

# SYKES ENTERPRISES INC

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**Annual Report Pursuant To Section 13 Or 15(d) Of The Securities Exchange Act Of 1934**  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005

Or

**Transition Report Pursuant To Section 13 Or 15(d) Of The Securities Exchange Act Of 1934**  
For The Transition Period From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Florida**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**56-1383460**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**400 N. Ashley Drive, Tampa, Florida**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**33602**  
(Zip Code)

**(813) 274-1000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: **None**

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

Title of Each Class

**Voting Common Stock \$.01 Par Value**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

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

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

Yes  No

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

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

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

Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the shares of voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant computed by reference to the closing

sales price of such shares on the NASDAQ National Market on June 30, 2005, the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, was \$372,470,379.

As of February 24, 2006, there were 39,389,513 outstanding shares of common stock.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

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Form 10-K Reference

Portions of the Proxy Statement for the year 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

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**PART I**

**Item 1. Business**

**General**

Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and consolidated subsidiaries (“SYKES,” “our,” “us” or “we”) is a global leader in providing outsourced customer contact management solutions and services in the business process outsourcing (“BPO”) arena. We provide an array of sophisticated customer contact management solutions to a wide range of clients including Fortune 1000 companies, medium sized businesses, and public institutions around the world, primarily in the communications, technology/consumer, financial services, healthcare, and transportation and leisure industries. We serve our clients through two geographic operating regions: the Americas (United States, Canada, Latin America, India and the Asia Pacific Rim) and EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa). Our Americas and EMEA groups primarily provide customer contact outsourcing services (with an emphasis on inbound technical support and customer service), which includes customer assistance, healthcare and roadside assistance, technical support and product sales to our client’s customers. These services are delivered through multiple communications channels including phone, e-mail, Web and chat. We also provide various enterprise support services in the United States that include services for our client’s internal support operations, from technical staffing services to outsourced corporate help desk services. In Europe, we also provide fulfillment services including multilingual sales order processing via the Internet and phone, inventory control, product delivery and product returns handling. Our complete service offering helps our clients acquire, retain and increase the value of their customer relationships. We have developed an extensive global reach with state-of-the-art customer contact management centers throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa. SYKES delivers cost-effective solutions that enhance the customer service experience, promote stronger brand loyalty, and bring about high levels of performance and profitability.

SYKES was founded in 1977 in North Carolina and we moved our headquarters to Florida in 1993. In March 1996, we changed our state of incorporation from North Carolina to Florida. Our headquarters are located at 400 North Ashley Drive, 28th Floor, Tampa, Florida 33602, and our telephone number is (813) 274-1000.

Our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports, as well as our proxy statements and other materials which are filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) are made available, free of charge, on or through our Internet website at [www.sykes.com/investors.asp](http://www.sykes.com/investors.asp) under the heading “Financial Reports — SEC Filings,” as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed with, or furnished to, the SEC.

**Industry Overview**

According to industry analysts at Datamonitor, the outsourced customer contact management solutions market was estimated for the U.S., Western Europe and the rest of the world to be approximately \$15 billion, \$6 billion and \$3 billion in 2005, respectively. Also, the five primary verticals in which we participate — communications, technology/consumer, financial services, healthcare and transportation and leisure — constitute approximately 80% of the total worldwide market. We believe that growth for outsourced customer contact management solutions and services will be fueled by the trend of global Fortune 1000 companies and medium sized businesses turning to outsourcers to provide high quality, cost-effective, value added customer contact management solutions. Increasingly they are moving toward integrated solutions that consist of a combination of support from core markets in the United States, Canada and Europe and offshore markets in the Asia Pacific Rim and Latin America.

In today’s ever-changing marketplace, companies require innovative customer contact management solutions that allow them to enhance the end user’s experience with their products and services, strengthen and enhance their company brands, maximize the lifetime value of their customers, turn cost centers into profit centers, efficiently and effectively deliver human interaction when customers value it most, and deploy best in-class customer management strategies, processes and technologies.

Global competition, pricing pressures, softness in the global economy and rapid changes in technology are making it increasingly difficult for companies to cost effectively maintain the in-house personnel necessary to handle all their customer contact management needs. As a result, companies are increasingly turning to outsourcers to perform specialized functions and services in the customer contact management arena. By working in a

partnership with outsourcers, companies can ensure that the crucial task of retaining and growing their customer base is addressed.

Companies outsource customer contact management solutions for various reasons, including the need to focus on core competencies, to drive service excellence and execution, to achieve cost savings, to scale and grow geographies and niche markets and to efficiently allocate capital within their organizations.

To address these needs, SYKES offers full, global customer contact management solutions that focus on proactively identifying and solving our clients' business challenges. We provide consistent high-value support for our clients' customers across the globe in a multitude of languages, leveraging our dynamic, secure communications infrastructure and our global footprint that reaches across 17 countries. This global footprint includes established operations in both onshore and offshore geographic markets where companies have access to high quality customer contact management solutions at lower costs compared to other markets.

### Business Strategy

Our goal is to provide enhanced customer contact management solutions and services in a proactive and responsive manner, acting as a partner in our client's business. We anticipate trends and deliver new ways of growing clients' customer satisfaction and retention rates, thus profit, through timely, insightful and proven solutions.

Our business strategy encompasses building long-term client relationships, capitalizing on our expert worldwide response team, leveraging our depth of relevant experience and expanding both organically and through acquisitions. The principles of this strategy include the following:

**Build Long-term Client Relationships Through Service Excellence.** We believe that providing high-value, high-quality service is critical in our clients' decisions to outsource and in building long-term relationships with our clients. To ensure service excellence and consistency across each of our centers globally, we implemented an internally developed quality program titled SYKES Standard of Excellence ("SSE"). This quality certification standard is a compilation of more than 25 years of experience and best practices from industry standards such as the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and COPC (Customer Operations Performance Center Inc.) along with our standard operating procedures. Every customer contact management center strives to meet or exceed the criteria set forth by SSE, which address leadership, hiring and training, performance management down to the agent level, forecasting and scheduling, and the client relationship including continuous improvement, disaster recovery plans and feedback.

**Capitalize on an Expert Worldwide Response Team.** Companies are demanding a customer contact management solution that is global in nature — one of our key strengths. In addition to our network of customer contact management centers throughout North America and Europe, we continue to develop our global delivery model with operations in the Philippines, The Peoples Republic of China, Costa Rica and El Salvador, offering our clients a secure, high quality solution tailored to the needs of their diverse and global markets. We continued to expand our global footprint, adding centers in El Salvador in 2004 and Slovakia in 2005.

**Maintain a Competitive Advantage Through Our Depth of Relevant Experience in Technology Solutions.** For more than 25 years, SYKES has been an innovative pioneer in delivering customer contact management solutions. We seek to maintain a competitive advantage and differentiation by utilizing technology in new and creative ways to consistently deliver innovative service solutions, ultimately enhancing the client's relationship with its customers and generating revenue growth. This includes knowledge solutions for agents and end customers, automatic call distributors, intelligent call routing and workforce management capabilities based on agent skill and availability, call tracking software, quality management systems and computer-telephony integration ("CTI"). CTI enables our customer contact management centers to serve as transparent extensions for our clients, receive telephone calls and data directly from our clients' systems, and report detailed information concerning the status and results of our services on a daily basis.

Through strategic technology relationships, we are able to provide fully integrated communication services encompassing e-mail, chat and Web self-service platforms. In addition, the European deployment of Global Direct, our customer relationship management ("CRM")/ e-commerce application utilized within the fulfillment operations, establishes a platform whereby our clients can manage all customer profile and contact information from every communication channel, making it a viable customer-facing infrastructure solution to support their CRM initiatives.

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We are also continuing to capitalize on sophisticated and specialized technological capabilities, including our current private ATM network that provides us the ability to manage call volumes more efficiently by load balancing calls and data between customer contact management centers over the same network. Our converged voice and data ATM communications network provides a high-quality, fault tolerant global network for the transport of Voice Over Internet Protocol communications and fully integrates with emergent Internet Protocol telephony systems as well as traditional Time Domain Multiplexing telephony systems. Our flexible, secure and scalable network infrastructure allows us to rapidly respond to changes in client voice and data traffic and quickly establish support operations for new and existing clients.

***Continue to Grow Our Business Organically and through Acquisitions.*** We have grown our customer contact management outsourcing operations utilizing a strategy of both internal organic growth and external acquisitions. This strategy has resulted in an increase from three U.S. customer contact management centers in 1994 to 37 customer contact management centers worldwide as of the end of 2005. Given the fragmented nature of the customer contact management industry, there may be other companies that could bring us certain complementary competencies. Acquisition candidates that can, among other competencies, expand our service offerings, broaden our geographic footprint, allow us access to new technology and are synergistic in nature, will be given consideration. We have and will continue to explore these options upon identification of strategic opportunities.

### Growth Strategy

Applying the key principles of our business strategy, we execute our growth strategy by focusing on increasing our share of seats within existing clients, targeting new clients and establishing a foothold in emerging markets.

***Increasing Share of Seats within Existing Clients .*** We provide customer contact management support to over 100 multinational companies. With this client list, we have the opportunity to grow our share of SYKES' client base. We strive to achieve this by winning a greater share of our clients' in-house seats as well as gain share from our competitors through continued solid quality performance and service enhancements such as data mining and analytics and process improvements – all of which are built around and complement our core service offering.

***Targeting New Clients .*** We leverage our operational success by expanding into complementary business lines of new clients within our targeted verticals: communications, financial services and healthcare. For instance, we have successfully leveraged our Digital Subscriber Line ("DSL") expertise within the communications vertical to penetrate the cable broadband space. Building on that success, we anticipate growing revenue further using similar strategies to penetrate other subsets of these targeted verticals, like communications, financial services and healthcare.

***Establishing a Foothold in Emerging Markets .*** As part of our growth strategy, we use SYKES' delivery model to service core markets in the United States, Canada and Europe. The U.S., for instance, is a core market which is partly served by offshore customer contact management centers across the Asia Pacific Rim and Latin America regions. As countries in these regions experience rising living standards due to globalization, we are poised to leverage our centers to serve the emerging markets in these regions.

### Services

We specialize in providing inbound outsourced customer contact management solutions in the BPO arena on a global basis. Our customer contact management services are provided through two operating segments — the Americas and EMEA. The Americas region, representing 64.3% of consolidated revenues in 2005, includes the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Asia Pacific Rim. The sites within Latin America and the Asia Pacific Rim are included in the Americas region as they provide a significant service delivery vehicle for U.S. based companies that are utilizing our customer contact management solutions in these locations to support their customer care needs. The EMEA region, representing 35.7% of consolidated revenues in 2005, includes Europe, the Middle East and Africa. For further information about segments, see Note 20, Segments and Geographic Information, to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The following is a description of our customer contact management solutions:

***Outsourced Customer Contact Management Services.*** Our outsourced customer contact management services represented approximately 94.6% of total 2005 consolidated revenues. Every year, we handle over 100 million customer contacts including phone, e-mail, Web and chat throughout the Americas and EMEA regions. We provide these services utilizing our advanced technology infrastructure, human resource management skills and industry experience. These services include:



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- Customer care — Customer care contacts primarily include product information requests, describing product features, activating customer accounts, resolving complaints, handling billing inquiries, changing addresses, claims handling, ordering/reservations, prequalification and warranty management, providing health information and roadside assistance;
- Technical support — Technical support contacts primarily include handling inquiries regarding hardware, software, communications services, communications equipment, Internet access technology and Internet portal usage; and
- Acquisition — Our acquisition services are primarily focused on inbound up-selling/cross-selling of our client's products and services.

We provide these services, primarily inbound customer calls, through our extensive global network of customer contact management centers, where our customer contact agents provide support in a multitude of languages. Our technology infrastructure and managed service solutions allow for effective distribution of calls to one or more centers. These technology offerings provide our clients and us with the leading edge tools needed to maximize quality and customer satisfaction while controlling and minimizing costs.

**Fulfillment Services.** In Europe, we offer fulfillment services that are fully integrated with our customer care and technical support services. Our fulfillment solutions include multilingual sales order processing via the Internet and phone, payment processing, inventory control, product delivery and product returns handling.

**Enterprise Support Services.** In the United States, we provide a range of enterprise support services including technical staffing services and outsourced corporate help desk solutions.

## Operations

**Customer Contact Management Centers.** We operate eighteen stand-alone customer contact management centers in Europe and South Africa, eight centers in the United States, two centers in Canada and nine centers offshore, including The Peoples Republic of China, the Philippines, Costa Rica and El Salvador.

In an effort to stay ahead of industry off-shoring trends, we opened our first customer contact management centers in the Philippines and Costa Rica over eight years ago. By 2005, we expanded to five centers in the Philippines, two in Costa Rica, one in The People's Republic of China, and one in El Salvador.

Due to shifts in business demand for offshore customer contact management centers, we closed several under-utilized customer contact management centers in the United States in 2004 and 2003. In addition, related to our efforts to reduce costs, we closed two centers in Europe and one center in the Middle East in 2004 and closed the center in India in 2005.

We utilize a sophisticated workforce management system to provide efficient scheduling of personnel. Our internally developed digital private communications network complements our workforce by allowing for effective call volume management and disaster recovery backup. Through this network and our dynamic intelligent call routing capabilities, we can rapidly respond to changes in client call volumes and move call volume traffic based on agent availability and skill throughout our network of centers, improving the responsiveness and productivity of our agents. We also can offer cost competitive solutions for taking calls to our offshore locations.

Our sophisticated data warehouse captures and downloads customer contact information for reporting on a daily, real time and historical basis. This data provides our clients with direct visibility into the services that we are providing for them. The data warehouse supplies information for our performance management systems such as our agent scorecarding application, which provides management with the information required for effective management of our operations.

Our customer contact management centers are protected by a fire extinguishing system, backup generators with significant capacity and 24 hour refueling contracts and short-term battery backups in the event of a power outage, reduced voltage or a power surge. Rerouting of call volumes to other customer contact management centers is also available in the event of a telecommunications failure, natural disaster or other emergency. Security measures are imposed to prevent unauthorized physical access. Software and related data files are backed up daily and stored off site at multiple locations. We carry business interruption insurance covering interruptions that might occur as a result of damage to our business.

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**Fulfillment Centers.** We currently have three fulfillment centers located in Europe. We provide our fulfillment services primarily to certain clients operating in Europe who desire this complementary service in connection with outsourced customer contact management services.

**Enterprise Support Services Offices.** Our two enterprise support services offices are located in metropolitan areas in the United States to provide a recruiting platform for high-end knowledge workers and to establish a local presence to service major accounts.

### Quality Assurance

We believe that providing consistent high quality service is critical in our clients' decisions to outsource and in building long-term relationships with our clients. It is also our belief and commitment that quality is the responsibility of each individual at every level of the organization. To ensure service excellence and continuity across our organization, we have developed an integrated Quality Assurance program consisting of three major components:

- The certification of client accounts and customer contact management centers to the SSE program;
- The application of continuous improvement through application of our Data Analytics and Six Sigma techniques; and
- The application of process audits to all work procedures.

The SSE program is a quality certification standard that was developed based on our more than 25 years of experience, and best practices from industry standards such as the COPC and Support Center Practices. It specifies the requirements that must be met in each of our customer contact management centers including measured performance against our standard operating procedures. It has a well-defined auditing process that ensures compliance with the SSE standards. Our focus is on quality, predictability and consistency over time, not just point in time certification.

The application of continuous improvement is established by SSE and is based upon the five-step Six Sigma cycle, which we have tuned to apply specifically to our service industry. All managers are responsible for continuous improvement in their operations.

Process audits are used to verify that processes and procedures are consistently executed as required by established documentation. Process audits are applicable to services being provided for the client and internal procedures.

### Sales and Marketing

Our sales and marketing objective is to leverage our expertise and global presence to develop long-term relationships with existing and future clients. Our customer contact management solutions have been developed to help our clients acquire, retain, and increase the value of their customer relationships. Our plans for increasing our visibility include market focused advertising consultative personal visits with existing and potential clients, participation in market specific trade shows and seminars, speaking engagements, articles and white papers, and our website.

Our sales force is composed of business development managers who pursue new business opportunities and strategic account managers that manage and grow relationships with existing accounts. We emphasize account development to strengthen relationships with existing clients. Business development and strategic account managers are assigned to markets in their area of expertise in order to develop a complete understanding of each client's particular needs, to form strong client relationships and encourage cross-selling of our other service offerings. We have inside customer sales representatives who receive customer inquiries and provide outbound lead generation for the business development managers. We also have relationships with channel partners including systems integrators, software and hardware vendors and value-added resellers, where we pair our solutions and services with their product offering or focus. We plan to maintain and expand these relationships as part of our sales and marketing strategy.

As part of our marketing efforts, we invite existing and potential clients to visit our customer contact management centers, where we can demonstrate the expertise of our skilled staff in partnering to deliver new ways of growing clients' customer satisfaction and retention rates, thus profit, through timely, insightful and proven solutions. During

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these visits, we demonstrate our ability to quickly and effectively support a new client or scale business from an existing client by emphasizing our systematic approach to implementing customer contact solutions throughout the world.

### Clients

In 2005, we provided service to hundreds of clients from our locations in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe, the Philippines, The Peoples Republic of China, India and South Africa. These clients are Fortune 1000 corporations, medium sized businesses and public institutions, which span the communications, technology/consumer, financial services, healthcare, and transportation and leisure industries. Revenue by vertical market for 2005, as a percentage of our consolidated revenues, was 34% for technology/consumer, 34% for communications, 8% for financial services, 8% for healthcare, 6% for transportation and leisure, and 10% for all other vertical markets, including government-related and utilities. We believe our globally recognized client base presents opportunities for further cross marketing of our services.

For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 total revenues included \$31.4 million, or 6.4% of consolidated revenues, \$36.6 million, or 7.8% of consolidated revenues, and \$81.2 million, or 16.9% of consolidated revenues, respectively, from Accenture, a leading systems integrator that represents a major provider of communication services to whom we provide various outsourced customer contact management services. Effective May 1, 2003, we entered into a subcontractor services agreement (the "Agreement") with Accenture following the execution of a primary services agreement between the major provider of communication services and Accenture. Under the terms of this three-year Agreement, which contains penalty provisions for failure to meet minimum service levels and is cancelable with 6 months written notice, we provide the products and services necessary to support and assist Accenture in the management and performance of its primary services agreement. We expect to renew this Agreement before it expires on April 30, 2006.

In addition, for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, total revenues included \$27.3 million, or 5.5% of consolidated revenues, \$33.8 million, or 7.3% of consolidated revenues, and \$58.5 million, or 12.2% of consolidated revenues, respectively, from Microsoft Corporation, a major provider of software and related services.

Although no client represented 10% or more of 2005 consolidated revenues, our top ten clients accounted for approximately 44% of our consolidated revenues in 2005. The loss of (or the failure to retain a significant amount of business with) Accenture, Microsoft or any of our other key clients could have a material adverse effect on our performance. Many of our contracts contain penalty provisions for failure to meet minimum service levels and are cancelable by the client at any time or on short notice. Also, clients may unilaterally reduce their use of our services under our contracts without penalty.

### Competition

The industry in which we operate is global, therefore highly fragmented and extremely competitive. While many companies provide customer contact management solutions and services, we believe no one company is dominant in the industry.

In most cases, our principal competition stems from our existing and potential clients' in-house customer contact management operations. When it is not the in-house operations of a client, our public and private direct competition includes TeleTech, Sitel, APAC Customer Services, ICT Group, Client Logic, Convergys, West Corporation, Stream, PeopleSupport, EDS, IBM and NCO Group as well as the customer care arm of such companies as Accenture, WIPRO, 24/7, Infosys and SR Teleperformance. There are other numerous and varied providers of such services, including firms specializing in various CRM consulting, other customer management solutions providers — niche or large market companies, as well as product distribution companies that provide fulfillment services. Some of these companies possess substantially greater resources, greater name recognition and a more established customer base than we.

We believe that the most significant competitive factors in the sale of outsourced customer contact management services include service quality, tailored value added service offerings, industry experience, advanced technological capabilities, global coverage, reliability, scalability, security and price. As a result of intense competition, outsourced customer contact management solutions and services frequently are subject to pricing pressure. Clients also require outsourcers to be able to provide services in multiple locations. Competition for contracts for many of our services takes the form of competitive bidding in response to requests for proposals.

### Intellectual Property

We rely upon a combination of contract provisions and trade secret laws to protect the proprietary technology we use at our customer contact management centers and facilities. We also rely on a combination of copyright, trademark and trade secret laws to protect our proprietary software. We attempt to further protect our trade secrets and other proprietary information through agreements with employees and consultants. We do not hold any patents and do not have any patent applications pending. There can be no assurance that the steps we have taken to protect our proprietary technology will be adequate to deter misappropriation of our proprietary rights or third-party development of similar proprietary software. Sykes<sup>®</sup>, REAL PEOPLE. REAL SOLUTIONS.<sup>®</sup> and Sykes AnswerTeam<sup>®</sup> are our registered service marks. We hold a number of registered trademarks, including ETSC<sup>®</sup>, FS PRO<sup>®</sup> and FS PRO MARKETPLACE<sup>®</sup>.

### Employees

At January 31, 2006, we had approximately 18,900 employees worldwide, consisting of 17,140 customer contact agents handling technical and customer support inquiries at our centers, 1,540 in management, administration, finance and sales and marketing, 100 in enterprise support services, and 120 in fulfillment services. Our employees, with the exception of approximately 550 employees in Europe, are not represented by a labor union and we have never suffered an interruption of business as a result of a labor dispute. We consider our relations with our employees to be good.

We employ personnel through a continually updated recruiting network. This network includes a seasoned team of recruiters, a company-wide candidate database, Internet/newspaper advertising, candidate referral programs and job fairs. However, demand for qualified professionals with the required language and technical skills may exceed supply, as new skills are needed to keep pace with the requirements of customer engagements. Competition for such personnel is intense and employee turnover in this industry is high.

### Executive Officers

The following table provides the names and ages of our executive officers, and the positions and offices currently held by each of them:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Principal Position</b>
Charles E. Sykes	42	President and Chief Executive Officer
W. Michael Kipphut	52	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
James C. Hobby	55	Senior Vice President, Global Operations
Jenna R. Nelson	42	Senior Vice President, Human Resources
Daniel L. Hernandez	39	Senior Vice President, Global Strategy
David L. Pearson	47	Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Lawrence R. Zingale	50	Senior Vice President, Global Sales and Client Management
William N. Rocktoff	43	Vice President and Corporate Controller
James T. Holder	47	Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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**Charles E. Sykes** joined SYKES in 1986 and was named President and Chief Executive Officer in August 2004. From July 2003 to August 2004, Mr. Sykes was the Chief Operating Officer. From March 2000 to June 2001, Mr. Sykes was Senior Vice President, Marketing and in June 2001 he was appointed to the position of General Manager, Senior Vice President — the Americas. From December 1996 to March 2000, he served as Vice President, Sales and held the position of Regional Manager of the Midwest Region for Professional Services from 1992 until 1996. Mr. Charles E. Sykes is the son of Mr. John H. Sykes.

