for operating leases and letters of credit entered into in the normal course of business.

### **Accounting Standards Issued**

We discuss recently issued accounting standards in Note 2 to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a “safe harbor” for forward looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not statements of historical facts, but rather reflect our current expectations concerning future events and results. We use words such as “expects,” “intends,” “believes,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” “plans” and similar expressions to indicate forward-looking statements, but their absence does not mean a statement is not forward-looking. Because these forward-looking statements are based upon management’s expectations and assumptions and are subject to risks and uncertainties, there are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, those factors set forth in Item 1A - Risk Factors of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and those other risks and uncertainties detailed in our periodic reports and registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We caution that these risk factors may not be exhaustive. We operate in a continually changing business environment, and new risk factors emerge from time to time. We cannot predict these new risk factors, nor can we assess the effect, if any, of the new risk factors on our business or the extent to which any factor or combination of factors may cause actual results to differ from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

If any one or more of these expectations and assumptions proves incorrect, actual results will likely differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Even if all of the foregoing assumptions and expectations prove correct, actual results may still differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements as a result of factors we may not anticipate or that may be beyond our control. While we cannot assess the future impact that any of these differences could have on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows or the market price of shares of our common stock, the differences could be significant. We do not undertake to update any forward-looking statements made by us, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You are cautioned not to unduly rely on such forward-looking statements when evaluating the information presented in this report.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk**

The Company has no material changes to the disclosure on this matter made in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

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

#### ***Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

We maintain a comprehensive set of disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”)) designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our filings under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported accurately and within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures are effective in providing reasonable assurance of the achievement of the objectives described above.

#### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

During the quarter ended June 30, 2016, there was no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d—15(f) under the Exchange Act) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

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

None.

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

The Company has no material changes to the disclosure on this matter made in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

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

The following table provides information about the Company's share repurchase activity for the three months ended June 30, 2016:

Month	Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities			
	Total number of shares purchased	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced program	Approximate dollar value of shares that may yet be purchased under the program (1)
April 1 - 30, 2016	—	\$ —	—	\$ 9,719,000
May 1 - 31, 2016	146,269 (2)	\$ 23.05	143,240	\$ 6,410,000
June 1 - 30, 2016	16,206	\$ 22.16	16,206	\$ 6,050,000

- (1) We have a share repurchase program under which we may repurchase shares of our common stock from time to time in the open market subject to prevailing business and market conditions and other factors. There is no expiration date for the repurchase program.
- (2) Includes shares surrendered by employees to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligations on restricted stock units which vested and shares surrendered to exercise stock options and satisfy the related minimum tax withholding obligations during the second quarter of 2016.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

- 10.1 Second Amendment, dated July 12, 2016, to Fourth Amended and Restated Financing and Security Agreement, dated September 2, 2014, by and between GP Strategies Corporation as Borrower and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Lender.\*
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer of the Company dated July 28, 2016 pursuant to Securities and Exchange Act Rule 13d-14(a)/15(d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 and 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*
- 31.2 Certification of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company dated July 28, 2016 pursuant to Securities and Exchange Act Rule 13d-14(a)/15(d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 and 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company dated July 28, 2016 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*
- 101 The following materials from GP Strategies Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2016, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets; (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations; (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss), (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; and (v) Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.\*

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\*Filed herewith.

## SIGNATURES

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

GP STRATEGIES CORPORATION

July 28, 2016

/s/ Scott N. Greenberg

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Scott N. Greenberg

*Chief Executive Officer*

July 28, 2016

/s/ Sharon Esposito-Mayer

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Sharon Esposito-Mayer

*Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

SECOND AMENDMENT TO  
FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED FINANCING AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED FINANCING AND SECURITY AGREEMENT (this “Amendment”) is made this 12th day of July, 2016, by GP Strategies Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“GP” or the “Borrower”), General Physics (UK) Ltd., GP Strategies Holdings Limited, GP Strategies Limited and GP Strategies Training Limited, each a company organized and existing under the laws of England and Wales (each individually, a “UK Borrower” and collectively, the “UK Borrowers”) and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (the “Lender”).

RECITALS

A. The Borrower and the Lender are parties to a Fourth Amended and Restated Financing and Security Agreement dated as of September 2, 2014, as amended by the First Amendment to Fourth Amended and Restated Financing and Security Agreement dated as of September 28, 2015, and by this Amendment, and as may be further amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified hereafter (the “Financing Agreement”), pursuant to which the Lender extended to the Borrower certain credit facilities consisting of (i) a revolving credit facility in the maximum principal amount of US Sixty Five Million Dollars (\$65,000,000) (the “Revolving Credit Facility”) with a letter of credit sub-facility in the maximum aggregate stated amount of US Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) (the “Letter of Credit Facility”) and (ii) a term loan in the original principal amount of US Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000) (the “Term Loan”). All capitalized terms used, but not specifically defined herein, shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Financing Agreement.

B. The Borrower has requested an increase in the Letter of Credit Facility established under the Revolving Credit Facility, and the Lender has agreed to the Borrower’s request, subject to the terms and conditions of this Amendment.

AGREEMENTS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Borrower, the UK Borrowers and the Lender agree as follows:

1. The Recitals above are a part of this Amendment.
2. Each of the Borrower and the UK Borrowers represents and warrants to the Lender as follows:

(a) It is an entity duly organized, and validly existing and, with respect to the Borrower only, in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it was organized, has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted and is qualified to do business in every jurisdiction where such qualification is required, except where the failure to do so in such jurisdiction would not have a material adverse effect on the ability of the Borrower and the UK Borrowers taken as a whole to perform the Obligations, on the conduct of the Borrower’s and the UK Borrowers’ operations taken as a whole, on the Borrower’s and the UK Borrowers’ financial condition taken as a whole, or on the value of, or the ability of Lender to realize upon, the Collateral.