**W. Michael Kipphut, C.P.A.**, joined SYKES in March 2000 as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and was named Senior Vice President and Chief Financial officer in June 2001. From September 1998 to February 2000, Mr. Kipphut held the position of Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for USA Floral Products, Inc., a publicly held worldwide perishable products distributor. From September 1994 until September 1998, Mr. Kipphut held the position of Vice President and Treasurer for Spalding & Evenflo Companies, Inc., a global manufacturer of consumer products. Previously, Mr. Kipphut held various financial positions including Vice President and Treasurer in his 17 years at Tyler Corporation, a publicly held diversified holding company.

**James C. Hobby** joined SYKES in August 2003 as Senior Vice President, the Americas, overseeing the daily operations, administration and development of SYKES' customer care and enterprise support operations throughout North America, Latin America, the Asia Pacific Rim and India and was named Senior Vice President, Global Operations in January 2005. Prior to joining SYKES, Mr. Hobby held several positions at Gateway, Inc., most recently serving as President of Consumer Customer Care since August 1999. From January 1999 to August 1999, Mr. Hobby served as Vice President of European Customer Care for Gateway, Inc. From January 1996 to January 1999, Mr. Hobby served as the Vice President of European Customer Service Centers at American Express. Prior to January 1996, Mr. Hobby held various senior management positions in customer care at FedEx Corporation since 1983, mostly recently serving as Managing Director, European Customer Service Operations.

**Jenna R. Nelson** joined SYKES in August 1993 and was named Senior Vice President, Human Resources in July 2001. From January 2001 until July 2001, Ms. Nelson held the position of Vice President, Human Resources. In August 1998, Ms. Nelson was appointed Vice President, Human Resources and held the position of Director, Human Resources and Administration from August 1996 to July 1998. From August 1993 until July 1996, Ms. Nelson served in various management positions within SYKES, including Director of Administration.

**Daniel L. Hernandez** joined SYKES in October 2003 as Senior Vice President, Global Strategy overseeing marketing, public relations, operational strategy and corporate development efforts worldwide. Prior to joining SYKES, Mr. Hernandez served as President and CEO of SBC Internet Services, a division of SBC Communications Inc., since March 2000. From February 1998 to March 2000, Mr. Hernandez held the position of Vice President/General Manager, Internet and System Operations at Ameritech Interactive Media Services. Prior to February 1998, Mr. Hernandez held various management positions at U S West Communications since joining the telecommunications provider in 1990.

**David L. Pearson** joined SYKES in February 1997 as Vice President, Engineering and was named Vice President, Technology Systems Management in 2000 and Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer in August 2004. Prior to SYKES, Mr. Pearson held various engineering and technical management roles over a fifteen year period, including eight years at Compaq Computer Corporation and five years at Texas Instruments.

**Lawrence R. Zingale** joined SYKES in January 2006 as Senior Vice President, Global Sales and Client Management. Prior to joining SYKES, Mr. Zingale served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Startek, Inc. since 2002. From December 1999 until November 2001, Mr. Zingale served as President of the Americas at Stonehenge Telecom, Inc. From May 1997 until November 1999, Mr. Zingale served as President and COO of International Community Marketing. From February 1980 until May 1997, Mr. Zingale held various senior level positions at AT&T.

**William N. Rocktoff, C.P.A.**, joined SYKES in August 1997 as Corporate Controller and was named Treasurer and Corporate Controller in December 1999 and Vice President and Corporate Controller in March 2002. From November 1989 to August 1997, Mr. Rocktoff held various financial positions, including Corporate Controller at Kimmins Corporation, a publicly held contracting company.

**James T. Holder, J.D., C.P.A.** joined SYKES in December 2000 as General Counsel and was named Corporate Secretary in January 2001 and Vice President in January 2004. From November 1999 until November 2000, Mr. Holder served in a consulting capacity as Special Counsel to Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc., a publicly held

restaurant operator and franchisor. From November 1993 until November 1999, Mr. Holder served in various capacities at Checkers including Corporate Secretary, Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President and General Counsel.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

#### Factors Influencing Future Results and Accuracy of Forward — Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements (within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, and projections about us, our beliefs, and assumptions made by us. In addition, we may make other written or oral statements, which constitute forward-looking statements, from time to time. Words such as “may,” “expects,” “projects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “seeks,” “estimates,” variations of such words, and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Similarly, statements that describe our future plans, objectives or goals also are forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including those discussed below and elsewhere in this report. Our actual results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements, and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. All forward-looking statements are made as of the date hereof, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: the marketplace’s continued receptivity to our terms and elements of services offered under our standardized contract for future bundled service offerings; our ability to continue the growth of our service revenues through additional customer contact management centers; our ability to further penetrate into vertically integrated markets; our ability to expand revenues within the global markets; our ability to continue to establish a competitive advantage through sophisticated technological capabilities, and the following risk factors:

#### *Dependence on Key Clients*

We derive a substantial portion of our revenues from a few key clients. For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, total revenues included \$31.4 million, or 6.4% of consolidated revenues, \$36.6 million, or 7.8% of consolidated revenues, and \$81.2 million, or 16.9% of consolidated revenues, respectively, from Accenture, a leading systems integrator that represents a major provider of communication services to whom we provide various outsourced customer contact management services. Effective May 1, 2003, we entered into a subcontractor services agreement (the “Agreement”) with Accenture following the execution of a primary services agreement between the major provider of communication services and Accenture. Under the terms of this three-year Agreement, which contains penalty provisions for failure to meet minimum service levels and is cancelable with 6 months written notice, we will continue to provide the products and services necessary to support and assist Accenture in the management and performance of its primary services agreement. We expect to renew this agreement before it expires on April 30, 2006.

In addition, total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, includes \$27.3 million, or 5.5% of consolidated revenues, \$33.8 million, or 7.3% of consolidated revenues, and \$58.5 million, or 12.2% of consolidated revenues, respectively, from Microsoft Corporation, a major provider of software and related services. Our top ten clients accounted for approximately 44%, 45% and 59%, of consolidated revenue for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

Our loss of, or the failure to retain a significant amount of business with Accenture, Microsoft or any of our other key clients could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Many of our contracts contain penalty provisions for failure to meet minimum service levels and are cancelable by the client at any time or on short-term notice. Also, clients may unilaterally reduce their use of our services under these contracts without penalty. Thus, our contracts with our clients do not ensure that we will generate a minimum level of revenues.

### ***Risks Associated With International Operations and Expansion***

We intend to continue to pursue growth opportunities in markets outside the United States. At December 31, 2005, our international operations in EMEA and the Asia Pacific Rim were conducted from 24 customer contact management centers located in Sweden, the Netherlands, Finland, Germany, South Africa, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Hungary, Slovakia, Spain, The Peoples Republic of China and the Philippines. Revenues from these operations for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, were 57%, 59%, and 44% of consolidated revenues, respectively. We also conduct business from five customer contact management centers located in Canada, Costa Rica and El Salvador. International operations are subject to certain risks common to international activities, such as changes in foreign governmental regulations, tariffs and taxes, import/export license requirements, the imposition of trade barriers, difficulties in staffing and managing international operations, political uncertainties, longer payment cycles, foreign exchange restrictions that could limit the repatriation of earnings, possible greater difficulties in accounts receivable collection, and economic instability. Additionally, we have been granted tax holidays in the Philippines, El Salvador, India and Costa Rica, which expire at varying dates from 2006 through 2013. In some cases, the tax holidays expire without possibility of renewal. In other cases, we expect to renew these tax holidays, but there are no assurances from the respective foreign governments that they will renew them. This could potentially result in adverse tax consequences. Any one or more of these factors could have an adverse effect on our international operations and, consequently, on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

As of December 31, 2005, we had cash balances of approximately \$86.3 million held in international operations, which may be subject to additional taxes if repatriated to the United States.

We conduct business in various foreign currencies and are therefore exposed to market risk from changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates, which could impact our results of operations and financial condition. We are also subject to certain exposures arising from the translation and consolidation of the financial results of our foreign subsidiaries. We have, from time to time, taken limited actions, such as using foreign currency forward contracts, to attempt to mitigate our currency exchange exposure. However, there can be no assurance that we will take any actions to mitigate such exposure in the future, and if taken, that such actions will be successful or that future changes in currency exchange rates will not have a material impact on our future operating results. A significant change in the value of the dollar against the currency of one or more countries where we operate may have a material adverse effect on our results.

### ***Fundamental Shift Toward Global Service Delivery Markets***

Clients are increasingly requiring blended delivery models using a combination of onshore and offshore support. Our offshore delivery locations include The Peoples Republic of China, the Philippines, Costa Rica and El Salvador, and while we have operated in global delivery markets since 1996, there can be no assurance that we will be able to successfully conduct and expand such operations, and a failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. The success of our offshore operations will be subject to numerous contingencies, some of which are beyond our control, including general and regional economic conditions, prices for our services, competition, changes in regulation and other risks. In addition, as with all of our operations outside of the United States, we are subject to various additional political, economic, and market uncertainties (See “Risks Associated with International Operations and Expansion.”). Additionally, a change in the political environment in the United States or the adoption and enforcement of legislation and regulations curbing the use of offshore customer contact management solutions and services could effectively have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Existence of Substantial Competition***

The markets for our services on a commoditized basis are highly competitive and subject to rapid change. While many companies provide outsourced customer contact management services, we believe no one company is dominant in the industry. There are numerous and varied providers of our services, including firms specializing in call center operations, temporary staffing and personnel placement, consulting and integration firms, and niche providers of outsourced customer contact management services, many of whom compete in only certain markets. Our competitors include both companies who possess greater resources and name recognition than we do, as well as small niche providers that have few assets and regionalized (local) name recognition instead of global name recognition. In addition to our competitors, many companies who might utilize our services or the services of one of our competitors may utilize in-house personnel to perform such services. Increased competition, our failure to compete successfully, pricing pressures, loss of market share and loss of clients could have a material adverse effect

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on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Many of our large clients purchase outsourced customer contact management services from multiple preferred vendors. We have experienced and continue to anticipate significant pricing pressure from these clients in order to remain a preferred vendor. These companies also require vendors to be able to provide services in multiple locations. Although we believe we can effectively meet our clients' demands, there can be no assurance that we will be able to compete effectively with other outsourced customer contact management services companies on price. We believe that the most significant competitive factors in the sale of our core services include the standard requirements of service quality, tailored value added service offerings, industry experience, advanced technological capabilities, global coverage, reliability, scalability, security and price.

### ***Inability to Attract and Retain Experienced Personnel May Adversely Impact Our Business***

Our business is labor intensive and places significant importance on our ability to recruit, train, and retain qualified technical and consultative professional personnel. We generally experience high turnover of our personnel and are continuously required to recruit and train replacement personnel as a result of a changing and expanding work force. Additionally, demand for qualified technical professionals conversant with the English language and/or certain technologies may exceed supply, as new and additional skills are required to keep pace with evolving computer technology. Our ability to locate and train employees is critical to achieving our growth objective. Our inability to attract and retain qualified personnel or an increase in wages or other costs of attracting, training, or retaining qualified personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Dependence on Senior Management***

Our success is largely dependent upon the efforts, direction and guidance of our senior management. Our growth and success also depend in part on our ability to attract and retain skilled employees and managers and on the ability of our executive officers and key employees to manage our operations successfully. We have entered into employment and non-competition agreements with our executive officers. The loss of any of our senior management or key personnel, or the inability to attract, retain or replace key management personnel in the future, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Dependence on Trend Toward Outsourcing***

Our business and growth depend in large part on the industry trend toward outsourced customer contact management services. Outsourcing means that an entity contracts with a third party, such as us, to provide customer contact services rather than perform such services in-house. There can be no assurance that this trend will continue, as organizations may elect to perform such services themselves. A significant change in this trend could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Additionally, there can be no assurance that our cross-selling efforts will cause clients to purchase additional services from us or adopt a single-source outsourcing approach.

### ***Our Strategy of Growing Through Selective Acquisitions and Mergers Involves Potential Risks***

We evaluate opportunities to expand the scope of our services through acquisitions and mergers. We may be unable to identify companies that complement our strategies, and even if we identify a company that complements our strategies, we may be unable to acquire or merge with the company. In addition, a decrease in the price of our common stock could hinder our growth strategy by limiting growth through acquisitions funded with SYKES' stock.

Our acquisition strategy involves other potential risks. These risks include:

- The inability to obtain the capital required to finance potential acquisitions on satisfactory terms;
- The diversion of our attention to the integration of the businesses to be acquired;
- The risk that the acquired businesses will fail to maintain the quality of services that we have historically provided;
- The need to implement financial and other systems and add management resources;
- The risk that key employees of the acquired business will leave after the acquisition;
- Potential liabilities of the acquired business;
- Unforeseen difficulties in the acquired operations;



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- Adverse short-term effects on our operating results;
- Lack of success in assimilating or integrating the operations of acquired businesses within our business;
- The dilutive effect of the issuance of additional equity securities;
- The impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets involved in any acquisitions;
- The businesses we acquire not proving profitable; and
- Potentially incurring additional indebtedness.

### ***Uncertainties Relating to Future Litigation***

We cannot predict whether any material suits, claims, or investigations may arise in the future. Regardless of the outcome of any future actions, claims, or investigations, we may incur substantial defense costs and such actions may cause a diversion of management time and attention. Also, it is possible that we may be required to pay substantial damages or settlement costs which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Rapid Technological Change***

Rapid technological advances, frequent new product introductions and enhancements, and changes in client requirements characterize the market for outsourced customer contact management services. Our future success will depend in large part on our ability to service new products, platforms and rapidly changing technology. These factors will require us to provide adequately trained personnel to address the increasingly sophisticated, complex and evolving needs of our clients. In addition, our ability to capitalize on our acquisitions will depend on our ability to continually enhance software and services and adapt such software to new hardware and operating system requirements. Any failure by us to anticipate or respond rapidly to technological advances, new products and enhancements, or changes in client requirements could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Reliance on Technology and Computer Systems***

We have invested significantly in sophisticated and specialized communications and computer technology and have focused on the application of this technology to meet our clients' needs. We anticipate that it will be necessary to continue to invest in and develop new and enhanced technology on a timely basis to maintain our competitiveness. Significant capital expenditures may be required to keep our technology up-to-date. There can be no assurance that any of our information systems will be adequate to meet our future needs or that we will be able to incorporate new technology to enhance and develop our existing services. Moreover, investments in technology, including future investments in upgrades and enhancements to software, may not necessarily maintain our competitiveness. Our future success will also depend in part on our ability to anticipate and develop information technology solutions that keep pace with evolving industry standards and changing client demands.

### ***Risk of Emergency Interruption of Customer Contact Management Center Operations***

Our operations are dependent upon our ability to protect our customer contact management centers and our information databases against damage that may be caused by fire and other disasters, power failure, telecommunications failures, unauthorized intrusion, computer viruses and other emergencies. The temporary or permanent loss of such systems could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Notwithstanding precautions taken to protect us and our clients from events that could interrupt delivery of services, there can be no assurance that a fire, natural disaster, human error, equipment malfunction or inadequacy, or other event would not result in a prolonged interruption in our ability to provide services to our clients. Such an event could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Control By Principal Shareholder and Anti-Takeover Considerations***

As of February 24, 2006, John H. Sykes, our founder and former Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, beneficially owned approximately 28.3% of our outstanding common stock. As a result, Mr. Sykes will have substantial influence in the election of our directors and in determining the outcome of other matters requiring shareholder approval.

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Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes serving staggered three-year terms. The staggered Board of Directors and the anti-takeover effects of certain provisions contained in the Florida Business Corporation Act and in our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, including the ability of the Board of Directors to issue shares of preferred stock and to fix the rights and preferences of those shares without shareholder approval, may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing an unsolicited change in control. This may adversely affect the market price of our common stock or the ability of shareholders to participate in a transaction in which they might otherwise receive a premium for their shares.

### ***Volatility of Stock Price May Result in Loss of Investment***

The trading price of our common stock has been and may continue to be subject to wide fluctuations over short and long periods of time. We believe that market prices of outsourced customer contact management services stocks in general have experienced volatility, which could affect the market price of our common stock regardless of our financial results or performance. We further believe that various factors such as general economic conditions, changes or volatility in the financial markets, changing market conditions in the outsourced customer contact management services industry, quarterly variations in our financial results, the announcement of acquisitions, strategic partnerships, or new product offerings, and changes in financial estimates and recommendations by securities analysts could cause the market price of our common stock to fluctuate substantially in the future.

### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

There are no material unresolved written comments that were received from the SEC staff 180 days or more before the year ended December 31, 2005 relating to our periodic or current reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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### Item 2. Properties

Our principal executive offices are located in Tampa, Florida. This facility currently serves as the headquarters for senior management and the financial, information technology and administrative departments. We believe our existing facilities are adequate to meet current requirements, and that suitable additional or substitute space will be available as needed to accommodate any physical expansion. We operate from time to time in temporary facilities to accommodate growth before new customer contact management centers are available. During 2005, the Company's customer contact management centers, taken as a whole, were utilized at average capacities of approximately 83% and were capable of supporting a higher level of market demand. The following table sets forth additional information concerning our facilities:

Properties	General Usage	Square Feet	Lease Expiration
<b>AMERICAS LOCATIONS</b>			
Tampa, Florida	Corporate headquarters	67,600	June 2010
Bismarck, North Dakota	Customer contact management center	42,000	Company owned
Wise, Virginia	Customer contact management center	42,000	Company owned
Milton-Freewater, Oregon	Customer contact management center	42,000	Company owned
Morganfield, Kentucky	Customer contact management center	42,000	Company owned
Perry County, Kentucky	Customer contact management center <sup>(1)</sup>	42,000	Company owned
Minot, North Dakota	Customer contact management center	42,000	Company owned
Ponca City, Oklahoma	Customer contact management center	42,000	Company owned
Sterling, Colorado	Customer contact management center	34,000	Company owned
London, Ontario, Canada	Customer contact management center/Headquarters	50,000	Company owned
LaAurora, Heredia, Costa Rica (two)	Customer contact management centers	131,900	September 2023
San Salvador, El Salvador	Customer contact management center	41,000	November 2023
Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Customer contact management center	14,600	December 2006
North Bay, Ontario, Canada	Customer contact management center <sup>(2)</sup>	5,600	September 2006
Sudbury, Ontario, Canada	Customer contact management center <sup>(2)</sup>	2,000	December 2007
Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada	Customer contact management center <sup>(2)</sup>	12,700	February 2009
Barthuste, New Brunswick	Customer contact management center <sup>(2)</sup>	1,900	December 2007
Makati City, The Philippines	Customer contact management center	101,300	January 2009
		136,900	March 2023
Mandaue City, The Philippines	Customer contact management center	67,700	February 2023
Pasig City, The Philippines	Customer contact management center	127,400	December 2023
Quezon City, The Philippines	Customer contact management center	80,100	May 2024
Shanghai, The Peoples Republic of China	Customer contact management center	103,000	February 2011
Bangalore, India	Technology development services	1,500	January 2007
Ada, Oklahoma	Leased facility <sup>(3)</sup>	42,000	Company owned
Palatka, Florida	Leased facility <sup>(3)</sup>	42,000	Company owned
Manhattan, Kansas	Leased facility <sup>(3)</sup>	42,000	Company owned
Pikeville, Kentucky	Leased facility <sup>(3)</sup>	42,000	Company owned
Cary, North Carolina	Office	1,200	March 2007
Chesterfield, Missouri	Office	3,600	January 2016
Calgary, Alberta, Canada	Office	4,700	July 2007

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Properties	General Usage	Square Feet	Lease Expiration
<b>EMEA LOCATIONS</b>			
Amsterdam, The Netherlands	Customer contact management center	33,000	September 2009
Budapest, Hungary	Customer contact management center	24,000	August 2023
Budapest, Hungary	Customer contact management center	15,700	May 2006
Miskolc, Hungary	Customer contact management center	2,800	December, 2006
Edinburgh, Scotland	Customer contact management center/ Office /Headquarters	35,900 17,800	October 2019 March 2008
Turku, Finland	Customer contact management center	12,500	February 2007
Bochum, Germany	Customer contact management center	43,200	July 2006
Pasewalk, Germany	Customer contact management center	41,900	March 2007
Wilhelmshaven, Germany (two)	Customer contact management centers	76,000	March 2009
Johannesburg, South Africa	Customer contact management center	99,000	March 2025
Ed, Sweden	Customer contact management center	44,000	October 2009
Sveg, Sweden	Customer contact management center	35,000	May 2006
Prato, Italy	Customer contact management center	10,000	October 2022
Shannon, Ireland	Customer contact management center	66,000	April 2013
Lugo, Spain	Customer contact management center	27,700	June 2006
La Coruña, Spain	Customer contact management center	32,300	December 2024
Kosice, Slovakia	Customer contact management center	11,400	December 2024
Galashiels, Scotland	Fulfillment center	126,700	Company owned
Upplands Vasby, Sweden	Fulfillment center and Sales office	23,500	October 2007
Turku, Finland	Fulfillment center	26,000	March 2007
Frankfurt, Germany	Sales office	1,700	September 2006
Madrid, Spain	Office	800	December 2011

(1) Idle facility.

(2) Considered part of the Toronto, Ontario, Canada customer contact management center.

(3) Facility is no longer used in our business operations and has been leased to an unrelated third party. See Note 7 of the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on our facilities leased to others.

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### **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

From time to time we are involved in legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. With respect to these matters, we believe we have adequate legal defenses and/or provided adequate accruals for related costs such that the ultimate outcome will not have a material adverse effect on our future financial position or results of operations.

### **Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

No matter was submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of the year covered by this report.

## PART II

**Item 5. Market for the Registrant's Common Equity, Related Shareholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Securities**

Our common stock is quoted on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol SYKE. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain information as to the high and low sale prices per share of our common stock as quoted on the NASDAQ National Market.

	High	Low
<b>Year ended December 31, 2005:</b>		
Fourth Quarter	<b>\$15.41</b>	<b>\$11.95</b>
Third Quarter	<b>12.07</b>	<b>9.32</b>
Second Quarter	<b>9.60</b>	<b>6.57</b>
First Quarter	<b>8.50</b>	<b>6.38</b>
<b>Year ended December 31, 2004:</b>		
Fourth Quarter	\$ 7.20	\$ 4.51
Third Quarter	7.66	4.43
Second Quarter	7.71	5.34
First Quarter	10.07	5.22

Holders of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends out of the funds legally available when and if declared by the Board of Directors. We have not declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock in the past and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

As of February 24, 2006, there were 1,253 holders of record of the common stock. We estimate there were approximately 4,215 beneficial owners of our common stock.

Below is a summary of stock repurchases for the quarter ended December 31, 2005 (in thousands, except average price per share). See Note 16, Earnings Per Share, to the Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding our stock repurchase program.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1)	Maximum Number Of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under Plans or Programs
October 1, 2005 – October 31, 2005	—	—	1,644	1,356
November 1, 2005 – November 30, 2005	—	—	1,644	1,356
December 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005	—	—	1,644	1,356

(1) All shares purchased as part of a repurchase plan publicly announced on August 5, 2002. Total number of shares approved for repurchase under the plan was 3 million with no expiration date.

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### Item 6. Selected Financial Data

#### Selected Financial Data

The following selected financial data has been derived from our consolidated financial statements. The information below should be read in conjunction with “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” and our Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes.

(In thousands, except per share data)	Years Ended December 31,				
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
<b>INCOME STATEMENT DATA <sup>(8)</sup> :</b>					
Revenues	<b>\$494,918</b>	\$466,713	\$480,359	\$452,737	\$496,722
Income (loss) from operations <sup>(1,2,3,5,6,7)</sup>	<b>26,331</b>	12,597	11,368	(11,295)	(360)
Net income (loss) <sup>(1,2,3,4,5,6,7)</sup>	<b>23,408</b>	10,814	9,305	(18,631)	409
Net income (loss) per basic share <sup>(1,2,3,4,5,6,7)</sup>	<b>0.60</b>	0.27	0.23	(0.46)	0.01
Net income (loss) per diluted share <sup>(1,2,3,4,5,6,7)</sup>	<b>0.59</b>	0.27	0.23	(0.46)	0.01
<b>BALANCE SHEET DATA <sup>(8)</sup> :</b>					
Total assets	<b>\$331,185</b>	\$312,526	\$318,175	\$296,841	\$309,780
Shareholders’ equity	<b>226,090</b>	210,035	200,832	182,345	191,212

- (1) The amounts for 2005 include a \$1.8 million net gain on the sale of facilities, a \$0.3 million reversal of restructuring and other charges and \$0.6 million of charges associated with the impairment of long-lived assets.
- (2) The amounts for 2004 include a \$7.1 million net gain on the sale of facilities, a \$5.4 million net gain on insurance settlement, a \$0.1 million reversal of restructuring and other charges and \$0.7 million of charges associated with the impairment of long-lived assets.
- (3) The amounts for 2003 include a \$2.1 million net gain on the sale of facilities and a \$0.6 million reversal of restructuring and other charges.
- (4) The amounts for 2002 include \$20.8 million of restructuring and other charges, \$1.5 million of charges associated with the impairment of long-lived assets and a \$1.6 million net gain on the sale of facilities.
- (5) The amounts for 2002 include \$13.8 million of charges associated with the litigation settlement.
- (6) The amounts for 2001 include \$14.6 million of restructuring and other charges and \$1.5 million of charges associated with the impairment of long-lived assets.
- (7) On January 1, 2002, the Company adopted SFAS No. 142, “Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets” and discontinued amortizing goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives. The amounts for 2001 include \$0.4 million of goodwill amortization recorded before adoption of SFAS No. 142.
- (8) The Company has not declared cash dividends per common share for any of the five years presented.

**Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

*The following should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto that appear elsewhere in this document. The following discussion and analysis compares the year ended December 31, 2005 ("2005") to the year ended December 31, 2004 ("2004"), and 2004 to the year ended December 31, 2003 ("2003").*

*The following discussion and analysis and other sections of this document contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Words such as "may," "expects," "projects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," variations of such words, and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Similarly, statements that describe our future plans, objectives, or goals also are forward-looking statements. Future events and actual results could differ materially from the results reflected in these forward-looking statements, as a result of certain of the factors set forth below and elsewhere in this analysis and in this Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 in Item 1.A.-Risk Factors.*

**Overview**

We provide outsourced customer contact management solutions and services with an emphasis on inbound technical support and customer service, which represented 94.6% of consolidated revenues in 2005, delivered through multiple communication channels encompassing phone, e-mail, Web and chat. Revenue from technical support and customer service, provided through our customer contact management centers, is recognized as services are rendered. These services are billed on an amount per e-mail, a fee per call, a rate per minute or on a time and material basis. Revenue from fulfillment services is generally billed on a per unit basis.

We also provide a range of enterprise support services for our client's internal support operations, from technical staffing services to outsourced corporate help desk services. Revenues usually are billed on a time and material basis, generally by the minute or hour, and revenues generally are recognized as the services are provided. Revenues from fixed price contracts, generally with terms of less than one year, are recognized using the percentage-of-completion method. A significant majority of our revenue is derived from non-fixed price contracts. We have not experienced material losses due to fixed price contracts and do not anticipate a significant increase in revenue derived from such contracts in the future.

Direct salaries and related costs include direct personnel compensation, severance, statutory and other benefits associated with such personnel and other direct costs associated with providing services to customers. General and administrative expenses include administrative, sales and marketing, occupancy, depreciation and amortization, and other costs.

Recognition of income associated with grants from local or state governments of land and the acquisition of property, buildings and equipment is deferred and recognized as a reduction of depreciation expense included within general and administrative costs over the corresponding useful lives of the related assets. Amounts received in excess of the cost of the building are allocated to equipment and, only after the grants are released from escrow, recognized as a reduction of depreciation expense over the weighted average useful life of the related equipment, which approximates five years. Deferred property and equipment grants, net of amortization, totaled \$18.1 million and \$20.6 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

The net (gain) loss on disposal of property and equipment includes the net gain on the sale of various facilities in 2005 and 2004 offset by the net loss on the disposal of property and equipment.

The net gain on insurance settlement includes the insurance proceeds received for damage to our Marianna, Florida customer contact management center in September 2004.

Restructuring and other charges (reversals) consist of reversals of certain accruals related to the 2002, 2001 and 2000 restructuring plans.

Impairment of long-lived assets charges of \$0.6 million in 2005 relate to (1) an asset impairment charge of \$0.1 million in India related to the plan of migration of call volumes of the customer contact management services and related operations in India to other more strategically-aligned facilities in the Asia Pacific region and (2) a \$0.5 million asset impairment charge related to the impairment and subsequent sale of property and equipment located in the United States. Impairment of long-lived assets charges of \$0.7 million in 2004 relate to certain property and



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equipment in Bangalore, India as a result of the previously mentioned plan of migration.

Interest income primarily relates to interest earned on cash and cash equivalents.

Interest expense primarily includes the commitment fee charged on the unused portion of the Company's credit facility and interest costs related to potential income tax liabilities.

Income from rental operations, net is generated from the leasing of several U.S. facilities.

Foreign currency transaction gains and losses generally result from exchange rate fluctuations on intercompany transactions and the revaluation of cash and other current assets that are settled in a currency other than functional currency.

The Company's effective tax rate for the periods presented reflects the effects of state income taxes, net of federal tax benefit, tax holidays, valuation allowance changes, foreign rate differentials, income tax credits, foreign withholding and other taxes, and permanent differences.

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### Results of Operations

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the percentage of revenues represented by certain items reflected in our Statements of Operations:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
<b>PERCENTAGES OF REVENUES:</b>			
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Direct salaries and related costs	62.6	64.4	64.4
General and administrative	32.4	35.4	33.7
Net gain on disposal of property and equipment	(0.3)	(1.5)	(0.3)
Net gain on insurance settlement	—	(1.2)	—
Reversals of restructuring and other charges	(0.1)	—	(0.1)
Impairment of long-lived assets	0.1	0.2	—
Income from operations	5.3	2.7	2.3
Interest income	0.5	0.5	0.5
Interest expense	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)
Income from rental operations, net	0.2	—	—
Other income (expense)	—	0.3	0.3
Income before provision for income taxes	5.9	3.4	2.9
Provision for income taxes	1.2	1.1	1.0
Net income	<u>4.7%</u>	<u>2.3%</u>	<u>1.9%</u>

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain data derived from our Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Revenues	\$494,918	\$466,713	\$480,359
Direct salaries and related costs	309,604	300,600	309,489
General and administrative	160,470	165,232	161,743
Net gain on disposal of property and equipment	(1,778)	(6,915)	(1,595)
Net gain on insurance settlement	—	(5,378)	—
Reversals of restructuring and other charges	(314)	(113)	(646)
Impairment of long-lived assets	605	690	—
Income from operations	26,331	12,597	11,368
Interest income	2,559	2,445	2,102
Interest expense	(667)	(773)	(836)
Income from rental operations, net	940	151	—
Other income (expense)	(60)	1,441	1,322
Income before provision for income taxes	29,103	15,861	13,956
Provision for income taxes	5,695	5,047	4,651
Net income	<u>\$ 23,408</u>	<u>\$ 10,814</u>	<u>\$ 9,305</u>

The following table summarizes our revenues, for the periods indicated, by geographic region (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Revenues:			
Americas	\$318,173	\$283,253	\$321,195
EMEA	176,745	183,460	159,164
Consolidated	<u>\$494,918</u>	<u>\$466,713</u>	<u>\$480,359</u>

**2005 Compared to 2004**

***Revenues***

During 2005, we recognized consolidated revenues of \$494.9 million, an increase of \$28.2 million or 6.0% from \$466.7 million of consolidated revenues for 2004.

On a geographic segmentation, revenues from the Americas region, including the United States, Canada, Latin America, India and the Asia Pacific Rim, represented 64.3%, or \$318.2 million for 2005 compared to 60.7%, or \$283.3 million, for 2004. Revenues from the EMEA region, including Europe, the Middle East and Africa, represented 35.7%, or \$176.7 million for 2005 compared to 39.3% or \$183.4 million for 2004.

The increase in Americas' revenue of \$34.9 million, or 12.3%, for 2005, compared to 2004, reflects a broad-based growth in client call volumes within our offshore operations and Canada, including new and existing client programs, a \$3.5 million revenue contribution from the KLA acquisition on March 1, 2005 in Canada and a \$1.5 million increase relating to a client contract pricing re-negotiation. The increase in the America's revenues was negatively impacted by the client-driven migration of call volumes from the United States to comparable or higher margin offshore operations, including Latin America and the Asia Pacific Rim, and the resulting mix-shift in revenues from the United States to offshore (each offshore seat generates roughly half the revenue dollar equivalence of a U.S. seat). Revenues from our offshore operations represented 31.7% of consolidated revenues in 2005 compared to 27.6% in 2004. The trend of generating more of our revenues from new and existing client programs in offshore operations could continue in 2006. While operating margins generated offshore are generally comparable or higher than those in the United States, our ability to maintain these offshore operating margins longer term is difficult to predict due to potential increased competition for the available workforce and costs of functional currency fluctuations in offshore markets.

The decrease in EMEA's revenue of \$6.7 million, or 3.7%, for 2005 reflects a decrease in call volumes and certain program expirations, partially offset by the benefit of a strengthened Euro of approximately \$0.1 million compared to 2004. Excluding this foreign currency benefit, EMEA's revenues would have decreased \$6.8 million compared with last year. The persistent economic sluggishness in our key European markets continues to present a challenging environment characterized by competitive pricing and offshore alternatives.

***Direct Salaries and Related Costs***

Direct salaries and related costs increased \$9.0 million or 3.0% to \$309.6 million for 2005, from \$300.6 million in 2004. As a percentage of revenues, direct salaries and related costs was 62.6% and 64.4% in 2005 and 2004, respectively. This decrease, as a percentage of revenues, was primarily attributable to lower salary costs due to an overall reduction in U.S. customer call volumes from the client-driven migration of call volumes offshore and lower labor costs in offshore operations, as well as lower telephone costs. This decrease was partially offset by higher auto tow claims costs due to a higher membership base in our roadside assistance programs in Canada. With the slight strengthening of the Euro in 2005 compared to 2004, there was no significant impact on direct salaries and related costs.

***General and Administrative***

General and administrative expenses decreased \$4.7 million or 2.9% to \$160.5 million for 2005, from \$165.2 million in 2004. As a percentage of revenues, general and administrative expenses decreased to 32.4% in 2005 from 35.4% in 2004. This decrease was primarily attributable to lower depreciation and amortization expense, lower compensation costs due to salary costs in the prior year related to the former chairman's retirement, lower lease costs and equipment maintenance partially offset by higher legal and professional fees primarily related to settlement of a contract dispute, higher compliance costs related to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and higher facility costs as compared to the same period of 2004. With the slight strengthening of the Euro in 2005 compared to 2004, there was no significant impact on general and administrative expenses.

***Net Gain on Disposal of Property and Equipment***

The net gain on disposal of property and equipment of \$1.8 million for 2005 includes a \$1.7 million net gain on the sale of our Greeley, Colorado facility and a \$0.1 million net gain on the sale of a parcel of land in Klamath Falls, Oregon. This compares to a \$6.9 million net gain on disposal of property and equipment in 2004, which includes a

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\$2.8 million net gain on the sale of our Hays, Kansas facility, a \$2.7 million net gain on the sale of our Klamath Falls, Oregon facility, a \$0.1 million net gain on the sale of a parcel of land at our Pikeville, Kentucky facility and a \$1.5 million net gain on the sale of our Eveleth, Minnesota facility, partially offset by a \$0.2 million loss on disposal of property and equipment.

### ***Net Gain on Insurance Settlement***

In September 2004, the building and contents of our customer contact management center located in Marianna, Florida was severely damaged by Hurricane Ivan. Upon settlement with the insurer in December 2004, we recognized a net gain of \$5.4 million after write-off of the property and equipment, which had a net book value of \$3.4 million, net of the related deferred grants of \$2.2 million. In December 2004, we donated the underlying land to the city with \$0.1 million to assist with the site demolition and clean up of the property with no further obligation of the Company.

### ***Reversal of Restructuring and Other Charges***

Restructuring and other charges included a reversal of certain charges totaling \$0.3 million and \$0.1 in 2005 and 2004, respectively, related to the remaining lease termination and closure costs for two European customer contact management centers and one European fulfillment center.

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

Impairment of long-lived assets charges of \$0.6 million in 2005 relate to (1) an asset impairment charge of \$0.1 million in India related to the plan of migration of call volumes of the customer contact management services and related operations in India to other more strategically-aligned facilities in the Asia Pacific region and (2) a \$0.5 million asset impairment charge related to the impairment and subsequent sale of property and equipment located in the United States. Impairment of long-lived assets charges of \$0.7 million in 2004 relate to certain property and equipment in Bangalore, India as a result of the previously mentioned plan of migration.

### ***Interest Income***

Interest income increased to \$2.5 million in 2005 from \$2.4 million in 2004 reflecting higher levels of average interest-bearing balances in cash and cash equivalents. The 2004 interest income included \$0.8 million of interest received on a foreign income tax refund.

### ***Interest Expense***

Interest expense decreased slightly by \$0.1 million to \$0.7 million in 2005 as compared to 2004.

### ***Income from Rental Operations, Net***

Income from rental operations, net increased to \$0.9 million in 2005 from \$0.2 million in 2004 as a result of the Company's leasing of four customer contact management facilities during 2005 compared to leasing of one facility during 2004.

### ***Other Income and Expense***

Other income, net decreased to zero in 2005 from \$1.4 million in 2004. This decrease was primarily attributable to a \$1.3 million decrease in foreign currency translation gains, net of losses including \$0.4 million related to the liquidation of a foreign entity and a \$0.1 million decrease in other miscellaneous income. Other income excludes the effects of cumulative translation effects included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) in shareholders' equity in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

### ***Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes***

The provision for income taxes of \$5.7 million for 2005 was based upon pre-tax book income of \$29.1 million, compared to the provision for income taxes of \$5.1 million for the comparable 2004 period based upon pre-tax book income of \$15.9 million. The effective tax rate was 19.6% for 2005 and 31.8% for the comparable 2004 period. This decrease in the effective tax rate resulted from a shift in our mix of earnings and the effects of permanent

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differences, valuation allowances, foreign withholding taxes, state income taxes, and foreign income tax rate differentials (including tax holiday jurisdictions). The effective tax rate of 19.6% for 2005 included the reversal of a \$0.6 million beginning of the year valuation allowance. This reversal resulted from a favorable change in forecasted 2005 and 2006 book income for one EMEA legal entity, which provided sufficient evidence for current and future sources of taxable income.

### ***Net Income***

As a result of the foregoing, we reported income from operations for 2005 of \$26.3 million, an increase of \$13.7 million from 2004. This increase was principally attributable to a \$28.2 million increase in revenues, a \$4.7 million decrease in general and administrative costs and a \$0.2 million increase in reversals of restructuring and other charges partially offset by a \$9.0 million increase in direct salaries and related costs, a \$5.1 million decrease in net gain on disposal of property and equipment, a \$5.4 million decrease in net gain on insurance settlement and a \$0.1 million increase in asset impairment charges. The \$13.7 million increase in income from operations was partially offset by a net decrease in interest income, interest expense, income from rental operations, net and other income of \$0.5 million and a \$0.6 million higher tax provision, resulting in net income of \$23.4 million for 2005, an increase of \$12.6 million compared to 2004.

### **2004 Compared to 2003**

#### ***Revenues***

During 2004, we recognized consolidated revenues of \$466.7 million, a decrease of \$13.7 million or 2.9% from \$480.4 million of consolidated revenues for 2003.

On a geographic segmentation, revenues from the Americas region, including the United States, Canada, Latin America, India and the Asia Pacific Rim, represented 60.7%, or \$ 283.3 million for 2004 compared to 66.9%, or \$321.2 million, for 2003. Revenues from the EMEA region, including Europe, the Middle East and Africa, represented 39.3 %, or \$ 183.4 million for 2004 compared to 33.1% or \$159.2 million for 2003.

The decrease in Americas' revenue of \$ 37.9 million, or 11.8%, for 2004, compared to 2003, reflected the client-driven migration of call volumes from the United States to comparable or higher margin offshore operations, including Latin America and the Asia Pacific Rim, the resulting mix-shift in revenues from the United States to offshore (each offshore seat generates roughly half the revenue dollar equivalence of a U.S. seat) and the ramp down of a technology client late in the first quarter of 2003. In addition to the revenue mix-shift, the revenue decline reflected an overall reduction in U.S. customer call volumes primarily attributable to the decision by certain communications and technology clients to exit dial-up Internet service customer support programs in early 2004. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in revenues from our offshore operations, which represented 27.6% of consolidated revenues for 2004 compared to 16.9% for 2003. We expect this trend of generating more of our revenues from offshore operations to continue in 2005. We anticipate that as our offshore operations grow and become a larger percentage of revenues, the total revenue and revenue growth rate may decline since each offshore seat generates less average revenue per seat than in the United States. While the average offshore revenue per seat is less, the operating margins generated offshore are generally comparable or higher than those in the United States. However, our ability to maintain these offshore operating margins longer term is difficult to predict due to potential increased competition for the available workforce in offshore markets.

The increase in EMEA's revenue of \$24.2 million, or 15.3%, for 2004 was primarily related to the strengthening Euro, which positively impacted revenues for 2004 by approximately \$16.5 million compared to the Euro in 2003. Excluding this foreign currency benefit, EMEA's revenues would have increased \$7.7 million compared with last year reflecting an improvement in certain customer call volumes and higher incentive payments related to quality operating performance. However, the persistent economic sluggishness in our key European markets continues to present challenges for us. The increase in revenue in 2004, compared to the same period in 2003, also included the recognition of deferred revenues of \$0.8 million related to a former client.

#### ***Direct Salaries and Related Costs***

Direct salaries and related costs decreased \$8.9 million or 2.9% to \$300.6 million for 2004, from \$309.5 million in 2003. Excluding the negative foreign currency impact of \$11.0 million related to the strengthening Euro in 2004 compared to the Euro in 2003, direct salaries and related costs decreased \$19.9 million compared with last year. This

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decrease was due to lower direct and indirect salaries and related benefits primarily attributable to an overall reduction in U.S. customer call volumes. This decrease was offset by 1) higher telephone costs related to transporting calls offshore, 2) higher staffing and training costs associated with the ramp-up offshore and certain duplicative costs as we simultaneously ramped-down U.S. customer contact management centers, 3) termination costs related to the consolidation of two European customer contact management centers and 4) higher claim costs associated with our automotive program in Canada related to higher fuel costs and the severe Canada winter. The migration offshore was substantially complete at the end of the third quarter of 2004. As a percentage of revenues, direct salaries and related costs was 64.4% in both 2004 and 2003.

### ***General and Administrative***

General and administrative expenses increased \$3.5 million or 2.2% to \$165.2 million for 2004, from \$161.7 million in 2003. Excluding the negative foreign currency impact of \$4.6 million related to the strengthening Euro in 2004 compared to the Euro in 2003, general and administrative expenses decreased \$1.1 million compared with last year. This decrease was principally attributable to a decrease in depreciation expense of \$1.0 million related to the 2003 expiration of two technology client contracts, lower insurance costs, technology related costs and bad debts. This decrease was partially offset by 1) higher compliance costs of \$3.3 million related to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, 2) compensation costs of \$1.7 million related to the former chairman's retirement and 3) lease and utilities costs associated with expansion of offshore facilities. As a percentage of revenues, general and administrative expenses increased to 35.4% in 2004 from 33.7% in 2003.

### ***Net Gain on Disposal of Property and Equipment***

The net gain on disposal of property and equipment of \$6.9 million for 2004 includes a \$2.8 million net gain on the sale of our Hays, Kansas facility, a \$2.7 million net gain on the sale of our Klamath Falls, Oregon facility, a \$0.1 million net gain on the sale of a parcel of land at our Pikeville, Kentucky facility and a \$1.5 million net gain on the sale of our Eveleth, Minnesota facility, offset by a \$0.2 million loss on disposal of property and equipment. This compares to a \$1.6 million net gain on disposal of property and equipment, which includes a \$1.9 million net gain on the sale of our Scottsbluff, Nebraska facility (closed in connection with the 2002 restructuring plan) and a \$0.2 million portion of the net gain related to the installment sale of our Eveleth, Minnesota facility offset by a \$0.5 million loss on disposal of property and equipment.

### ***Net Gain on Insurance Settlement***

In September 2004, the building and contents of our customer contact management center located in Marianna, Florida was severely damaged by Hurricane Ivan. Upon settlement with the insurer in December 2004, we recognized a net gain of \$5.4 million after write-off of the property and equipment, which had a net book value of \$3.4 million, net of the related deferred grants of \$2.2 million. In December 2004, we donated the underlying land to the city with \$0.1 million to assist with the site demolition and clean up of the property with no further obligation of the Company.

### ***Reversal of Restructuring and Other Charges***

In 2004, restructuring and other charges included a \$0.1 million reversal of certain charges related to the remaining lease termination and closure costs for two European customer contact management centers and one European fulfillment center.

In 2003, restructuring and other charges included a \$0.6 million reversal of certain charges related to the final termination settlements for the closure of two of our European customer contact management centers and one European fulfillment center, the remaining site closure costs for our Galashiels, Scotland print facility and our Scottsbluff, Nebraska facility, which were both sold in 2003, offset by additional accruals related to the final settlement of certain lease termination and site closure costs.

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

During 2004, we recorded a charge for impairment of long-lived assets of \$0.7 million related to certain property and equipment in Bangalore, India as a result of our plans to migrate the call volumes of the customer contact management services and related operations in India to other facilities in the Asia Pacific region in 2005.

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### ***Interest Income***

Interest income increased to \$2.4 million in 2004 from \$2.1 million in 2003 including \$0.8 million of interest received on a foreign income tax refund in 2004.

### ***Interest Expense***

Interest expense of \$0.8 million in 2004 was primarily unchanged as compared to 2003.

### ***Income from Rental Operations, Net***

Income from rental operations, net increased to \$0.2 million in 2004 from zero in 2003 as a result of the Company's leasing of a customer contact management facility in 2004.