(b) It has the power and authority to execute and deliver this Amendment and perform its obligations hereunder and has taken all necessary and appropriate corporate action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Amendment.

(c) The Financing Agreement, as amended by this Amendment, and each of the other Financing Documents to which it is a party remains in full force and effect, and each constitutes its valid and legally binding obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other laws affecting creditors' and secured parties' rights and remedies generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

3. The definitions of the following terms contained in Section 1.1 of the Financing Agreement are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced by the following definitions:

“‘EURIBOR’ means the rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary to the nearest 1/100 of 1%) published by ICE Benchmark Administration Limited (or if not so published, then as determined by the Lender from another recognized source or interbank quotation) as the London interbank offered rate for deposits in EUROS for delivery of funds for periods of one (1) month; provided, however, that if EURIBOR determined as provided above would be less than zero (0.0%), then EURIBOR shall be deemed to be zero percent (0.0%).”

“‘LIBOR’ means the rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary to the nearest 1/100 of 1%) published by ICE Benchmark Administration Limited (or if not so published, then as determined by the Lender from another recognized source or interbank quotation) as the London interbank offered rate for deposits in United States Dollars or Sterling for delivery of funds for a period of one (1) month; provided, however, that if LIBOR determined as provided above would be less than zero (0.0%), then LIBOR shall be deemed to be zero percent (0.0%).”

4. Letters of Credit Facility. Section 2.2.1(b) of the Financing Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“(b) the sum of the aggregate face amount of the then outstanding Letters of Credit (including the face amount of the requested Letter of Credit) does not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000).”

5. Any Notes executed in connection with the credit(s) subject to the Financing Agreement may calculate interest rate equal to the sum of an index rate of interest plus a margin rate of interest. In the event any index rate of interest would be less than zero percent (0.0%), then the index rate of interest shall be deemed to be zero percent (0.0%) and the applicable Note shall bear interest at a rate equal to the margin rate of interest. The definitions of EURIBOR and LIBOR contained in this Amendment shall replace the equivalent definitions contained in any Notes.

6. After giving effect to this Amendment, the Borrower hereby ratifies and confirms the representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Financing Agreement, except that to the extent any such representation, warranty or covenant by its express terms relates to an earlier date, such representation, warranty or covenant, as applicable, was true and correct in all material respects on and as of such earlier date. The Borrower, the UK Borrowers and the Lender agree that this Amendment is not intended to and shall not cause a novation with respect to any or all of the Obligations. Except as expressly modified herein, all of the terms, conditions and provisions of the Financing Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

7. The Borrower shall pay at the time this Amendment is executed and delivered by all of the parties hereto all fees, costs, charges and other expenses incurred by the Lender in connection with this Amendment, including, but not limited to, reasonable and properly documented fees and expenses of the counsel for the Lender.

8. This Amendment is one of the Financing Documents. This Amendment may be executed in any number of duplicate originals or counterparts, each of such duplicate originals or counterparts shall be deemed to be an original and all taken together shall constitute but one and the same agreement. Each party to this Amendment agrees that the respective signatures of the parties may be delivered by fax, “.pdf,” or other electronic means acceptable to the Lender and that the parties may rely on a signature so delivered as an original. Any party who chooses to deliver its signature in such manner agrees to provide promptly to the other parties a copy of this Amendment with its inked signature, but the party's failure to deliver a copy of this Amendment with its inked signature shall not affect the validity, enforceability and binding effect of this Amendment.

**[Signatures Follow on Next Page]**

**Signature Page 1 of 2 to  
Second Amendment to Fourth Amended and Restated Financing and Security Agreement**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

**BORROWERS:**

GP STRATEGIES CORPORATION

By: /s/ Sharon Esposito-Mayer  
Name: Sharon Esposito-Mayer  
Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

GENERAL PHYSICS (UK) LTD.

By: /s/ Douglas Sharp  
Name: Douglas Sharp  
Title: Director

GP Strategies Holdings Limited

By: /s/ Douglas Sharp  
Name: Douglas Sharp  
Title: Director

GP STRATEGIES LIMITED

By: /s/ Douglas Sharp  
Name: Douglas Sharp  
Title: Director

GP STRATEGIES TRAINING LIMITED

By: /s/ Douglas Sharp  
Name: Douglas Sharp  
Title: Director

**LENDER**

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Lucy Campbell

Name: Lucy Campbell

Title: Senior Vice President / Loan Team Manager

## CERTIFICATION

I, Scott N. Greenberg, certify that:

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

Date: July 28, 2016

/s/ Scott N. Greenberg

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Scott N. Greenberg

*Chief Executive Officer*

## CERTIFICATION

I, Sharon Esposito-Mayer, certify that:

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

Date: July 28, 2016

/s/ Sharon Esposito-Mayer

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Sharon Esposito-Mayer

*Executive Vice President and 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 on Form 10-Q of GP Strategies Corporation (the “Company”) for the quarter ended June 30, 2016 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), the undersigned hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to such officer’s 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 results of operations of the Company.

Date: July 28, 2016

/s/ Scott N. Greenberg

Scott N. Greenberg

*Chief Executive Officer*

/s/ Sharon Esposito-Mayer

Sharon Esposito-Mayer

*Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*