### ***Other Income and Expense***

Other income increased to \$1.4 million in 2004 from \$1.3 million in 2003. This increase was primarily attributable to a \$0.4 million increase in other miscellaneous income offset by a \$0.3 million decrease in foreign currency translation gains, net of losses including \$0.7 million related to the liquidation of a foreign entity. Other income excludes the effects of cumulative translation effects included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) in shareholders' equity in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

### ***Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes***

The 2004 provision for income taxes of \$5.1 million was based upon pre-tax book income of \$15.9 million, compared to the 2003 provision for income taxes of \$4.7 million based upon a pre-tax book income of \$14.0 million. The \$0.4 million change was primarily attributable to the \$1.9 million change in pre-tax book income. The effective tax rate was 31.8% for 2004 and 33.3% for 2003. This decrease in the effective tax rate resulted from a shift in our mix of earnings within tax jurisdictions and the related effects of permanent differences, foreign withholding taxes, income tax credits, state income taxes and foreign income tax rate differentials (including tax holiday jurisdictions) offset by a requisite valuation allowance for the year-to-date United States tax loss benefit provided during the second, third and fourth quarters of 2004 (partially reduced by the reversal of certain specific tax contingency reserves).

### ***Net Income***

As a result of the foregoing, we reported income from operations for 2004 of \$12.6 million, an increase of \$1.2 million from 2003. This increase was principally attributable to an \$8.9 million decrease in direct salaries and related costs, a \$5.3 million increase in net gain on disposal of property and equipment and a \$5.4 million net gain on insurance settlement offset by a \$13.7 million decrease in revenues, a \$3.5 million increase in general and administrative costs, a \$0.7 million increase in impairment of long-lived assets and a \$0.5 million decrease in reversals of restructuring and other charges, as previously discussed. The \$1.2 million increase in income from operations and a net increase in interest income, interest expense, income from rental operations, net and other income of \$0.7 million were offset by a \$0.4 million higher tax provision, resulting in net income of \$10.8 million for 2004, an increase of \$1.5 million compared to 2003.

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### Quarterly Results

The following information presents our unaudited quarterly operating results for 2005 and 2004. The data has been prepared on a basis consistent with the Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this Form 10-K, and include all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals that we consider necessary for a fair presentation thereof.

(In thousands, except per share data)

	12/31/05	9/30/05	6/30/05	3/31/05	12/31/04	9/30/04	6/30/04	3/31/04
Revenues	\$128,756	\$122,596	\$122,194	\$121,372	\$120,713	\$111,507	\$113,450	\$121,043
Direct salaries and related costs <sup>(1)</sup>	80,902	75,247	76,026	77,429	72,766	70,578	73,867	83,389
General and administrative <sup>(2)</sup>	38,824	40,387	41,369	39,890	41,303	41,338	41,315	41,276
Net (gain) loss on disposal of property and equipment <sup>(3)</sup>	(35)	(47)	(1,627)	(69)	94	(2,874)	(1,394)	(2,741)
Net gain on insurance settlement <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	—	—	(5,378)	—	—	—
Restructuring and other charges (reversals) <sup>(5)</sup>	—	—	(56)	(258)	(113)	—	—	—
Impairment of long-lived assets <sup>(6)</sup>	—	605	—	—	690	—	—	—
Income (loss) from operations	9,065	6,404	6,482	4,380	11,351	2,465	(338)	(881)
Interest income	894	719	496	450	476	359	1,097	513
Interest expense	(95)	(113)	(385)	(74)	(180)	(242)	(233)	(118)
Income from rental operations, net	593	337	114	(104)	103	48	—	—
Other income (expense)	(781)	335	704	(318)	(242)	(160)	1,029	814
Income before provision for income taxes	9,676	7,682	7,411	4,334	11,508	2,470	1,555	328
Provision for income taxes	1,080	812	2,434	1,369	3,084	1,398	481	84
Net income	\$ 8,596	\$ 6,870	\$ 4,977	\$ 2,965	\$ 8,424	\$ 1,072	\$ 1,074	\$ 244
Net income per basic share <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.01
Total weighted average basic shares	39,282	39,291	39,289	39,195	39,197	39,189	39,882	40,216
Net income per diluted share <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.01
Total weighted average diluted shares	39,723	39,566	39,445	39,339	39,304	39,259	39,998	40,388

(1) The quarter ended December 31, 2005 includes a \$0.5 million charge for termination costs associated with exit activities in Germany and a \$0.6 million year-end bonus accrual.

(2) The quarter ended December 31, 2005 includes a \$0.5 million reversal of bad debt expense and a \$0.4 million reversal of certain bonus accruals. The quarter ended September 30, 2004 includes a \$2.3 million estimated compensation accrual related to the Chairman's retirement and the quarter ended December 31, 2004 includes a \$0.6 million reversal of part of this accrual related to life insurance premiums to be paid directly to the insurer over the policy period rather than to the insured in a lump sum.

(3) The quarters ended June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2005 include a net gain of \$1.7 million related to the sale of the Greeley, Colorado facility, and \$0.1 million related to the sale of a parcel of land in Klamath Falls, Oregon, respectively. The quarters ended September 30, 2004, June 30, 2004 and March 31, 2004 include a net gain of \$2.8 million related to the sale of the Hays, Kansas facility, \$1.6 million related to the sales of the Eveleth, Minnesota facility and the parcel of land at our Pikeville, Kentucky facility and \$2.7 million related to the sale of the Klamath Falls, Oregon facility, respectively.

(4) The quarter ended December 31, 2004 includes a net gain on insurance settlement of \$5.4 million.

(5) The quarters ended June 30, 2005, March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 include a reversal of restructuring and other charges of \$0.1 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

(6) The quarters ended September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004 include a \$0.6 million and \$0.7 million charge associated with the impairment of long-lived assets, respectively.

(7) Net income (loss) per basic and diluted share are computed independently for each of the quarters presented and therefore may not sum to the total for the year.



### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary sources of liquidity are generally cash flows generated by operating activities and from available borrowings under our revolving credit facilities. We utilize these capital resources to make capital expenditures associated primarily with our customer contact management services, invest in technology applications and tools to further develop our service offerings and for working capital and other general corporate purposes, including repurchase of our common stock in the open market and to fund possible acquisitions. In future periods, we intend similar uses of these funds.

On August 5, 2002, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to purchase up to three million shares of our outstanding common stock. A total of 1.6 million shares have been repurchased under this program since inception. The shares are purchased, from time to time, through open market purchases or in negotiated private transactions, and the purchases are based on factors, including but not limited to, the stock price and general market conditions. During the year ended December 31, 2005, we did not repurchase common shares under the 2002 repurchase program.

During the year ended December 31, 2005, we generated \$48.2 million in cash from operating activities and received \$0.8 million in cash from issuance of stock and \$2.7 million in cash from the sale of facilities, property and equipment. Further, we used \$9.9 million in funds for capital expenditures, \$3.2 million to purchase the stock of Kelly, Luttmer & Associates Limited, \$0.4 million to purchase investments and \$0.1 million to repay long-term debt resulting in a \$33.7 million increase in available cash (including the unfavorable effects of international currency exchange rates on cash of \$4.4 million).

Net cash flows provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2005 were \$48.2 million, compared to net cash flows provided by operating activities of \$13.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. The \$34.5 million increase in net cash flows from operating activities was due to an increase in net income of \$12.6 million, a \$19.2 million net change in assets and liabilities and a \$2.7 million increase in non-cash reconciling items such as deferred income taxes and a net gain on disposal of property and equipment. This \$19.2 million net change in assets and liabilities was principally a result of a \$7.9 million decrease in receivables, a \$5.1 million increase in deferred revenue, a \$3.9 million increase in accounts payable, a \$3.9 million increase in accrued employee compensation, and a \$4.6 million increase in other liabilities offset by a \$4.3 million increase in other assets and a \$1.9 million decrease in taxes payable.

Capital expenditures, which are generally funded by cash generated from operating activities and borrowings available under our credit facilities, were \$9.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, compared to \$25.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2004, a decrease of \$15.8 million, which was driven primarily by lower investments in offshore facilities. During the year ended December 31, 2005, approximately 32% of the capital expenditures were the result of investing in new and existing customer contact management centers, primarily offshore, and 68% was expended primarily for maintenance and systems infrastructure. In 2006, we anticipate capital expenditures in the range of \$12.0 million to \$16.0 million.

An available source of future cash flows from financing activities is from borrowings under our \$50.0 million revolving credit facility (the "Credit Facility"), which amount is subject to certain borrowing limitations. Pursuant to the terms of the Credit Facility, the amount of \$50.0 million may be increased up to a maximum of \$100.0 million with the prior written consent of the lenders. The \$50.0 million Credit Facility includes a \$10.0 million swingline subfacility, a \$15.0 million letter of credit subfacility and a \$40.0 million multi-currency subfacility.

The Credit Facility, which includes certain financial covenants, may be used for general corporate purposes including acquisitions, share repurchases, working capital support, and letters of credit, subject to certain limitations. The Credit Facility, including the multi-currency subfacility, accrues interest, at our option, at (a) the Base Rate (defined as the higher of the lender's prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50%) plus an applicable margin up to 0.50%, or (b) the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus an applicable margin up to 2.25%. Borrowings under the swingline subfacility accrue interest at the prime rate plus an applicable margin up to 0.50% and borrowings under the letter of credit subfacility accrue interest at the LIBOR plus an applicable margin up to 2.25%. In addition, a commitment fee of up to 0.50% is charged on the unused portion of the Credit Facility on a quarterly basis. The borrowings under the Credit Facility, which will terminate on March 14, 2008, are secured by a pledge of 65% of the stock of each of our active direct foreign subsidiaries. The Credit Facility prohibits us from incurring additional indebtedness, subject to certain specific exclusions. There were no borrowings in 2005 and 2004 and no

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outstanding balances as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 with \$50.0 million availability under the Credit Facility. At December 31, 2005, we were in compliance with all loan requirements of the Credit Facility.

At December 31, 2005, we had \$127.6 million in cash, of which approximately \$86.3 million was held in international operations and may be subject to additional taxes if repatriated to the United States. On October 22, 2004 the President signed the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the "Act"). The Act created a temporary incentive for U.S. corporations to repatriate accumulated income earned abroad by providing an 85 percent dividends received deduction for certain dividends from controlled foreign corporations. The incentive was only available in 2005 and was subject to a number of limitations. Based on a cost-benefit analysis, the Company decided not to repatriate any foreign income under the Act.

We believe that our current cash levels, accessible funds under our credit facilities and cash flows from future operations will be adequate to meet anticipated working capital needs, future debt repayment requirements (if any), continued expansion objectives, anticipated levels of capital expenditures and contractual obligations for the foreseeable future and stock repurchases.

### ***Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Other***

At December 31, 2005, we did not have any material commercial commitments, including guarantees or standby repurchase obligations, or any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, including entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities or variable interest entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes.

From time to time, during the normal course of business, we may make certain indemnities, commitments and guarantees under which we may be required to make payments in relation to certain transactions. These include, but are not limited to: (i) indemnities to clients, vendors and service providers pertaining to claims based on negligence or willful misconduct and (ii) indemnities involving breach of contract, the accuracy of representations and warranties, or other liabilities assumed by us in certain contracts. In addition, we have agreements whereby we will indemnify certain officers and directors for certain events or occurrences while the officer or director is, or was, serving at our request in such capacity. The indemnification period covers all pertinent events and occurrences during the officer's or director's lifetime. The maximum potential amount of future payments we could be required to make under these indemnification agreements is unlimited; however, we have director and officer insurance coverage that limits our exposure and enables us to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. We believe the applicable insurance coverage is generally adequate to cover any estimated potential liability under these indemnification agreements. The majority of these indemnities, commitments and guarantees do not provide for any limitation of the maximum potential for future payments we could be obligated to make. We have not recorded any liability for these indemnities, commitments and other guarantees in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. In addition, we have some client contracts that do not contain contractual provisions for the limitation of liability, and other client contracts that contain agreed upon exceptions to limitation of liability. We have not recorded any liability in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets with respect to any client contracts under which we have or may have unlimited liability.

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### Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes our contractual cash obligations at December 31, 2005, and the effect these obligations are expected to have on liquidity and cash flow in future periods (in thousands):

	Payments Due By Period				
	Total	Less Than 1 Year	1 - 3 Years	4 - 5 Years	After 5 Years
Operating leases <sup>(1)</sup>	\$38,285	\$ 11,562	\$ 8,697	\$ 6,930	\$ 11,096
Purchase obligations <sup>(2)</sup>	15,354	12,198	3,156	—	—
Other long-term liabilities <sup>(3)</sup>	6	6	—	—	—
Total contractual cash obligations	<u>\$53,645</u>	<u>\$ 23,766</u>	<u>\$ 11,853</u>	<u>\$ 6,930</u>	<u>\$ 11,096</u>

- (1) Amounts represent the expected cash payments of our operating leases as discussed in Note 17 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (2) Purchase obligations include agreements to purchase goods or services that are enforceable and legally binding on us and that specify all significant terms, including: fixed or minimum quantities to be purchased; fixed, minimum or variable price provisions; and the approximate timing of the transaction. Purchase obligations exclude agreements that are cancelable without penalty.
- (3) Other long-term liabilities, which exclude deferred income taxes, represent the expected cash payments due minority shareholders of certain subsidiaries and others.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires estimations 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 the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe the following accounting policies are the most critical since these policies require significant judgment or involve complex estimations that are important to the portrayal of our financial condition and operating results:

- We recognize revenue pursuant to applicable accounting standards, including SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin (“SAB”) No. 101 (SAB 101), “Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements,” SAB 104, “Revenue Recognition” and the Emerging Issues Task force (“EITF”) No. 00-21, (EITF 00-21) “Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables.” SAB 101, as amended, and SAB 104 summarize certain of the SEC staff’s views in applying generally accepted accounting principles to revenue recognition in financial statements and provide guidance on revenue recognition issues in the absence of authoritative literature addressing a specific arrangement or a specific industry. EITF 00-21 provides further guidance on how to account for multiple element contracts.

We recognize revenue from services as the services are performed under a fully executed contractual agreement and record reductions to revenue for contractual penalties and holdbacks for failure to meet specified minimum service levels and other performance based contingencies. Royalty revenue is recognized when a contract has been fully executed, the product has been delivered or provided, the license fees or rights are fixed and determinable, the collection of the resulting receivable is probable and there are no other contingencies. Revisions to these estimates, which could result in adjustments to fixed price contracts and estimated losses, are recorded in the period when such adjustments or losses are known or can be reasonably estimated. Product sales are recognized upon shipment to the customer and satisfaction of all obligations.

We recognize revenue from licenses of our software products and rights when the agreement has been executed, the product or right has been delivered or provided, collectibility is probable and the software license fees or rights are fixed and determinable. If any portion of the license fees or rights is subject to forfeiture, refund or other contractual contingencies, we defer revenue recognition until these contingencies have been resolved. Revenue from support and maintenance activities is recognized ratably over the term of the maintenance period

and the unrecognized portion is recorded as deferred revenue.

Certain contracts to sell our products and services contain multiple elements or non-standard terms and conditions. As a result, we evaluate each contract to determine the appropriate accounting, including whether the deliverables specified in a multiple element arrangement should be treated as separate units of accounting for revenue recognition purposes, and if so, how the price should be allocated among the deliverable elements and the timing of revenue recognition for each element. We recognize revenue for delivered elements only when the fair values of undelivered elements are known, uncertainties regarding client acceptance are resolved, and there are no client-negotiated refund or return rights affecting the revenue recognized for delivered elements. Once we determine the allocation of revenue between deliverable elements, there are no further changes in the revenue allocation.

- We maintain allowances for doubtful accounts of \$3.1 million as of December 31, 2005, or 3.5% of receivables, for estimated losses arising from the inability of our customers to make required payments. If the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in a reduced ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required which would reduce income from operations.
- We reduce deferred tax assets by a valuation allowance if, based on the weight of available evidence for each respective tax jurisdiction, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of such deferred tax assets will not be realized. The valuation allowance for a particular tax jurisdiction is allocated between current and noncurrent deferred tax assets for that jurisdiction on a pro rata basis. Available evidence which is considered in determining the amount of valuation allowance required includes, but is not limited to, our estimate of future taxable income and any applicable tax-planning strategies. At December 31, 2005, management determined that a valuation allowance of approximately \$28.8 million was necessary to reduce U.S. deferred tax assets by \$9.9 million and foreign deferred tax assets by \$18.9 million, where it was more likely than not that some portion or all of such deferred tax assets will not be realized. The recoverability of the remaining net deferred tax asset of \$17.9 million at December 31, 2005 is dependent upon future profitability within each tax jurisdiction. As of December 31, 2005, based on our estimates of future taxable income and any applicable tax-planning strategies within various tax jurisdictions, we believe that it is more likely than not that the remaining net deferred tax asset will be realized. (See Note 13 in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements).
- We review long-lived assets, which had a carrying value of \$80.3 million as of December 31, 2005, including goodwill, intangibles and property and equipment, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable and at least annually for impairment testing of goodwill. An asset is considered to be impaired when the carrying amount exceeds the fair value. Upon determination that the carrying value of the asset is impaired, we would record an impairment charge or loss to reduce the asset to its fair value. Future adverse changes in market conditions or poor operating results of the underlying investment could result in losses or an inability to recover the carrying value of the investment and, therefore, might require an impairment charge in the future.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued SFAS 123R, “*Share-Based Payment*” which revises SFAS 123 and supersedes APB 25 and amends SFAS No. 95, “*Statement of Cash Flows*.” SFAS 123R requires companies to recognize in their income statement the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees and directors. We adopted SFAS 123R on January 1, 2006. The standard requires that compensation expense for most equity-based awards be recognized over the requisite service period, usually the vesting period, while compensation expense for liability-based awards (those usually settled in cash rather than stock) be re-measured to fair-value at each balance sheet date until the award is settled. Under SFAS 123R, the pro forma disclosures previously permitted will no longer be an alternative to financial statement recognition. The adoption of SFAS 123R is not expected to have a material effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows as most outstanding options were fully vested as of December 31, 2005.

We use the Black-Scholes formula to estimate the value of stock-based compensation granted to employees and directors and expect to continue to use this option valuation model in 2006, but may consider switching to another model in the future, if we determine that such model will produce a better estimate of fair value. Because SFAS 123R must be applied not only to new awards, but to previously granted awards that are not fully vested on January 1, 2006, the effective date of SFAS 123R, compensation cost for some previously granted options will be recognized under SFAS 123R. However, had we adopted SFAS 123R in prior periods, the impact of this standard would have

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approximated the impact described in the disclosure of pro forma net income and net income per share in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements.

SFAS 123R also requires the benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation cost to be reported as a financing cash flow, rather than as an operating cash flow as previously required.

We will use the modified prospective method, which requires us to record compensation expense for the non-vested portion of previously issued awards that remain outstanding at the initial date of adoption and to record compensation expense for any awards issued or modified after January 1, 2006.

In March 2005, the SEC issued SAB 107 (SAB 107), “Share -Based Payments”, which provides guidance on valuation methods available and guidance on other related matters in applying the provisions of SFAS 123R. We adopted the provisions of SAB 107 in conjunction with the adoption of SFAS 123R on January 1, 2006.

In October 2005, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS No. 123R-2 (SFAS 123R-2), “*Practical Accommodation to the Application of Grant Date as Defined in FAS 123R*”. SFAS 123R-2 provides guidance on the application of grant date as defined in SFAS 123R. In accordance with this standard, a grant date of an award exists if a) the award is a unilateral grant and b) the key terms and conditions of the award are expected to be communicated to an individual recipient within a relatively short time period from the date of approval. We adopted SFAS 123R-2 in conjunction with the adoption of SFAS 123R on January 1, 2006.

In November 2005, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS No. 123R-3 (SFAS 123R-3), “*Transition Election Related to Accounting for the Tax Effects of Share-Based Payment Awards*”. SFAS 123R-3 provides an elective alternative method that establishes a computational component to arrive at the beginning balance of the accumulated paid-in capital pool related to employee compensation and a simplified method to determine the subsequent impact on the accumulated paid-in capital pool of employee awards that are fully vested and outstanding upon the adoption of SFAS 123R on January 1, 2006. We are currently evaluating the use of this transition method.

In March 2004, the EITF reached a consensus on Issue No. 03-1 (EITF 03-1), “*The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments*.” EITF 03-1 provides guidance on other-than-temporary impairment evaluations for securities accounted for under SFAS No. 115, “*Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities*,” and SFAS No. 124, “*Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations*,” and non-marketable equity securities accounted for under the cost method. The EITF developed a basic three-step test to evaluate whether an investment is other-than-temporarily impaired. In September 2004, the FASB delayed the effective date of the recognition and measurement provisions of EITF 03-1. However, the disclosure provisions were effective for fiscal years ending after June 15, 2004. In November 2005, the FASB issued final FASB Staff Positions SFAS 115-1 and SFAS 124-1 (SFAS 115-1 and SFAS 124-1) “*The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments*” which supersede EITF 03-1 and provide similar guidance. FASB Staff Position Nos. SFAS 115-1 and SFAS 124-1 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. The adoption of the recognition and measurement provisions of these standards is not expected to have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In June 2004, the EITF reached a consensus on Issue No. 02-14 (EITF 02-14), “*Whether an Investor Should Apply the Equity Method of Accounting to Investments Other Than Common Stock*.” EITF 02-14 addresses whether the equity method of accounting should be applied to investments when an investor does not have an investment in voting common stock of an investee but exercises significant influence through other means. EITF 02-14 states that an investor should only apply the equity method of accounting when it has investments in either common stock or in-substance common stock of a corporation, provided that the investor has the ability to exercise significant influence over the operating and financial policies of the investee. We adopted EITF 02-14 on January 1, 2005. The impact of this adoption did not have a material effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In December 2004, the FASB issued Staff Position 109-1 (SFAS 109-1), “*Application of FASB Statement 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, to the Tax Deduction on Qualified Production Activities Provided by the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004*”. The Act, which was signed into law in October 2004, provides a tax deduction on qualified domestic production activities. When fully phased-in, the deduction will be up to 9% of the lesser of “qualified production activities income” or taxable income. Based on the guidance provided by SFAS 109-1, this deduction should be accounted for as a special deduction under SFAS 109 and will reduce tax expense in the period or periods that the amounts are deductible on the tax return. The tax benefit resulting from the new deduction was

effective for 2005. The adoption of these new tax provisions did not have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In December 2004, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. SFAS 109-2 (SFAS 109-2), “*Accounting and Disclosure Guidance for the Foreign Earnings Repatriation Provision within the American Jobs Creations Act of 2004*.” The Act introduced a limited time 85% dividends received deduction on the repatriation of certain foreign earnings to a U.S. taxpayer (repatriation provision), provided certain criteria were met. SFAS No. 109-2 provides accounting and disclosure guidance for the repatriation provision. Based on a cost-benefit analysis, we decided not to repatriate any foreign income under the Act.

In March 2005, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 47 (FIN 47), “*Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations*” that requires an entity to recognize a liability for a conditional asset retirement obligation when incurred if the liability can be reasonably estimated. FIN 47 clarifies that the term conditional asset retirement obligation refers to a legal obligation to perform an asset retirement activity in which the timing and/or method of settlement are conditional on a future event that may or may not be within the control of the entity. FIN 47 also clarifies when an entity would have sufficient information to reasonably estimate the fair value of an asset retirement obligation. FIN 47 is effective no later than the end of fiscal years ending after December 15, 2005. The impact of this adoption did not have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154 (SFAS 154), “*Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*”, which requires retrospective application to prior periods’ financial statements for changes in accounting principle and redefines the term “restatement” as the revising of previously issued financial statements to reflect the correction of an error. Under retrospective application, the new accounting principle is applied as of the beginning of the first period presented as if that principle had always been used. The cumulative effect of the change is reflected in the carrying value of assets and liabilities as of the first period presented and the offsetting adjustments are recorded to opening retained earnings. SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005.

In July 2005, the FASB issued an exposure draft of a proposed interpretation of SFAS No. 109, “*Accounting for Income Taxes*” entitled “*Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions*.” The proposed interpretation stipulates that the benefit from a tax position should be recorded only when it is probable that the tax position will be sustained upon audit by taxing authorities, based solely on the technical merits of the tax position. The final issuance of this proposed interpretation, which may be subject to significant changes, will be no earlier than the first quarter of 2006 and the effective date has not been determined. We are currently evaluating the impact of this proposed standard on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

### **Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

#### **Foreign Currency and Interest Rate Risk**

Our earnings and cash flows are subject to fluctuations due to changes in non-U.S. currency exchange rates. We are exposed to non-U.S. exchange rate fluctuations as the financial results of non-U.S. subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars in consolidation. As exchange rates vary, those results, when translated, may vary from expectations and adversely impact overall expected profitability. The cumulative translation effects for subsidiaries using functional currencies other than the U.S. dollar are included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) in shareholders’ equity. Movements in non-U.S. currency exchange rates may affect our competitive position, as exchange rate changes may affect business practices and/or pricing strategies of non-U.S. based competitors. Periodically, we use foreign currency contracts to hedge intercompany receivables and payables, and transactions initiated in the United States that are denominated in foreign currency. The principal foreign currency hedged is the Euro using foreign currency contracts ranging in periods from one to three months. Foreign currency contracts are accounted for on a mark-to-market basis, with realized and unrealized gains or losses recognized in the current period, as we do not designate our foreign currency contracts as accounting hedges. Unrealized and realized gains or losses related to these contracts for the three years ended December 31, 2005 were immaterial.

Our exposure to interest rate risk results from variable debt outstanding under our revolving credit facility. Based on our level of variable rate debt outstanding during the year ended December 31, 2005, a one-point increase in the weighted average interest rate, which generally equals the LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin, would not have had a material impact on our annual interest expense.

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At December 31, 2005, we had no debt outstanding at variable interest rates. We have not historically used derivative instruments to manage exposure to changes in interest rates.

### Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The financial statements and supplementary data required by this item are located beginning on page 46 and page 29 of this report, respectively.

### Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosures

None.

### Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

#### Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of December 31, 2005, under the direction of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13a – 15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed in our SEC reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC's rules and forms, and is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. We concluded that, as of December 31, 2005, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

#### Management's Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended). Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

We assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005. In making this assessment, we used the criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

Based on our assessment, management believes that, as of December 31, 2005, our internal control over financial reporting was effective.

Our independent auditors, an independent registered public accounting firm, have issued their attestation report on our assessment of our internal control over financial reporting. This report appears on page 38.

#### Changes to Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Except as noted below, there were no significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2005 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

On November 11, 2005, we determined that certain deferred revenues should have been classified as current liabilities rather than long-term liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2003 and thereafter. These deferred revenues relate to various contracts in our Canadian roadside assistance program for which we are prepaid for roadside assistance services that are generally carried out over a twelve-month or longer period. Accordingly, previously issued financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004 were restated to correct the classification of deferred revenue and the related deferred income taxes. We concluded that the deferred revenue classification error was primarily the result of a failure in the design of the existing controls surrounding the review of non-U.S. non-routine contracts to ensure that such contracts are recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. We also concluded that this deficiency in internal controls

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constituted a “material weakness,” as defined by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board’s Auditing Standard No. 2.

Subsequent to November 11, 2005, we made changes to our internal control over financial reporting that remediated such weakness, including the establishment of additional controls to improve the internal control process with respect to the accounting for non-U.S. non-routine contracts. The changes included a more formal process to document and review the terms and conditions of all significant contracts, including non-U.S. non-routine contracts, to ensure that such contracts are recorded in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. This process is completed at the inception of the contract and monitored during the term of the contract to ensure all and any changes to the contract are accounted for appropriately.

As a result of these remedial actions, we concluded that this change in procedures strengthens our disclosure controls and procedures, as well as our internal control over financial reporting, with respect to the accounting for non-U.S. non-routine contracts and therefore the above described material weakness was remediated as of December 31, 2005. We have discussed this material weakness and our remediation actions with our Audit Committee.



**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated  
Tampa, Florida

We have audited management’s assessment, included in the accompanying Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, as included in Item 9A, Controls and Procedures, that Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and subsidiaries (the “Company”) maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company’s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management’s assessment and an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

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

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

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, management’s assessment that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, based on the criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005 of the Company and our report dated March 14, 2006 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial statement schedule.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Certified Public Accountants

Tampa, Florida  
March 14, 2006

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**Item 9B. Other Information**

None.

**PART III**

**Items 10. through 14.**

All information required by Items 10 through 14, with the exception of information on Executive Officers which appears in this report in Item 1 under the caption "Executive Officers", is incorporated by reference to SYKES' Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

PART IV

**Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedule**

The following documents are filed as part of this report:

- (1) Consolidated Financial Statements  
The Index to Consolidated Financial Statements is set forth on page 46 of this report.
- (2) Financial Statements Schedule  
Schedule II — Valuation and Qualifying Accounts is set forth on page 80 of this report.
- (3) Exhibits:

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
2.1	Articles of Merger between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated, a North Carolina Corporation, and Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated, a Florida Corporation, dated March 1, 1996. <sup>(1)</sup>
2.2	Articles of Merger between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Sykes Realty, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>
2.3	Shareholder Agreement dated December 11, 1997, by and among Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and HealthPlan Services Corporation. <sup>(2)</sup>
2.4	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated September 1, 1998, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and HealthPlan Services Corporation. <sup>(4)</sup>
2.5	Merger Agreement, dated as of June 9, 2000, among Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated, SHPS, Incorporated, Welsh Carson Anderson and Stowe, VIII, LP (“WCAS”) and Slugger Acquisition Corp. <sup>(11)</sup>
2.6	Share Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 1, 2005, among Sykes Canada Corporation and the shareholders of Kelly, Luttmer & Associates Ltd and 765448 Alberta Limited. <sup>(27)</sup>
3.1	Articles of Incorporation of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated, as amended. <sup>(5)</sup>
3.2	Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated, as amended. <sup>(6)</sup>
3.3	Bylaws of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated, as amended. <sup>(27)</sup>
4.1	Specimen certificate for the Common Stock of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated. <sup>(1)</sup>
10.1	1996 Employee Stock Option Plan. <sup>(1)*</sup>
10.2	Amended and Restated 1996 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan. <sup>(12)*</sup>
10.3	1996 Non-Employee Directors’ Fee Plan. <sup>(1)*</sup>
10.4	2004 Non-Employee Directors’ Fee Plan. <sup>(23)*</sup>
10.5	Form of Split Dollar Plan Documents. <sup>(1)*</sup>
10.6	Form of Split Dollar Agreement. <sup>(1)*</sup>
10.7	Form of Indemnity Agreement between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and directors & executive officers. <sup>(1)</sup>
10.8	Tax Indemnification Agreement between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and John H. Sykes. <sup>(1)*</sup>
10.9	1997 Management Stock Incentive Plan. <sup>(3)*</sup>

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Description</b>
10.10	1999 Employees' Stock Purchase Plan. <sup>(7)*</sup>
10.11	2000 Stock Option Plan. <sup>(8)*</sup>
10.12	2001 Equity Incentive Plan. <sup>(13)*</sup>
10.13	Deferred Compensation Plan <sup>(27)*</sup>
10.14	2004 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan <sup>(21)*</sup>
10.15	Amended and Restated Executive Employment Agreement dated as of October 1, 2001 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and John H. Sykes. <sup>(15)*</sup>
10.16	Founder's Retirement and Consulting Agreement dated December 10, 2004 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and John H. Sykes. <sup>(24)*</sup>
10.17	Stock Option Agreement dated as of January 8, 2002, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and John H. Sykes. <sup>(15)*</sup>
10.18	Employment Agreement dated as of January 1, 2004, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Charles E. Sykes. <sup>(20)*</sup>
10.19	Amendment Number 1 to Exhibit "A" of the Employment Agreement between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Charles E. Sykes dated January 1, 2004. <sup>(23)*</sup>
10.20	Employment Agreement dated as of August 1, 2004 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Charles E. Sykes. <sup>(27)*</sup>
10.21	First Amendment to Employment Agreement dated as of July 28, 2005 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Charles E. Sykes. *
10.22	Second Amendment to Employment Agreement dated as of January 30, 2006, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Charles E. Sykes. <sup>(31)*</sup>
10.23	Stock Option Agreement dated as of March 15, 2002 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Charles E. Sykes. <sup>(16)*</sup>
10.24	Stock Option Agreement (Performance Accelerated Option) dated as of March 15, 2002 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Charles E. Sykes. <sup>(16)*</sup>
10.25	Employment Agreement dated as of March 6, 2000 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and David L. Grimes. <sup>(9)*</sup>
10.26	Employment Separation Agreement dated November 10, 2000 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and David L. Grimes. <sup>(10)*</sup>
10.27	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated as of October 1, 2001, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and W. Michael Kipphut. <sup>(15)*</sup>
10.28	Employment Agreement dated as of March 6, 2004, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and W. Michael Kipphut. <sup>(23)*</sup>
10.29	Employment Agreement dated as of March 6, 2005, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and W. Michael Kipphut. <sup>(26)*</sup>
10.30	Stock Option Agreement dated as of October 1, 2001, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and W. Michael Kipphut. <sup>(15)*</sup>
10.31	Employment Agreement dated as of March 5, 2004, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Jenna R. Nelson. <sup>(20)*</sup>

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Description</b>
10.32	Stock Option Agreement dated as of March 11, 2002 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Jenna R. Nelson. <sup>(16)*</sup>
10.33	Employment Agreement dated as of March 5, 2004, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Gerry L. Rogers. <sup>(20)*</sup>
10.34	Independent Subcontractor Agreement dated as of July 27, 2004 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Gerry L. Rogers. <sup>(27)*</sup>
10.35	First Amendment to Independent Subcontractor Agreement dated as of July 27, 2004 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Gerry L. Rogers. <sup>(27)*</sup>
10.36	Stock Option Agreement dated as of March 11, 2002 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Gerry Rogers. <sup>(16)*</sup>
10.37	Employment Agreement dated as of April 1, 2003, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and James T. Holder. <sup>(20)*</sup>
10.38	Employment Agreement dated as of July 22, 2005, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and James T. Holder. <sup>(29)*</sup>
10.39	Employment Agreement dated as of January 3, 2006, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and James T. Holder. <sup>(31)*</sup>
10.40	Stock Option Agreement dated as of October 1, 2001, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and James T. Holder. <sup>(15)*</sup>
10.41	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated as of March 6, 2002, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Harry A. Jackson, Jr. <sup>(15)*</sup>
10.42	Employment Separation Agreement, Waiver and Release dated as of June 9, 2003 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Harry A. Jackson, Jr. <sup>(19)*</sup>
10.43	Stock Option Agreement dated as of March 6, 2002 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Harry A. Jackson, Jr. <sup>(16)*</sup>
10.44	Stock Option Agreement dated as of December 23, 2002 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Harry A. Jackson, Jr. <sup>(18)*</sup>
10.45	Employment Agreement dated as of April 1, 2003, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and William N. Rocktoff. <sup>(20)*</sup>
10.46	Employment Agreement dated as of July 22, 2005, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and William N. Rocktoff. <sup>(29)*</sup>
10.47	Employment Agreement dated as of January 3, 2006, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and William N. Rocktoff. <sup>(31)*</sup>
10.48	Stock Option Agreement dated as of March 18, 2002 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and William Rocktoff. <sup>(16)*</sup>
10.49	Stock Option Agreement dated as of March 18, 2002 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and William Rocktoff. <sup>(16)*</sup>
10.50	Employment Separation Agreement dated as of November 5, 2001, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Mitchell Nelson. <sup>(15)*</sup>
10.51	Employment Agreement dated as of September 2, 2003, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and James C. Hobby. <sup>(20)*</sup>

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Description</b>
10.52	Employment Agreement dated as of January 3, 2005 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and James Hobby, Jr. <sup>(25)*</sup>
10.53	Employment Agreement dated as of October 6, 2003, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Daniel L. Hernandez. <sup>(20)*</sup>
10.54	Employment Agreement dated as of January 3, 2006, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Daniel L. Hernandez. <sup>(31)*</sup>
10.55	Employment Agreement dated as of June 15, 2004 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and David L. Pearson. <sup>(23)*</sup>
10.56	Employment Agreement dated as of September 13, 2005 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and David L. Pearson. <sup>(30)*</sup>
10.57	Employment Agreement dated as of January 3, 2006 between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Lawrence R. Zingale. <sup>(31)*</sup>
10.58	Senior Revolving Credit Facility between SunTrust, Wachovia and BNP Paribas and Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated dated as of April 5, 2002 and Schedule I-1. <sup>(16)</sup>
10.59	Amendment No. 1 to Revolving Credit Agreement without exhibits between Sun Trust, Wachovia and BNP Paribas and Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated dated as of September 30, 2002. <sup>(17)</sup>
10.60	Amendment No. 2 to Revolving Credit Agreement between SunTrust Bank, Wachovia Bank and BNP Paribas and Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated dated as of June 30, 2003. <sup>(19)</sup>
10.61	Credit Agreement Among Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Keybank National Association and BNP Paribas dated March 15, 2004. <sup>(22)</sup>
10.62	Amendment No. 1 to Credit Agreement Among Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Keybank National Association and BNP Paribas dated October 18, 2004. <sup>(27)</sup>
10.63	Amendment No. 2 to Credit Agreement Among Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and Keybank National Association and BNP Paribas dated May 25, 2005. <sup>(28)</sup>
14.1	Code of Ethics <sup>(21)</sup>
21.1	List of subsidiaries of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated.
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
24.1	Power of Attorney relating to subsequent amendments (included on the signature page of this report).
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a).
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a).
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 1350.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 1350.

\* *Indicates management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement*

- (1) *Filed as an Exhibit to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-2324) and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (2) *Filed as Exhibit 2.12 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 16, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (3) *Filed as Exhibit 10 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on July 28, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (4) *Filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on September 25, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference.*

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- (5) *Filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed with the Commission on October 23, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (6) *Filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 29, 1999, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (7) *Filed as Exhibit 10.19 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 29, 1999, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (8) *Filed as Exhibit 10.23 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 29, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (9) *Filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 29, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (10) *Filed as Exhibit 10.29 to the Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 27, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (11) *Filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on July 17, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (12) *Filed as Exhibit 10.12 to Registrant's Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on May 7, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (13) *Filed as Exhibit 10.32 to Registrant's Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on May 7, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (14) *Filed as Exhibit 10.33 to Registrant's Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on August 14, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (15) *Filed as an Exhibit to Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 15, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (16) *Filed as an Exhibit to Registrant's Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on May 10, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (17) *Filed as an Exhibit to Registrant's Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on November 14, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (18) *Filed as an Exhibit to Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 24, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (19) *Filed as an Exhibit to Registrant's Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on August 11, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (20) *Filed as an Exhibit to Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 10, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (21) *Filed as an Exhibit to Registrant's Proxy Statement for the 2004 annual meeting of shareholders filed with the Commission April 6, 2004.*
- (22) *Filed as an Exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 29, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (23) *Filed as an Exhibit to Registrant's Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on August 9, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (24) *Filed as an Exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on December 16, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (25) *Filed as an Exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on January 7, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (26) *Filed as an Exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 8, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (27) *Filed as an Exhibit to Registrant's Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 22, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (28) *Filed as an Exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on May 31, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (29) *Filed as an Exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on July 27, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (30) *Filed as an Exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on September 19, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.*
- (31) *Filed as an Exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on January 5, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.*

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### Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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, in the City of Tampa, and State of Florida, on this 14th day of March 2006.

SYKES ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ W. Michael Kipphut  
W. Michael Kipphut,  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated. Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints W. Michael Kipphut his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and revocation, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this report and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or should do in person, thereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or either of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ Paul L. Whiting</u> Paul L. Whiting	Chairman of the Board	March 14, 2006
<u>/s/ Charles E. Sykes</u> Charles E. Sykes	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 14, 2006
<u>/s/ Furman P. Bodenheimer, Jr.</u> Furman P. Bodenheimer, Jr.	Director	March 14, 2006
<u>/s/ Mark C. Bozek</u> Mark C. Bozek	Director	March 14, 2006
<u>/s/ Lt. Gen. Michael P. Delong (Ret.)</u> Lt. Gen. Michael P. Delong (Ret.)	Director	March 14, 2006
<u>/s/ H. Parks Helms</u> H. Parks Helms	Director	March 14, 2006
<u>/s/ Iain Macdonald</u> Iain Macdonald	Director	March 14, 2006
<u>/s/ James S. MacLeod</u> James S. MacLeod	Director	March 14, 2006
<u>/s/ Linda F. McClintock-Greco M.D.</u> Linda F. McClintock-Greco M.D.	Director	March 14, 2006
<u>/s/ William J. Meurer</u> William J. Meurer	Director	March 14, 2006
<u>/s/ James K. Murray, Jr.</u> James K. Murray, Jr.	Director	March 14, 2006



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of  
Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated  
Tampa, Florida

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in shareholders’ equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

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

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005, based on the criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 14, 2006 expressed an unqualified opinion on management’s assessment of the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting and an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Certified Public Accountants

Tampa, Florida  
March 14, 2006

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### SYKES ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except per share data)	December 31,	
	2005	2004
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 127,612	\$ 93,868
Receivables, net	88,213	90,661
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	10,601	11,219
Assets held for sale	—	9,742
Total current assets	226,426	205,490
Property and equipment, net	72,261	82,891
Goodwill, net	5,918	5,224
Intangibles, net	2,112	—
Deferred charges and other assets	24,468	18,921
	<u>\$ 331,185</u>	<u>\$ 312,526</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 12,990	\$ 13,693
Accrued employee compensation and benefits	31,777	30,316
Deferred grants related to assets held for sale	—	6,740
Income taxes payable	2,220	2,965
Deferred revenue	25,172	22,952
Other accrued expenses and current liabilities	10,274	9,386
Total current liabilities	82,433	86,052
Deferred grants	18,107	13,921
Other long-term liabilities	4,555	2,518
Total liabilities	<u>105,095</u>	<u>102,491</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 17)		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 10,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 200,000 shares authorized; 44,009 and 43,832 shares issued	440	438
Additional paid-in capital	165,674	163,885
Retained earnings	115,735	92,327
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(3,435)	4,871
	278,414	261,521
Deferred stock compensation	(355)	—
Treasury stock at cost: 4,712 shares and 4,644 shares	(51,969)	(51,486)
Total shareholders' equity	<u>226,090</u>	<u>210,035</u>
	<u>\$ 331,185</u>	<u>\$ 312,526</u>

See accompanying notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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### SYKES ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES Consolidated Statements of Operations

(In thousands, except per share data)	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Revenues	<u>\$ 494,918</u>	<u>\$ 466,713</u>	<u>\$ 480,359</u>
Operating expenses:			
Direct salaries and related costs	309,604	300,600	309,489
General and administrative	160,470	165,232	161,743
Net gain on disposal of property and equipment	(1,778)	(6,915)	(1,595)
Net gain on insurance settlement	—	(5,378)	—
Reversal of restructuring and other charges	(314)	(113)	(646)
Impairment of long-lived assets	605	690	—
Total operating expenses	<u>468,587</u>	<u>454,116</u>	<u>468,991</u>
Income from operations	<u>26,331</u>	<u>12,597</u>	<u>11,368</u>
Other income (expense):			
Interest income	2,559	2,445	2,102
Interest expense	(667)	(773)	(836)
Income from rental operations, net	940	151	—
Other	(60)	1,441	1,322
Total other income (expense)	<u>2,772</u>	<u>3,264</u>	<u>2,588</u>
Income before provision (benefit) for income taxes	<u>29,103</u>	<u>15,861</u>	<u>13,956</u>
Provision (benefit) for income taxes:			
Current	7,098	4,399	5,707
Deferred	(1,403)	648	(1,056)
Total provision (benefit) for income taxes	<u>5,695</u>	<u>5,047</u>	<u>4,651</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 23,408</u>	<u>\$ 10,814</u>	<u>\$ 9,305</u>
Net income per share:			
Basic	<u>\$ 0.60</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 0.23</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.59</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 0.23</u>
Weighted average shares:			
Basic	<u>39,204</u>	<u>39,607</u>	<u>40,300</u>
Diluted	<u>39,536</u>	<u>39,722</u>	<u>40,441</u>

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**SYKES ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity**

(In thousands)	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Deferred Stock Compensation	Treasury Stock	Total
	Shares Issued	Amount						
Balance at January 1, 2003	43,491	\$ 435	\$ 162,117	\$ 72,208	\$ (11,101)	\$ —	\$ (41,314)	\$ 182,345
Issuance of common stock	280	3	1,166	—	—	—	—	1,169
Tax benefit of exercise of stock options	—	—	228	—	—	—	—	228
Purchase of treasury stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	(3,108)	(3,108)
Comprehensive income	—	—	—	9,305	10,893	—	—	20,198
Balance at December 31, 2003	43,771	438	163,511	81,513	(208)	—	(44,422)	200,832
Issuance of common stock	61	—	342	—	—	—	—	342
Tax benefit of exercise of stock options	—	—	32	—	—	—	—	32
Purchase of treasury stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	(7,064)	(7,064)
Comprehensive income	—	—	—	10,814	5,079	—	—	15,893
Balance at December 31, 2004	43,832	438	163,885	92,327	4,871	—	(51,486)	210,035
Issuance of common stock	166	2	836	—	—	—	—	838
Deferred stock compensation for the issuance of restricted common stock units	—	—	854	—	—	(854)	—	—
Amortization of deferred stock compensation	—	—	—	—	—	499	—	499
Shares issued under executive deferred compensation plan and held in the rabbi trust	11	—	99	—	—	—	(483)	(384)
Comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	23,408	(8,306)	—	—	15,102
Balance at December 31, 2005	44,009	\$ 440	\$ 165,674	\$ 115,735	\$ (3,435)	\$ (355)	\$ (51,969)	\$ 226,090

See accompanying notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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**SYKES ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(In thousands)	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net income	\$ 23,408	\$ 10,814	\$ 9,305
Depreciation and amortization	25,943	30,237	30,125
Impairment of long-lived assets	605	690	—
Reversal of restructuring and other charges	(314)	(113)	(646)
Stock compensation expense	441	—	—
Deferred income tax (benefit) provision	(1,403)	648	(1,056)
Tax benefit from stock options	—	32	228
Net gain on disposal of property and equipment	(1,778)	(6,915)	(1,595)
Net gain on insurance settlement	—	(5,378)	—
Termination costs associated with exit activities	697	1,684	—
Bad debt expense (reversals)	(649)	267	441
Foreign exchange gain on liquidation of foreign entity	(366)	(680)	—
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	(59)	—	—
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Receivables	(795)	(8,699)	(2,939)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(507)	357	(875)
Deferred charges and other assets	(2,991)	491	(1,374)
Accounts payable	(946)	(4,797)	1,940
Income taxes receivable/payable	(470)	1,446	9,057
Accrued employee compensation and benefits	2,277	(1,698)	(5,141)
Other accrued expenses and current liabilities	1,424	(1,372)	(3,113)
Deferred revenue	2,167	(2,931)	(136)
Other long-term liabilities	1,485	(348)	3
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>48,169</u>	<u>13,735</u>	<u>34,224</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Capital expenditures	(9,910)	(25,665)	(29,273)
Cash paid for acquisition of Kelly, Luttmer & Assoc. Ltd, net of cash acquired	(3,246)	—	—
Proceeds from sale of facilities	2,480	9,663	2,411
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	184	99	212
Proceeds from insurance settlement	—	6,940	—
Other	(357)	—	—
Net cash used for investing activities	<u>(10,849)</u>	<u>(8,963)</u>	<u>(26,650)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Paydowns under revolving line of credit agreements	—	—	(1,600)
Borrowings under revolving line of credit agreements	—	—	1,600
Payments of long-term debt	(78)	(86)	(45)
Borrowings under long-term debt	—	—	71
Proceeds from issuance of stock	838	342	1,169
Purchase of treasury stock	—	(7,064)	(3,108)
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	<u>760</u>	<u>(6,808)</u>	<u>(1,913)</u>
<b>Effects of exchange rates on cash</b>	<u>(4,336)</u>	<u>3,819</u>	<u>6,944</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	33,744	1,783	12,605
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS — BEGINNING</b>	<u>93,868</u>	<u>92,085</u>	<u>79,480</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS — ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 127,612</u>	<u>\$ 93,868</u>	<u>\$ 92,085</u>
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:</b>			
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$ 510	\$ 430	\$ 460
Cash paid during the year for income taxes	\$ 10,006	\$ 11,216	\$ 9,708

See accompanying notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## SYKES ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES

### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and consolidated subsidiaries (“SYKES” or the “Company”) provides outsourced customer contact management solutions and services in the business process outsourcing (“BPO”) arena to companies, primarily within the communications, technology/consumer, financial services, healthcare, and transportation and leisure industries. SYKES provides flexible, high quality outsourced customer contact management services (with an emphasis on inbound technical support and customer service), which includes customer assistance, healthcare and roadside assistance, technical support and product sales to its client’s customers. Utilizing SYKES’ integrated onshore/offshore global delivery model, SYKES provides its services through multiple communications channels encompassing phone, e-mail, Web and chat. SYKES complements its outsourced customer contact management services with various enterprise support services in the United States that encompass services for a company’s internal support operations, from technical staffing services to outsourced corporate help desk services. In Europe, SYKES also provides fulfillment services including multilingual sales order processing via the Internet and phone, inventory control, product delivery and product returns handling. The Company has operations in two geographic regions entitled (1) the Americas, which includes the United States, Canada, Latin America, India and the Asia Pacific Rim, in which the client base is primarily companies in the United States that are using the Company’s services to support their customer management needs; and (2) EMEA, which includes Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

#### Note 1. Summary of Accounting Policies

**Principles of Consolidation** — The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of SYKES and its wholly-owned subsidiaries and controlled majority-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

**Use of Estimates** — The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Recognition of Revenue** — Revenue is recognized pursuant to applicable accounting standards, including Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) Staff Accounting Bulletin (“SAB”) No. 101 (SAB 101), “*Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements*”, SAB 104, “*Revenue Recognition*”, and the Emerging Issues Task Force (“EITF”) No. 00-21, “*Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables*”. SAB 101, as amended, and SAB 104 summarize certain of the SEC staff’s views in applying generally accepted accounting principles to revenue recognition in financial statements and provide guidance on revenue recognition issues in the absence of authoritative literature addressing a specific arrangement or a specific industry. EITF 00-21 provides further guidance on how to account for multiple element contracts.

The Company primarily recognizes its revenue from services as those services are performed under a fully executed contractual agreement and records reductions to revenue for contractual penalties and holdbacks for failure to meet specified minimum service levels and other performance based contingencies. Royalty revenue is recognized when a contract has been fully executed, the product has been delivered or provided, the license fees or rights are fixed and determinable, the collection of the resulting receivable is probable and there are no other contingencies. Adjustments to fixed price contracts and estimated losses, if any, are recorded in the period when such adjustments or losses are known or can be reasonably estimated. Product sales are recognized upon shipment to the customer and satisfaction of all obligations.

The Company recognizes revenue from software and contractually provided rights in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“AICPA”) Statement of Position 97-2, “*Software Revenue Recognition*” (SOP 97-2), as amended by Statement of Position 98-4, “*Deferral of the Effective Date of a Provision of SOP 97-2*” (SOP 98-4), Statement of Position 98-9, “*Modification of SOP 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition, With Respect to Certain Transactions*” (SOP 98-9), SAB 101, SAB 104 and EITF 00-21. Revenue is recognized from licenses of the Company’s software products and rights when the agreement has been executed, the product or right has been delivered or provided, collectibility is probable and the software license fees or rights are fixed and determinable. If any portion of the license fees or rights is subject to forfeiture, refund or other contractual contingencies, the Company defers revenue recognition until these contingencies have been resolved. SYKES

generally accounts for consulting services separate from software license fees for those multi-element arrangements where consulting services are a separate element and are not essential to the customer's functionality requirements and there is vendor-specific objective evidence of the fair value of the undelivered elements. Revenue from support and maintenance activities is recognized ratably over the term of the maintenance period and the unrecognized portion is recorded as deferred revenue.

Revenue from contracts with multiple-deliverables to include hardware, software, consulting and other services, or related contracts with the same client, are allocated to separate units of accounting based on their relative fair value, if the deliverables in the contract(s) meet the criteria for such treatment. Such criteria include whether a delivered item has value to the customer on a standalone basis, whether there is objective and reliable evidence of the fair value of the undelivered items and, if the arrangement includes a general right of return related to a delivered item, whether delivery of the undelivered item is considered probable and in the Company's control. Fair value is the price of a deliverable when it is regularly sold on a standalone basis, which generally consists of vendor-specific objective evidence of fair value. If there is no evidence of the fair value for a delivered product or service, revenue is allocated first to the fair value of the undelivered product or service and then the residual revenue is allocated to the delivered product or service. If there is no evidence of the fair value for an undelivered product or service, the contract (s) is accounted for as a single unit of accounting, resulting in delay of revenue recognition for the delivered product or service until the undelivered product or service portion of the contract is complete. However, in some cases, revenue may be recognized over the contract period in proportion to the level of service provided on a systematic and rational basis, using the proportional performance method. Revenue recognition is limited to the amount that is not contingent upon delivery of any future product or service or meeting other specified performance conditions.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** — Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and highly liquid short-term investments. Cash in the amount of \$124.5 million and \$86.7 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, was held in interest bearing investments, which have an average maturity of less than 60 days. Cash and cash equivalents of \$86.3 million and \$79.0 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, were held in international operations and may be subject to additional taxes if repatriated to the United States.

**Allowance for Doubtful Accounts** — The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts of \$3.1 million and \$4.3 million as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, or 3.5% and 4.8% of receivables, respectively, for estimated losses arising from the inability of its customers to make required payments. If the financial condition of the Company's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in a reduced ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required which would reduce income from operations. Based on a review of the accounts receivables balances and activity, the Company reversed \$0.6 million of the allowance for doubtful accounts during 2005.

**Property and Equipment** — Property and equipment is recorded at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Improvements to leased premises are amortized over the shorter of the related lease term or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. Cost and related accumulated depreciation on assets retired or disposed of are removed from the accounts and any gains or losses resulting therefrom are credited or charged to income. Depreciation expense was \$27.7 million, \$32.3 million and \$33.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Property and equipment includes \$0.7 million, \$0.1 million and \$3.5 million of additions included in accounts payable at December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Accordingly, non-cash transactions have been excluded from the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

The Company capitalizes certain costs incurred to internally develop software upon the establishment of technological feasibility. Costs incurred prior to the establishment of technological feasibility were expensed as incurred. Capitalized internally developed software costs, net of accumulated amortization, were \$1.1 million and \$0.7 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

The carrying value of property and equipment, including leased assets, to be held and used is evaluated for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets". An asset is considered to be impaired when the sum of the undiscounted future net cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition does not exceed its carrying amount. The amount of the impairment loss, if any, is measured as the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds its estimated fair value, which is generally determined based on appraisals or sales prices of comparable assets. Occasionally, the Company redeploys property and equipment from under-utilized



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centers to other locations to improve capacity utilization if it is determined that the related undiscounted future cash flows in the under-utilized centers would not be sufficient to recover the carrying amount of these assets. As of December 31, 2005, the Company determined that its property and equipment was not impaired, including the idle facility in Perry County, Kentucky (as discussed below) which is being held and used for future use in the Company's operations and increased demand for services.

In September 2005, the Company withdrew its plans to sell the Perry, Kentucky facility due to increased demand for customer care management services from new and existing clients in the United States. As a result, the net carrying value of \$4.5 million of land, building and equipment related to this site was reclassified from "Assets held for sale" to "Property and Equipment" as of September 30, 2005. The net carrying value of \$4.5 million was offset by a related deferred grant in the amount of \$1.9 million as of September 30, 2005. The Company also recaptured the related depreciation, net of grant amortization of \$0.7 million in September 2005. In connection with the decision to reopen the Perry, Kentucky facility, certain assets held for sale at this facility, which were not redeployed to other locations, were deemed impaired, written down to fair value and subsequently sold resulting in an impairment charge of \$0.5 million in September 2005. The Perry facility remains idle as of December 31, 2005.

In 2005, in connection with the plan of migration of the call volumes of the customer contact management services and related operations from the Company's Bangalore, India facility, a component of the Americas segment, to other facilities as discussed in Note 14, the Company redeployed property and equipment located in India totaling approximately \$1.8 million and recorded an asset impairment charge of \$0.7 million for certain property and equipment in India as of December 31, 2004. Upon completion of the redeployment of the property and equipment from the India facility, the Company recorded an additional asset impairment charge of \$0.1 million in September 2005.

**Rent Expense** — The Company has entered into several operating lease agreements, some of which contain provisions for future rent increases, rent free periods, or periods in which rent payments are reduced. The total amount of the rental payments due over the lease term is being charged to rent expense on the straight-line method over the term of the lease in accordance with SFAS No. 13 "Accounting for Leases," FASB Technical Bulletin 88-1 "Issues Relating to Accounting for Leases," and FASB Technical Bulletin 85-3 "Accounting for Operating Leases with Scheduled Rent Increases." The difference between rent expense recorded and the amount paid is credited or charged to "Accrued rent" which is included in "Other accrued expenses and current liabilities" in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**Investment in SHPS** — The Company holds a 6.5% ownership interest in SHPS, Incorporated, which is accounted for at cost of approximately \$2.1 million as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 and is included in "Deferred charges and other assets" in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. (See Note 8.) The Company will record an impairment charge or loss if it believes the investment has experienced a decline in value that is other than temporary. Future adverse changes in market conditions or poor operating results of the underlying investment could result in losses or an inability to recover the carrying value of the investment and, therefore, might require an impairment charge in the future.

**Investments Held in Rabbi Trust** — Securities held in a rabbi trust for a supplemental nonqualified executive retirement program, as more fully described in Note 18, Employee Benefit Plans, include the fair market value of investments in various mutual funds and shares of the Company's common stock. The fair market value of these investments is determined by quoted market prices and is adjusted to the current market price at the end of each reporting period. The investments held in mutual funds, classified as trading securities, had a fair market value of approximately \$0.7 million at December 31, 2005 and are included in "Deferred charges and other assets" in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. These investments were comprised of 55% equity securities and 45% debt securities at December 31, 2005. During the year ended December 31, 2005, the Company recorded approximately \$0.1 million in unrealized gains from holding these investments, which is included in "Other income (expense)" in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The investments held in the Company's common stock had a fair market value of approximately \$0.5 million at December 31, 2005 and are included in "Treasury Stock" in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. During the year ended December 31, 2005, the Company recorded approximately \$0.2 million in compensation expense associated with these investments, which is included in "General and administrative" in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations.

**Goodwill** — On January 1, 2002, the Company adopted SFAS No. 142 (SFAS 142), "Goodwill and Other

*Intangible Assets.*” According to this statement, goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives are no longer subject to amortization, but instead must be reviewed at least annually, and more frequently in the presence of certain circumstances, for impairment by applying a fair value based test. Fair value for goodwill is based on discounted cash flows, market multiples and/or appraised values as appropriate. Under SFAS 142, the carrying value of assets is calculated at the lowest levels for which there are identifiable cash flows (the “reporting unit”). If the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying value, an impairment loss is recorded to the extent that the fair value of the goodwill within the reporting unit is less than its carrying value. Based on the results of the Company’s annual impairment reviews in the third quarter of each year in accordance with SFAS 142, the Company determined that there has been no impairment of goodwill. The Company expects to receive future benefits from previously acquired goodwill over an indefinite period of time.

**Intangible Assets** — Intangible assets, primarily customer relationships, existing technologies and covenants not to compete, are amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated period of benefit, generally ranging from two to fifteen years. The Company periodically evaluates the recoverability of intangible assets and takes into account events or changes in circumstances that warrant revised estimates of useful lives or that indicate that an impairment exists. In connection with a 2005 acquisition in Canada, as discussed in Note 2 Acquisitions and Dispositions, the Company recorded intangible assets of \$2.4 million. The related amortization expense in 2005 was \$0.3 million. As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, intangible assets were fully amortized and had a carrying value of zero.

**Income Taxes** — The Company accounts for income taxes under SFAS No. 109, “*Accounting for Income Taxes.*” Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are provided to reflect tax consequences of differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Self-Insurance Programs** — The Company self-insures for certain levels of workers’ compensation, and as of December 31, 2004, also self-insured for employee health insurance. Estimated costs of these self-insurance programs are accrued at the projected settlements for known and anticipated claims. Self-insurance liabilities of the Company amounted to \$1.6 million and \$1.7 million at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

**Deferred Grants** — Recognition of income associated with grants of land and the acquisition of property, buildings and equipment is deferred until after the completion and occupancy of the building and title has passed to the Company, and the funds have been released from escrow. The deferred amounts for both land and building are amortized and recognized as a reduction of depreciation expense included within general and administrative costs over the corresponding useful lives of the related assets. Amounts received in excess of the cost of the building are allocated to the cost of equipment and, only after the grants are released from escrow, recognized as a reduction of depreciation expense over the weighted average useful life of the related equipment, which approximates five years. Amortization of the deferred grants that is included as a reduction to “General and administrative” costs in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations was approximately \$2.0 million, \$2.1 million and \$2.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

**Deferred Revenue** — The Company invoices certain contracts in advance. The deferred revenue is earned over the service periods of the respective contracts, which range from six months to seven years. Deferred revenue included in current liabilities in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets includes the up-front fees associated with services to be provided over the next ensuing twelve month period and the up-front fees associated with services to be provided over multiple years in connection with contracts that contain cancellation and refund provisions, whereby the manufacturers or customers can terminate the contracts and demand pro-rata refunds of the up-front fees with short notice. Deferred revenue included in current liabilities in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets also includes estimated penalties and holdbacks of approximately \$0.9 million and \$0.3 million as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, for failure to meet specified minimum service levels in certain contracts and other performance based contingencies.

**Stock-Based Compensation** — The Company has adopted the disclosure only provisions of SFAS No. 123 (SFAS 123), “*Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation.*” Under SFAS 123, companies have the option to measure compensation costs for stock options using the intrinsic value method prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion (“APB”) No. 25 (APB 25), “*Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*” (APB 25). Under APB 25, compensation expense is generally not recognized when both the exercise price is the same as the market price and the number of shares to be issued is set on the date the employee stock option is granted. Since employee stock options are granted on this basis and the Company has chosen to use the intrinsic value method, no compensation expense is recognized for stock option grants.

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If the Company had elected to recognize compensation expense for the issuance of options to employees of the Company based on the fair value method of accounting prescribed by SFAS 123, net income and earnings per share would have been reduced to the pro forma amounts as follows (in thousands except per share amounts):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
<b>Net Income:</b>			
Net income as reported	\$ 23,408	\$ 10,814	\$ 9,305
Add: Stock-based compensation included in reported net income, net of tax	441	—	—
Add (Deduct):			
Stock-based compensation under the fair value method, net of tax	(1,090)	(404)	(1,887)
Pro forma net income	<u>\$ 22,759</u>	<u>\$ 10,410</u>	<u>\$ 7,418</u>
<b>Net Income Per Share:</b>			
Basic, as reported	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.23
Basic, pro forma	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.18
Diluted, as reported	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.23
Diluted, pro forma	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.18

The pro forma amounts were determined using the Black-Scholes valuation model with the following key assumptions: (i) a discount rate of 2.0% for 2003 (no options were issued in 2004 and 2005); (ii) a volatility factor of 83.91% for 2003 based upon the average trading price of the Company's common stock since it began trading on the NASDAQ National Market; (iii) no dividend yield; and (iv) an average expected option life of three years in 2003 (three years for the Employee Stock Purchase Plan). In addition, the pro forma amount for 2004 and 2003 includes approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, related to purchase discounts offered under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

On February 1, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved accelerating the vesting of most out-of-the-money, unvested stock options held by current employees, including executive officers and certain employee directors. An option was considered out-of-the-money if the stated option exercise price was greater than the closing price, \$7.23, of the Company's common stock on the day the Compensation Committee approved the acceleration. The Compensation Committee also approved accelerating the vesting of out-of-the-money, unvested stock options held by non-employee directors, subject to shareholder approval at the May 2005 Annual Shareholders' Meeting.

The following table summarizes the options accelerated on February 1, 2005:

	Aggregate Number of Shares Issuable Under Accelerated Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share
<b>Certain Directors &amp; Executive Officers:</b>		
Jenna R. Nelson	16,500	\$ 8.640
William N. Rocktoff	29,500	\$ 9.050
Charles E. Sykes (employee director)	<u>11,000</u>	\$ 9.090
<b>Total Certain Directors &amp; Executive Officers</b>	57,000	\$ 8.939
<b>Total Non-officer Employees</b>	68,550	\$ 9.814
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>125,550</u></u>	\$ 9.416

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At the Annual Meeting on May 24, 2005, the shareholders approved accelerating the vesting of the out-of-the-money, unvested stock options held by the non-employee directors, as previously approved by the Compensation Committee. Options held by non-employee directors were considered out-of-the-money if the stated option exercise price was greater than the closing price, \$8.39, of the Company's common stock on May 24, 2005. As a result, the Company accelerated the vesting of 8,332 unvested stock options held by Paul L. Whiting at an exercise price of \$8.732 on May 24, 2005. There was no additional compensation expense recognized in 2005, or in the amounts in the pro forma stock-based compensation table presented within this note, as a result of accelerating the vesting of the stock options on February 1, 2005 and May 24, 2005.

The decision to accelerate vesting of these options and eliminate future compensation expense was based on a review of the Company's long-term incentive programs in light of current market conditions and changing accounting rules regarding stock option expensing that the Company must follow beginning January 1, 2006. This accounting rule, entitled "*Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004), Share-Based Payment*" (SFAS 123R), requires that compensation cost related to share-based payment transactions, including stock options, be recognized in the financial statements. Excluding holders of foreign stock options that elected to decline the accelerated vesting, it is estimated that the maximum future compensation expense that would have been charged to earnings, absent the acceleration of these options, based on the Company's implementation date for SFAS 123R as of January 1, 2006, was less than \$0.1 million.

In accordance with APB 25, as discussed in Note 19, Stock Options and Common Stock Units, the Company applies variable plan accounting for grants of common stock units issued under the 2004 Non-Employee Director Fee Plan and recognizes compensation cost over the vesting period.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments** — The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

- Cash, Accounts Receivable, Marketable Securities and Accounts Payable. The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet for cash, accounts receivable, marketable securities and accounts payable approximates their fair values.
- Long-Term Debt. The fair value of the Company's long-term debt, including the current portion thereof, is estimated based on the quoted market price for the same or similar types of borrowing arrangements. The carrying value of the Company's long-term debt approximates fair value. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company had no outstanding long-term debt.

**Foreign Currency Translation** — The assets and liabilities of the Company's foreign subsidiaries, whose functional currency is other than the U.S. Dollar, are translated at the exchange rates in effect on the reporting date, and income and expenses are translated at the weighted average exchange rate during the period. The net effect of translation gains and losses is not included in determining net income, but is included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), which is reflected as a separate component of shareholders' equity until the sale or until the complete or substantially complete liquidation of the net investment in the foreign subsidiary. Foreign currency transactional gains and losses are included in determining net income. Such gains and losses are included in other income (expense) in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations.

**Foreign Currency and Derivative Instruments** — Periodically, the Company enters into foreign currency contracts with financial institutions to protect against currency exchange risks associated with existing assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency. These contracts require the Company to exchange currencies in the future at rates agreed upon at the contract's inception. The contracts entered into by the Company have been primarily related to the Euro. A foreign currency contract acts as an economic hedge as the gains and losses on these contracts typically offset or partially offset gains and losses on the assets, liabilities, and transactions being hedged. The Company does not designate its foreign currency contracts as accounting hedges and does not hold or issue financial instruments for speculative or trading purposes. Foreign currency contracts are accounted for on a mark-to-market basis, with unrealized gains or losses recognized as a component of income in the current period.

Unrealized and realized gains or losses related to these contracts for the three years ended December 31, 2005 were immaterial.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements** — In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS 123R, "*Share-Based Payment*" which revises SFAS 123 and supersedes APB 25 and amends SFAS No. 95, "*Statement of Cash Flows*." SFAS 123R requires companies to recognize in their income statement the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees and

directors. The Company adopted SFAS 123R on January 1, 2006. The standard requires that compensation expense for most equity-based awards be recognized over the requisite service period, usually the vesting period, while compensation expense for liability-based awards (those usually settled in cash rather than stock) be re-measured to fair-value at each balance sheet date until the award is settled. Under SFAS 123R, the pro forma disclosures previously permitted will no longer be an alternative to financial statement recognition. The adoption of SFAS 123R is not expected to have a material effect on the financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows of the Company as most outstanding options were fully vested as of December 31, 2005.

The Company uses the Black-Scholes formula to estimate the value of stock-based compensation granted to employees and directors and expects to continue to use this option valuation model in 2006, but may consider switching to another model in the future, if the Company determines that such model will produce a better estimate of fair value. Because SFAS 123R must be applied not only to new awards, but to previously granted awards that are not fully vested on January 1, 2006, the effective date of SFAS 123R, compensation cost for some previously granted options will be recognized under SFAS 123R. However, had the Company adopted SFAS 123R in prior periods, the impact of this standard would have approximated the impact described above in the disclosure of pro forma net income and net income per share in this Note 1.

SFAS 123R also requires the benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation cost to be reported as a financing cash flow, rather than as an operating cash flow as previously required.

The Company will use the modified prospective method, which requires it to record compensation expense for the non-vested portion of previously issued awards that remain outstanding at the initial date of adoption and to record compensation expense for any awards issued or modified after January 1, 2006.

In March 2005, the SEC issued SAB 107 (SAB 107), “*Share-Based Payments*”, which provides guidance on valuation methods available and guidance on other related matters in applying the provisions of SFAS 123R. The Company adopted the provisions of SAB 107 in conjunction with the adoption of SFAS 123R on January 1, 2006.

In October 2005, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS No. 123R-2 (SFAS 123R-2), “*Practical Accommodation to the Application of Grant Date as Defined in FAS 123R*”. SFAS 123R-2 provides guidance on the application of grant date as defined in SFAS 123R. In accordance with this standard, a grant date of an award exists if a) the award is a unilateral grant and b) the key terms and conditions of the award are expected to be communicated to an individual recipient within a relatively short time period from the date of approval. The Company adopted SFAS 123R-2 in conjunction with the adoption of SFAS 123R on January 1, 2006.

In November 2005, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS No. 123R-3 (SFAS 123R-3), “*Transition Election Related to Accounting for the Tax Effects of Share-Based Payment Awards*”. SFAS 123R-3 provides an elective alternative method that establishes a computational component to arrive at the beginning balance of the accumulated paid-in capital pool related to employee compensation and a simplified method to determine the subsequent impact on the accumulated paid-in capital pool of employee awards that are fully vested and outstanding upon the adoption of SFAS 123R on January 1, 2006. The Company is currently evaluating the use of this transition method.

In March 2004, the EITF reached a consensus on Issue No. 03-1 (EITF 03-1), “*The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments*.” EITF 03-1 provides guidance on other-than-temporary impairment evaluations for securities accounted for under SFAS No. 115, “*Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities*,” and SFAS No. 124, “*Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations*,” and non-marketable equity securities accounted for under the cost method. The EITF developed a basic three-step test to evaluate whether an investment is other-than-temporarily impaired. In September 2004, the FASB delayed the effective date of the recognition and measurement provisions of EITF 03-1. However, the disclosure provisions were effective for fiscal years ending after June 15, 2004. In November 2005, the FASB issued final FASB Staff Position Nos. SFAS 115-1 and SFAS 124-1 (SFAS 115-1 and 124-1) “*The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments*” which superseded EITF 03-1 and provided similar guidance. FASB Staff Position Nos. SFAS 115-1 and SFAS 124-1 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. The adoption of the recognition and measurement provisions of these standards is not expected to have a material impact on the financial condition, results of operations or cash flows of the Company.

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In June 2004, the EITF reached a consensus on Issue No. 02-14 (EITF 02-14), “*Whether an Investor Should Apply the Equity Method of Accounting to Investments Other Than Common Stock.*” EITF 02-14 addresses whether the equity method of accounting should be applied to investments when an investor does not have an investment in voting common stock of an investee but exercises significant influence through other means. EITF 02-14 states that an investor should only apply the equity method of accounting when it has investments in either common stock or in-substance common stock of a corporation, provided that the investor has the ability to exercise significant influence over the operating and financial policies of the investee. The Company adopted EITF 02-14 on January 1, 2005. The impact of this adoption did not have a material effect on the financial condition, results of operations or cash flows of the Company.

In December 2004, the FASB issued Staff Position 109-1 (SFAS 109-1), “*Application of FASB Statement 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, to the Tax Deduction on Qualified Production Activities Provided by the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004.*” The Act, which was signed into law in October 2004, provides a tax deduction on qualified domestic production activities. When fully phased-in, the deduction will be up to 9% of the lesser of “qualified production activities income” or taxable income. Based on the guidance provided by SFAS 109-1, this deduction should be accounted for as a special deduction under SFAS 109 and will reduce tax expense in the period or periods that the amounts are deductible on the tax return. The tax benefit resulting from the new deduction was effective for 2005. The adoption of these new tax provisions did not have a material impact on the financial condition, results of operations or cash flows of the Company.

In December 2004, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. SFAS 109-2 (SFAS 109-2), “*Accounting and Disclosure Guidance for the Foreign Earnings Repatriation Provision within the American Jobs Creations Act of 2004.*” The Act introduced a limited time 85% dividends received deduction on the repatriation of certain foreign earnings to a U.S. taxpayer (repatriation provision), provided certain criteria are met. SFAS 109-2 provides accounting and disclosure guidance for the repatriation provision. Based on a cost-benefit analysis, the Company decided not to repatriate any foreign income under the Act.

In March 2005, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 47 (FIN 47), “*Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations*” that requires an entity to recognize a liability for a conditional asset retirement obligation when incurred if the liability can be reasonably estimated. FIN 47 clarifies that the term conditional asset retirement obligation refers to a legal obligation to perform an asset retirement activity in which the timing and/or method of settlement are conditional on a future event that may or may not be within the control of the entity. FIN 47 also clarifies when an entity would have sufficient information to reasonably estimate the fair value of an asset retirement obligation. FIN 47 is effective no later than the end of fiscal years ending after December 15, 2005. The impact of this adoption did not have a material effect on the financial condition, results of operations or cash flows of the Company.

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154 (SFAS 154), “*Accounting Changes and Error Corrections.*” which requires retrospective application to prior periods’ financial statements for changes in accounting principle and redefines the term “restatement” as the revising of previously issued financial statements to reflect the correction of an error. Under retrospective application, the new accounting principle is applied as of the beginning of the first period presented as if that principle had always been used. The cumulative effect of the change is reflected in the carrying value of assets and liabilities as of the first period presented and the offsetting adjustments are recorded to opening retained earnings. SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005.

In July 2005, the FASB issued an exposure draft of a proposed interpretation of SFAS No. 109, “*Accounting for Income Taxes*” entitled “*Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions*”. The proposed interpretation stipulates that the benefit from a tax position should be recorded only when it is probable that the tax position will be sustained upon audit by taxing authorities, based solely on the technical merits of the tax position. The final issuance of this proposed interpretation, which may be subject to significant changes, will be no earlier than the first quarter of 2006 and the effective date has not been determined. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this proposed standard on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

## Note 2. Acquisitions and Dispositions

On September 30, 2003, the Company sold the land and building related to its Scottsbluff, Nebraska facility, which was closed in connection with the 2002 restructuring plan, for \$2.0 million cash, resulting in a net gain of \$1.9 million. The net book value of the facilities of \$1.9 million was offset by the related deferred grants of \$1.8 million. The net gain on the sale of the Scottsbluff facility of \$1.9 million is included in “Net gain on disposal of property and equipment” in the accompanying 2003 Consolidated Statement of Operations.

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On December 31, 2003, the Company sold the land and building related to its Eveleth, Minnesota facility for \$2.3 million, for which the Company received \$0.3 million cash and a \$2.0 million note receivable, resulting in a net gain of \$1.7 million recognized over the term of the note using the installment sales method of accounting. The net book value of the facilities of \$3.5 million was offset by the related deferred grants of \$2.9 million. The Company recognized \$0.2 million of the \$1.7 million net gain on the sale of the Eveleth facility in 2003, which is included in "Net gain on disposal of property and equipment" in the accompanying 2003 Consolidated Statement of Operations. The remaining \$1.5 million net gain was recognized in 2004 when the note receivable balance was paid in full and is included in "Net gain on disposal of property and equipment" in the accompanying 2004 Consolidated Statement of Operations.

On January 15, 2004, the Company sold the land, building and its contents related to its Klamath Falls, Oregon facility for \$4.0 million in cash, resulting in a net gain of \$2.7 million in the first quarter of 2004. The net book value of the facilities of \$2.3 million was offset by the related deferred grants of \$1.0 million. On March 31, 2004, the Company sold a parcel of land at its Pikeville, Kentucky facility for \$0.2 million in cash, resulting in a net gain of \$0.1 million in the first quarter of 2004. On July 9, 2004, the Company sold the land, building and its contents related to its Hays, Kansas facility for \$3.0 million cash, resulting in a net gain of \$2.8 million in the third quarter of 2004. The net book value of the facilities of \$1.5 million was offset by the related deferred grants of \$1.3 million.

Accordingly, the net gains on the sale of these facilities of \$7.1 million related to the Eveleth, Klamath Falls, Pikeville and Hays facilities are included in "Net gain on disposal of property and equipment" in the accompanying 2004 Consolidated Statement of Operations.

In April 2004, related to the Company's efforts to realign the EMEA cost structure with current business levels, the Company proposed a liquidation plan to close its operations in Turkey. Accordingly, the Company transferred one remaining contract to other SYKES' subsidiaries and shutdown the operations. In May 2004, the Company substantially completed the liquidation of its net investment in Turkey. As a result, the net effect of the translation gains and losses of \$0.7 million was recognized as a gain on liquidation of a foreign entity and included in "Other income" in the accompanying 2004 Consolidated Statement of Operations. Due to the immaterial amounts, the financial data related to the Company's net investment in Turkey has not been classified as discontinued operations.

The Company reported net income or net loss from Turkey's operations, excluding the \$0.7 million previously mentioned foreign translation gain, of \$0.3 million net loss for 2004 and breakeven for 2003. Turkey's net assets included in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2004 were \$0.2 million.

On March 1, 2005, the Company purchased the shares of Kelly, Luttmer & Associates Limited ("KLA") located in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, which included net assets of approximately \$0.2 million. KLA specializes in providing call center services for organizational health, employee assistance, occupational health, and disability management. The Company acquired these operations in an effort to broaden its operations in the healthcare sector. Total cash consideration paid was approximately \$3.2 million based on foreign currency rates in effect at the date of the acquisition. Based on a third-party valuation, the purchase price resulted in a purchase price allocation to net assets of \$0.2 million, to purchased intangible assets of \$2.4 million (primarily customer relationships) and to goodwill of \$0.6 million. The purchased intangible assets (other than goodwill) are amortized over a range of two to fifteen years, resulting in amortization expense of \$0.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 which is included in "General and administrative" costs in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations. The following table presents the purchased intangible assets at December 31, 2005 (in thousands):

	<u>Gross Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net Carrying Amount</u>
Contractual agreements	\$ 2,432	\$ 320	\$ 2,112

Estimated future amortization expense for the five succeeding years is as follows (in thousands):

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2006	\$ 384
2007	\$ 258
2008	\$ 130
2009	\$ 126
2010	\$ 126

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Pro-forma results of operations, in respect to this acquisition, have not been presented because the effect of this acquisition was not material.

On April 1, 2005, the Company sold the land and building related to its Greeley, Colorado facility for \$2.4 million cash, resulting in a net gain of \$1.7 million. The net book value of the facilities of \$1.4 million was offset by the related deferred grants of \$0.7 million.

### Note 3. Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of trade receivables. The Company's credit concentrations are limited due to the wide variety of customers and markets in which the Company's services are sold, with the exception of two major customers as discussed in Note 20, Segments and Geographic Information.

### Note 4. Receivables

Receivables consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2005	2004
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 86,638	\$ 89,950
Income taxes receivable	2,849	3,255
Other	1,777	1,749
	<u>91,264</u>	<u>94,954</u>
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	3,051	4,293
	<u>\$ 88,213</u>	<u>\$ 90,661</u>

### Note 5. Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2005	2004
Deferred tax asset (Note 13)	\$ 3,263	\$ 4,419
Prepaid maintenance	1,527	2,080
Inventory, at cost	1,093	1,334
Prepaid rent	1,178	1,086
Prepaid insurance	1,487	560
Restricted cash	369	—
Prepaid telephone	29	499
Prepaid other	1,655	1,241
	<u>\$ 10,601</u>	<u>\$ 11,219</u>

### Note 6. Assets Held for Sale

In 2004, assets held for sale at four customer contact management centers in the United States consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2005	2004
Land	\$ —	\$ 1,352
Buildings and leasehold improvements	—	9,124
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	—	7,931
Capitalized software development costs	—	114
		<u>18,521</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	—	8,779
	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 9,742</u>



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Related to these assets are deferred grants of \$6.7 million as of December 31, 2004, which are included in “Deferred grants related to assets held for sale” in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. As discussed in Note 7, in 2005 the Company sold, leased or placed in use the four customer contact management centers and reclassified the assets to Property and Equipment from Assets Held for Sale.

### Note 7. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, including properties leased to others, consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2005	2004
Land	\$ 3,795	\$ 2,578
Buildings and leasehold improvements	50,119	48,872
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	162,673	173,281
Capitalized software development costs	4,778	9,442
Transportation equipment	392	464
Construction in progress	773	1,749
	<u>222,530</u>	<u>236,386</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	150,269	153,495
	<u>\$ 72,261</u>	<u>\$ 82,891</u>

In September 2004, the building and contents of the customer contact management center located in Marianna, Florida was severely damaged by Hurricane Ivan. After settlement with the insurer in December 2004, the Company recognized a net gain of \$5.4 million after write-off of the property and equipment, which had a net book value of \$3.4 million, net of the related deferred grants of \$2.2 million. The Company also received an insurance recovery for business interruption during 2004 and recognized \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, as a reduction to “Direct salaries and related costs” and “General and administrative” costs in the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2004. In December 2004, the Company reached an agreement with the City of Marianna to donate the underlying land to the city with \$0.1 million in cash to assist with the site demolition and clean up of the property with no further obligation of the Company.

In April 2005, the Company leased the land, building and its contents related to its Palatka, Florida facility to an unrelated third party effective May 1, 2005 for a period of 5 years cancelable by the lessee at the end of the third or fourth years at varying penalties not exceeding one year’s rent. This operating lease is renewable, at the tenant’s option, for five additional periods of two years each.

In June 2005, the Company leased the land, building and its contents related to its Ada, Oklahoma facility under an operating lease to an unrelated third party effective November 1, 2005 for a noncancelable period of 5 years renewable, at the tenant’s option, for three additional periods of three years each.

The Company has also leased properties to unrelated third parties in Manhattan, Kansas and Pikeville, Kentucky. The Manhattan, Kansas operating lease commenced August 2004, is for a period of five years and may be canceled by the lessee at the end of the fourth year by paying a penalty equivalent to three month’s rent. The lease is renewable, at the tenant’s option, for five additional periods of two years each. The Pikeville, Kentucky operating lease commenced February 2005, is for a period of one year and is renewable for five additional periods of two years each.

As of December 31, 2005, the leased properties in Ada, Manhattan, Pikeville and Palatka consist of the following (in thousands):

	Amount
Land, building and improvements	\$ 10,460
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	6,875
	<u>17,335</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	9,678
	<u>\$ 7,657</u>
Deferred grants, net	<u>\$ (6,766)</u>

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Some of these operating lease agreements for properties leased to others contain provisions for future rent increases. Accordingly, the total amount of the rental payments due over the lease term is recognized as rental income on the straight-line method over the term of the lease in accordance with SFAS No. 13 "Accounting for Leases." Future minimum rental payments, including penalties for failure to renew, to be received on non-cancelable operating leases are contractually due as follows as of December 31, 2005 (in thousands):

	<u>Amount</u>
2006	\$ 1,839
2007	1,097
2008	1,352
2009	519
2010	448
Thereafter	—
	<u>\$ 5,255</u>

### Note 8. Deferred Charges and Other Assets

Deferred charges and other assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2005	2004
Non-current deferred tax asset (see Note 13)	\$ 16,624	\$ 14,225
Investment in SHPS, Incorporated, at cost	2,089	2,089
Non-current value added tax receivable	2,167	470
Other	3,588	2,137
	<u>\$ 24,468</u>	<u>\$ 18,921</u>

### Note 9. Accrued Employee Compensation and Benefits

Accrued employee compensation and benefits consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2005	2004
Accrued compensation	\$ 16,418	\$ 14,582
Accrued vacation	6,249	6,754
Accrued employment taxes	5,810	5,498
Other	3,300	3,482
	<u>\$ 31,777</u>	<u>\$ 30,316</u>

### Note 10. Other Accrued Expenses and Current Liabilities

Other accrued expenses and current liabilities consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2005	2004
Accrued legal and professional fees	\$ 3,077	\$ 2,981
Accrued roadside assistance claim costs	1,582	1,417
Accrued telephone charges	371	1,088
Accrued rent	623	610
Accrued restructuring charges (see Note 15)	—	285
Accrued value added tax	754	409
Other	3,867	2,596
	<u>\$ 10,274</u>	<u>\$ 9,386</u>

### Note 11. Borrowings

On March 15, 2004, the Company entered into a \$50.0 million revolving credit facility with a group of lenders (the "Credit Facility"), which amount is subject to certain borrowing limitations. Pursuant to the terms of the Credit

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Facility, the amount of \$50.0 million may be increased up to a maximum of \$100.0 million with the prior written consent of the lenders. The \$50.0 million Credit Facility includes a \$10.0 million swingline subfacility, a \$15.0 million letter of credit subfacility and a \$40.0 million multi-currency subfacility.

The Credit Facility, which includes certain financial covenants, may be used for general corporate purposes including acquisitions, share repurchases, working capital support, and letters of credit, subject to certain limitations. The Credit Facility, including the multi-currency subfacility, accrues interest, at the Company's option, at (a) the Base Rate (defined as the higher of the lender's prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 0.50%) plus an applicable margin up to 0.50%, or (b) the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus an applicable margin up to 2.25%. Borrowings under the swingline subfacility accrue interest at the prime rate plus an applicable margin up to 0.50% and borrowings under the letter of credit subfacility accrue interest at the LIBOR plus an applicable margin up to 2.25%. In addition, a commitment fee of up to 0.50% is charged on the unused portion of the Credit Facility on a quarterly basis. The borrowings under the Credit Facility, which will terminate on March 14, 2008, are secured by a pledge of 65% of the stock of each of the Company's active direct foreign subsidiaries. The Credit Facility prohibits the Company from incurring additional indebtedness, subject to certain specific exclusions. There were no borrowings in 2005 and no outstanding balances as of December 31, 2005 with \$50.0 million availability under the Credit Facility.

### Note 12. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The Company presents data in the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity in accordance with SFAS No. 130 (SFAS 130), "Reporting Comprehensive Income." SFAS 130 establishes rules for the reporting of comprehensive income (loss) and its components. The components of other accumulated comprehensive income (loss) include foreign currency translation adjustments as follows (in thousands):

	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
Balance at January 1, 2003	\$ (11,101)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	10,893
Balance at December 31, 2003	(208)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	5,713
Less: foreign currency translation gain included in net income (no tax effect)	(634)
Balance at December 31, 2004	4,871
<b>Foreign currency translation adjustment</b>	<b>(8,540)</b>
<b>Less: foreign currency translation loss included in net income (no tax effect)</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2005</b>	<b>\$ (3,435)</b>

Earnings associated with the Company's investments in its international subsidiaries are considered to be permanently invested and no provision for United States federal and state income taxes on those earnings or translation adjustments has been provided.

### Note 13. Income Taxes

The income (loss) before provision (benefit) for income taxes includes the following components (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
United States	\$ (1,864)	\$(14,585)	\$(14,013)
Foreign	30,967	30,446	27,969
Total income before provision for income taxes	<u>\$ 29,103</u>	<u>\$ 15,861</u>	<u>\$ 13,956</u>

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Significant components of the income tax provision (benefit) are as follows (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
<b>Current:</b>			
Federal	\$ —	\$ (1,777)	\$ (1,279)
State	—	(295)	(212)
Foreign	<b>7,098</b>	<b>6,471</b>	<b>7,198</b>
Total current (benefit) provision for income taxes	<b>7,098</b>	<b>4,399</b>	<b>5,707</b>
<b>Deferred:</b>			
Federal	—	1,093	(1,532)
State	—	280	(692)
Foreign	<b>(1,403)</b>	<b>(725)</b>	<b>1,168</b>
Total deferred (benefit) provision for income taxes	<b>(1,403)</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>(1,056)</b>
<b>Total provision for income taxes</b>	<b>\$ 5,695</b>	<b>\$ 5,047</b>	<b>\$ 4,651</b>

The \$1.4 million deferred income tax benefit for 2005 includes \$0.6 million related to an adjustment of the beginning of the year valuation allowance balance. This adjustment was due to a change in circumstances that caused a change in judgment about the Company's ability to realize the related deferred income tax asset in future years for an EMEA entity. The 2005 deferred income tax benefit is \$0.8 million excluding such adjustment.

The temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred income tax provision (benefit) are as follows (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Accrued expenses	\$ 380	\$ 3,110	\$ (2,163)
Net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards	759	(8,337)	(8,765)
Depreciation and amortization	(427)	5,302	(1,775)
Deferred revenue	(310)	(832)	1,942
Deferred statutory income	(576)	237	966
Valuation allowance	(1,584)	(191)	10,668
Other	355	1,359	(1,929)
Total deferred (benefit) provision for income taxes	<b>\$ (1,403)</b>	<b>\$ 648</b>	<b>\$ (1,056)</b>

The reconciliation of income tax provision (benefit) computed at the U.S. federal statutory tax rate to the Company's effective income tax provision (benefit) is as follows (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Tax at U.S. statutory rate	\$ 10,186	\$ 5,551	\$ 4,885
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	(36)	(350)	(438)
Tax holidays	(2,265)	(1,918)	(2,763)
Change in valuation allowance, net of related adjustments	1,487	1,189	5,595
Foreign rate differential	(4,019)	(1,654)	(2,529)
Permanent differences	(337)	1,789	143
Income tax credits	—	—	(391)
Foreign withholding and other taxes	631	879	520
Other	48	(439)	(371)
Total provision for income taxes	<b>\$ 5,695</b>	<b>\$ 5,047</b>	<b>\$ 4,651</b>

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income taxes. A provision for income taxes has not been made for the undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries of approximately \$190.2 million at December 31, 2005, that are permanently reinvested in foreign business operations. Determination of any unrecognized deferred tax liability for temporary differences related to investments in foreign subsidiaries that are essentially permanent in nature is not practicable.

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The Company has been granted tax holidays in the Philippines, El Salvador, India and Costa Rica. One agreement in the Philippines expired in the fourth quarter of 2005 without possibility for renewal. The remaining tax holidays have various expiration dates primarily from 2006 through 2013. Upon expiration, the Company intends to seek renewals of these tax holidays.

The temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, are presented below (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2005	2004
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>		
Accrued expenses	\$ 2,450	\$ 3,223
Net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards	43,270	44,029
Depreciation and amortization	10,018	10,198
Deferred revenue	2,703	2,393
Valuation allowance	(28,807)	(30,391)
Other	—	—
	<u>29,634</u>	<u>29,452</u>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>		
Accrued liabilities	(1,680)	(2,073)
Depreciation and amortization	(8,167)	(8,774)
Deferred statutory income	(1,924)	(2,500)
Other	—	—
	<u>(11,771)</u>	<u>(13,347)</u>
Net deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 17,863</u>	<u>\$ 16,105</u>
<b>Classified as follows:</b>		
Current assets (Prepaid expenses and other) (Note 5)	\$ 3,263	\$ 4,419
Non-current assets (Deferred charges and other) (Note 8).	16,624	14,225
Current liabilities (Other accrued expenses)	(60)	(42)
Non-current liabilities (Other long-term liabilities)	(1,964)	(2,497)
Net deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 17,863</u>	<u>\$ 16,105</u>

SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes", requires a valuation allowance to reduce the deferred tax assets reported if, based on the weight of the available evidence, both positive and negative, for each respective tax jurisdiction, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. At December 31, 2005, management has determined that a valuation allowance of approximately \$28.8 million is necessary to reduce U.S. deferred tax assets by \$9.9 million and foreign deferred tax assets by \$18.9 million.

There is approximately \$120.7 million of the income tax loss carryforwards at December 31, 2005, of which \$68.8 million relates to foreign entities and \$51.9 million related to the U.S., with various expiration dates. For U.S. purposes, a net operating loss carryforward of approximately \$51.9 million and \$3.9 million of tax credits are available at December 31, 2005 for carryforward, with the latest expiration date ending December 31, 2025. Of this U.S. \$51.9 million carryforward, \$10.1 million is limited and can only be offset against the future earnings of an acquired subsidiary.

The Company is currently under examination in the U.S. by several states for sales and use taxes and franchise taxes for periods covering 1999 through 2003. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service completed audits of the Company's U.S. tax returns through July 31, 1999 and is currently auditing the tax year ended July 31, 2002. Certain German subsidiaries of the Company are under examination by the German tax authorities for periods covering 1997 through 2000. Additionally, certain Canadian subsidiaries are under examination by Canadian tax authorities for the periods covering 1993 through 2003 and an Asian subsidiary is being audited by the Asian tax authorities for tax years 2003 and 2004.

As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company had a contingent income tax liability of \$3.2 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, consisting of amounts for subsidiaries located in both the Americas and EMEA segments that is accounted for in "Income taxes payable" in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. The amount of the contingent liability is based on an estimate of the probable liability in accordance with SFAS 5 "Accounting for

*Contingencies*”, using available evidence, including detailed analyses of the potential income tax issues, income tax assessments and notices of disallowance, consultation with independent outside tax and legal advisors and the Company’s historical experience in settling similar issues without additional income tax liability. Management believes that the \$3.2 million contingent income tax liability, an increase of \$0.3 million from December 31, 2004, is the probable amount that will be paid upon settlement of the related tax audits based on current available evidence and issues and does not believe there would be a material impact on liquidity beyond what has been provided for in “Income taxes payable.” A change in the estimate of the contingent tax liability is possible and may occur upon resolution of the related issues under formal appeal procedures.

On October 22, 2004 the President signed the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the “Act”). The Act created a temporary incentive for U.S. corporations to repatriate accumulated income earned abroad by providing an 85 percent dividends received deduction for certain dividends from controlled foreign corporations. The incentive was available only for 2005 and was subject to a number of limitations. Based on a cost-benefit analysis, the Company decided not to repatriate any foreign income under the Act.

### **Note 14. Termination Costs Associated With Exit Activities**

On November 3, 2005, the Company committed to a plan (the “Plan”) to reduce its workforce by approximately 200 people in one of its European customer contact management centers in Germany in response to the October 2005 contractual expiration of a technology client program, which generated annual revenues of approximately \$12.0 million. The Company expects to complete the Plan by the end of the second quarter of 2006. The Company estimates that during the fourth quarter of 2005 and the first half of 2006, it will incur total charges related to the Plan of approximately \$1.3 million to \$1.6 million. These charges include approximately \$1.1 million to \$1.2 million for severance and related costs and \$0.1 million to \$0.2 million for other exit costs. Additionally, upon completion of the Plan, the Company will cease using certain property and equipment estimated at \$0.2 million, and has begun to depreciate these assets over the shortened useful life, which approximates eight months. As a result, the Company will record additional depreciation of approximately \$0.1 million to \$0.2 million during the eight-month period ended June 30, 2006. Termination costs of \$0.5 million are included in “Direct salaries and related costs” in the accompanying 2005 Consolidated Statement of Operations. Cash payments related to these termination costs totaled less than \$0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2005.

On January 19, 2005, the Company announced to its workforce that, as part of its continued efforts to optimize assets and improve operating performance, it would migrate the call volumes of the customer contact management services and related operations from its Bangalore, India facility, a component of the Company’s Americas segment, to other offshore facilities. Before the plan of migration, the Company’s Bangalore facility generated approximately \$0.9 million in revenue in the first quarter of 2005. The Company substantially completed the plan of migration, including the redeployment of site infrastructure and the recruiting, training and ramping-up of agents associated with the migration of Bangalore call volumes to other offshore facilities, in the second quarter of 2005. In connection with this migration, the Company terminated 413 employees and accrued over their remaining service period, an estimated liability for termination costs of \$0.2 million based on the fair value as of the termination date, in accordance SFAS No. 146, “*Accounting for Costs associated with Exit or Disposal Activities* .” These termination costs are included in “Direct salaries and related costs” in the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2005. Cash payments related to these termination costs totaled \$0.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2005.

During the first quarter of 2004, the Company determined to reduce costs by consolidating and closing two European customer contact management centers in Germany. The plan was substantially completed by the end of the second quarter of 2004. In connection with these closures, the Company terminated 240 employees and accrued over their remaining service period, an estimated liability for termination costs of \$1.7 million based on the fair value as of the termination date, in accordance with SFAS No. 146, “*Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities*” . Termination costs of \$1.7 million are included in “Direct salaries and related costs” in the accompanying 2004 Consolidated Statement of Operations. Cash payments totaled \$1.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2004.

**Note 15. Restructuring and Other Charges**

**2002 Charges**

In October 2002, the Company approved a restructuring plan to close and consolidate two U.S. and three European customer contact management centers, to reduce capacity within the European fulfillment operations and to write-off certain specialized e-commerce assets primarily in response to the October 2002 notification of the contractual expiration of two technology client programs in March 2003 with approximate annual revenues of \$25.0 million. The restructuring plan was designed to reduce costs and bring the Company's infrastructure in-line with the current business environment. Related to these actions, the Company recorded restructuring and other charges in the fourth quarter of 2002 of \$20.8 million primarily for the write-off of certain assets, lease termination and severance costs. In connection with the 2002 restructuring, the Company reduced the number of employees by 470 during 2002 and 330 during 2003. The plan was substantially completed by the end of 2003.

In connection with the contractual expiration of the two technology client contracts previously mentioned, the Company also recorded additional depreciation expense of \$1.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2002 and \$1.3 million in the first quarter of 2003 primarily related to a specialized technology platform, which was no longer utilized upon the expiration of the contracts in March 2003.

The following tables summarize the 2002 plan accrued liability for restructuring and other charges and related activity in 2005, 2004, 2003 and 2002 (in thousands):

	Balance at January 1, 2005	Cash Outlays	Other Non-Cash Changes <sup>(1)</sup>	Balance at December 31, 2005
Severance and related costs	\$ 106	\$ (34)	\$ (72)	\$ —
Other restructuring costs	285	(43)	(242)	—
	<u>\$ 391</u>	<u>\$ (77)</u>	<u>\$ (314)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

	Balance at January 1, 2004	Cash Outlays	Other Non-Cash Changes <sup>(2)</sup>	Balance at December 31, 2004 <sup>(3)</sup>
Severance and related costs	\$ 106	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 106
Lease termination costs	342	(301)	(41)	—
Other restructuring costs	545	(188)	(72)	285
	<u>\$ 993</u>	<u>\$ (489)</u>	<u>\$ (113)</u>	<u>\$ 391</u>

	Balance at January 1, 2003	Cash Outlays	Other Non-Cash Changes	Balance at December 31, 2003
Severance and related costs	\$ 4,696	\$(3,816)	\$ (774) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 106
Lease termination costs	1,827	(1,585)	100 <sup>(5)</sup>	342
Other restructuring costs	1,852	(1,512)	205 <sup>(6)</sup>	545
	<u>\$ 8,375</u>	<u>\$ (6,913)</u>	<u>\$ (469)</u>	<u>\$ 993</u>

	Balance at January 1, 2002	2002 Charges	Cash Outlays	Other Non-Cash Changes	Balance at December 31, 2002
Severance and related costs	\$ —	\$ 5,012	\$ (316)	\$ —	\$ 4,696
Lease termination costs	—	1,827	—	—	1,827
Write-down of property, equipment and capitalized costs	—	12,017	—	(12,017)	—
Other restructuring costs	—	1,958	(106)	—	1,852
	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$20,814</u>	<u>\$ (422)</u>	<u>\$ (12,017)</u>	<u>\$ 8,375</u>

- (1) During 2005, the Company reversed \$0.3 million related to severance and related costs and certain other closing costs associated primarily with the closure of certain European contact management centers.
- (2) During 2004, the Company reversed \$0.1 million related to the remaining lease termination and closing costs for two of its European customer contact management centers and one European fulfillment center.
- (3) Included in "Other accrued expenses and current liabilities" in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet, except \$0.1 million of severance and related costs which is included in "Accrued employee compensation and benefits."
- (4) During 2003, the Company reversed \$0.8 million of the severance accrual related to the final termination settlement for the closure of two of its European customer contact management centers and one European fulfillment center.
- (5) During 2003, the Company recorded \$0.1 million in additional lease termination costs primarily related to the final settlement of the lease for one of its European customer contact management centers.
- (6) During 2003, the Company recorded \$0.3 million in additional site closure costs related to one of its European customer contact management centers offset by \$0.1 million for the reversal of the remaining site closure costs for its Galashiels, Scotland print facility and its Scottsbluff, Nebraska facility, which were both sold in 2003.

**2001 Charges**

In December 2001, in response to the economic slowdown and increasing demand for the Company's offshore capabilities, the Company approved a cost reduction plan designed to improve efficiencies in its core business. As a result of the Company's cost reduction plan, the Company recorded \$16.1 million in restructuring, other and impairment charges during the fourth quarter of 2001. This included \$14.6 million in charges related to the closure and consolidation of two U.S. customer contact management centers, two U.S. technical staffing offices, one European fulfillment center; the elimination of redundant property, leasehold improvements and equipment; lease termination costs associated with vacated properties and equipment and severance and related costs. In connection with the fourth quarter 2001 restructuring, the Company reduced the number of employees by 230 during the first quarter of 2002. The restructuring charge also included \$1.4 million for future lease obligations related to closed facilities. In connection with this restructuring, the Company also recorded a \$1.5 million impairment charge related to the write-off of certain nonperforming assets, including software and equipment no longer used by the Company.

The following tables summarize the 2001 plan accrued liability for restructuring and other charges and related activity in 2003, 2002 and 2001 (in thousands):

	Balance at January 1, 2003	Cash Outlays	Other Non-Cash Changes <sup>(1)</sup>	Balance at December 31, 2003
Severance and related costs	\$ 153	\$ (153)	\$ —	\$ —
Lease termination costs	161	(121)	(40)	—
Other restructuring costs	32	(15)	(17)	—
	<u>\$ 346</u>	<u>\$ (289)</u>	<u>\$ (57)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
	Balance at January 1, 2002	Cash Outlays	Other Non-Cash Changes	Balance at December 31, 2002
Severance and related costs	\$ 1,423	\$ (1,270)	\$ —	\$ 153
Lease termination costs	1,355	(1,397)	203 <sup>(2)</sup>	161
Write-down of property, equipment and capitalized costs	3,220	—	(3,220)	—
Other restructuring costs	292	(260)	—	32
	<u>\$ 6,290</u>	<u>\$ (2,927)</u>	<u>\$ (3,017)</u>	<u>\$ 346</u>



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	Balance at January 1, 2001	2001 Charges	Cash Outlays	Other Non-Cash Changes	Balance at December 31, 2001
Severance and related costs	\$ —	\$ 1,456	\$ (33)	\$ —	\$ 1,423
Lease termination costs	—	1,426	(71)	—	1,355
Write-down of property, equipment and capitalized costs	—	8,826	—	(5,606)	3,220
Write-down of intangible assets	—	2,600	—	(2,600)	—
Other restructuring costs	—	292	—	—	292
	—	14,600	(104)	(8,206)	6,290
Impairment of software and equipment	—	1,480	—	(1,480)	—
	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$16,080</u>	<u>\$ (104)</u>	<u>\$ (9,686)</u>	<u>\$ 6,290</u>

(1) During 2003, the Company reversed accruals related to the final settlement of lease termination and other costs.

(2) During 2002, the Company recorded \$0.2 million in additional lease termination costs related to one of the European customer contact management centers.

### 2000 Charges

The Company recorded restructuring and other charges during the second and fourth quarters of 2000 approximating \$30.5 million. The second quarter restructuring and other charges approximating \$9.6 million resulted from the Company's consolidation of several European and one U.S. fulfillment center and the closing or consolidation of six technical staffing offices. Included in the second quarter 2000 restructuring and other charges was a \$3.5 million lease termination payment to the founder and former Chairman of the Company related to the termination of a ten-year operating lease agreement for use of his private jet. As a result of the second quarter 2000 restructuring, the Company reduced the number of employees by 157 during 2000 and satisfied the remaining lease obligations related to the closed facilities during 2001.

The Company also announced, after a comprehensive review of operations, its decision to exit certain non-core, lower margin businesses to reduce costs, improve operating efficiencies and focus on its core competencies of technical support, customer service and consulting solutions. As a result, the Company recorded \$20.9 million in restructuring and other charges during the fourth quarter of 2000 related to the closure of its U.S. fulfillment operations, the consolidation of its Tampa, Florida technical support center and the exit of its worldwide localization operations. Included in the fourth quarter 2000 restructuring and other charges is a \$2.4 million severance payment related to the employment contract of the Company's former President. In connection with the fourth quarter 2000 restructuring, the Company reduced the number of employees by 245 during the first half of 2001 and satisfied a significant portion of the remaining lease obligations related to the closed facilities during 2001.

The following tables summarize the 2000 plan accrued liability for restructuring and other charges and related activity in 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001 and 2000 (in thousands):

	Balance at January 1, 2005	Cash Outlays	Other Non-Cash Changes	Balance at December 31, 2005
Severance and related costs	<u>\$ 87</u>	<u>\$ (87)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
	<u>Balance at January 1, 2004</u>	<u>Cash Outlays</u>	<u>Other Non-Cash Changes</u>	<u>Balance at December 31, 2004 <sup>(1)</sup></u>
Severance and related costs	\$ 588	\$ (501)	\$ —	\$ 87
Lease termination costs	—	—	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 588</u>	<u>\$ (501)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 87</u>

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	Balance at January 1, 2003	Cash Outlays	Other Non-Cash Changes	Balance at December 31, 2003	
Severance and related costs	\$ 1,053	\$ (465)	\$ —	\$ 588	
Lease termination costs	120	—	(120) <sup>(2)</sup>	—	
Total	<u>\$ 1,173</u>	<u>\$ (465)</u>	<u>\$ (120)</u>	<u>\$ 588</u>	
	Balance at January 1, 2002	Cash Outlays	Other Non-Cash Changes	Balance at December 31, 2002	
Severance and related costs	\$ 1,485	\$ (646)	\$ 214 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 1,053	
Lease termination costs	143	(23)	—	120	
Total	<u>\$ 1,628</u>	<u>\$ (669)</u>	<u>\$ 214</u>	<u>\$ 1,173</u>	
	Balance at January 1, 2001	Cash Outlays	Other Non-Cash Changes	Balance at December 31, 2001	
Severance and related costs	\$ 3,062	\$(1,288)	\$ (289) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 1,485	
Lease termination costs	1,288	(1,145)	—	143	
Other restructuring costs	718	(718)	—	—	
Total	<u>\$ 5,068</u>	<u>\$(3,151)</u>	<u>\$ (289)</u>	<u>\$ 1,628</u>	
	Balance at January 1, 2000	2000 Charges	Cash Outlays	Other Non-Cash Changes	Balance at December 31, 2000
Severance and related costs	\$ —	\$ 3,974	\$ (912)	\$ —	\$ 3,062
Lease termination costs	—	5,404	(4,116)	—	1,288
Write-down of property, equipment	—	14,191	—	(14,191)	—
Write-down of intangible assets	—	6,086	—	(6,086)	—
Other restructuring costs	—	813	(95)	—	718
	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$30,468</u>	<u>\$ (5,123)</u>	<u>\$(20,277)</u>	<u>\$ 5,068</u>

(1) Included in "Accrued employee compensation and benefits" in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

(2) During 2003, the Company reversed accruals related to the final settlement of lease termination costs.

(3) During 2002, the Company recorded \$0.2 million in additional severance and related costs primarily due to delays in closing its U.S. fulfillment center, which increased the cash outlay requirements for severance.

(4) During 2001, the Company reduced the original severance accrual by \$0.3 million for severance payments due to the Company's former president.

### Note 16. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share are based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods. Diluted earnings per share includes the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the respective periods and the further dilutive effect, if any, from stock options, common stock units and shares held in a rabbi trust using the treasury stock method. For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, options to purchase shares of common stock of 0.5 million, 2.4 million and 2.9 million, respectively, at various prices were antidilutive and were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

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The numbers of shares used in the earnings per share computation are as follows (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Basic:			
Weighted average common shares outstanding	39,204	39,607	40,300
Diluted:			
Dilutive effect of stock options, common stock units and shares held in a rabbi trust	<u>332</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>141</u>
Total weighted average diluted shares outstanding	<u>39,536</u>	<u>39,722</u>	<u>40,441</u>

On August 5, 2002, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the Company to purchase of up to three million shares of its outstanding common stock. A total of 1.6 million shares have been repurchased under this program since inception. The shares are purchased, from time to time, through open market purchases or in negotiated private transactions, and the purchases are based on factors such as, including but not limited to, the stock price and general market conditions. For the year ended December 31, 2004, the Company repurchased 1.1 million common shares under the 2002 repurchase program at prices ranging between \$5.55 to \$7.58 per share for a total cost of \$7.1 million. During 2005, the Company made no purchases under the 2002 repurchase program.

### Note 17. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company leases certain equipment and buildings under operating leases having original terms ranging from one to twenty-five years, some with options to cancel at varying points during the lease. The building leases contain up to two five-year renewal options. Rental expense under operating leases for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 was approximately \$16.5 million, \$18.4 million, and \$13.4 million, respectively.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments under operating leases having a remaining non-cancelable term in excess of one year subsequent to December 31, 2005 (in thousands):

Year	Total Amount
2006	\$ 11,562
2007	4,983
2008	3,714
2009	3,573
2010	3,357
Thereafter	11,096
Total minimum payments required	<u>\$ 38,285</u>

A lease agreement, relating to the Company's customer contact management center in Ireland, contains a cancellation clause which requires the Company, in the event of cancellation, to restore the facility to its original state at an estimated cost of \$0.6 million as of December 31, 2005 and pay a cancellation fee of \$0.5 million, which approximates two annual rental payments under the lease agreement. In addition, under certain circumstances (including cancellation of the lease and cessation of the center's operations in the facility), the Company is contingently liable until July 29, 2006 to repay any proceeds received in association with the facility's grant agreement. As of December 31, 2005, the grant proceeds subject to repayment approximated \$1.0 million. As of December 31, 2005, the Company had no plans to cancel this lease agreement. Therefore, the Company does not expect to make any payments under this agreement and, accordingly, has not recorded a liability in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Company enters into agreements with third-party vendors in the ordinary course of business whereby the Company commits to purchase goods and services used in its normal operations. These agreements, which are not cancelable, generally range from one to five year periods and contain fixed or minimum annual commitments. Certain of these agreements allow for renegotiation of the minimum annual commitments based on certain conditions.

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The following is a schedule of future minimum purchases remaining under the agreements as of December 31, 2005 (in thousands):

Year	Total Amount
2006	\$ 12,198
2007	3,156
Total minimum payments required	<u>\$ 15,354</u>

From time to time, during the normal course of business, the Company may make certain indemnities, commitments and guarantees under which it may be required to make payments in relation to certain transactions. These include, but are not limited to: (i) indemnities to clients, vendors and service providers pertaining to claims based on negligence or willful misconduct of the Company and (ii) indemnities involving breach of contract, the accuracy of representations and warranties of the Company, or other liabilities assumed by the Company in certain contracts. In addition, the Company has agreements whereby it will indemnify certain officers and directors for certain events or occurrences while the officer or director is, or was, serving at the Company's request in such capacity. The indemnification period covers all pertinent events and occurrences during the officer's or director's lifetime. The maximum potential amount of future payments the Company could be required to make under these indemnification agreements is unlimited; however, the Company has director and officer insurance coverage that limits its exposure and enables it to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. The Company believes the applicable insurance coverage is generally adequate to cover any estimated potential liability under these indemnification agreements. The majority of these indemnities, commitments and guarantees do not provide for any limitation of the maximum potential for future payments the Company could be obligated to make. The Company has not recorded any liability for these indemnities, commitments and other guarantees in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. In addition, the Company has some client contracts that do not contain contractual provisions for the limitation of liability, and other client contracts that contain agreed upon exceptions to limitation of liability. The Company has not recorded any liability in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets with respect to any client contracts under which the Company has or may have unlimited liability.

The Company from time to time is involved in other legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. With respect to these matters, management believes that it has adequate legal defenses and/or provided adequate accruals for related costs such that the ultimate outcome will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

### Note 18. Employee Benefit Plans

The Company maintains a 401(k) plan covering defined employees who meet established eligibility requirements. Under the plan provisions, the Company matched 50% of participant contributions to a maximum matching amount of 2% of participant compensation. The Company contribution was \$0.6 million, \$0.5 million, \$0.8 million (including \$0.2 million to reimburse the 401(k) plan for commissions previously paid to a member of the Company's Board of Directors as discussed in Note 21) for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

The Company has a non-qualified deferred compensation plan that provides certain key employees the ability to defer any portion of their compensation until the participant's retirement, termination, disability or death, or a change in control of the Company. Using the Company's common stock, the Company matches 50% of the amounts deferred by a participant on a quarterly basis up to a total of \$12,000 per year for senior vice presidents and \$7,500 per year for vice presidents and other participants. Matching contributions and the associated earnings vest over a ten year service period. Deferred compensation amounts used to pay benefits, which are held in a rabbi trust, include investments in various mutual funds and shares of the Company's common stock (See Note 1, Summary of Accounting Policies, under Investments Held in Rabbi Trust.) The deferred compensation plan's assets totaled \$0.7 million at December 31, 2005, excluding the Company's common stock match, while the plan's liabilities totaled \$1.0 million. The assets and liabilities of the deferred compensation plan were recorded in deferred charges and other assets, treasury stock, additional paid-in capital, and long-term liabilities, as appropriate, in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

On January 1, 2005, the Company established a Post-Retirement Defined Contribution Healthcare Plan (the "Plan") for eligible employees meeting certain service and age requirements. The Plan is fully funded by the participants and accordingly, the Company does not recognize expense relating to the Plan.

**Note 19. Stock Options and Common Stock Units**

The Company maintains various stock option plans for its employees. Options to employees are granted at not less than fair market value on the date of the grant and generally vest over one to four years. All options granted to employees under the Company's stock option plans expire if not exercised by the tenth anniversary of their grant date.

Until May 2004, the Company maintained a stock option plan that provided for the automatic grant of non-qualified stock options to members of the Board of Directors who were not employees of the Company. Under the plan, each new non-employee director was granted an option to purchase 25,000 shares of common stock upon his or her election to the Board. Each continuing non-employee director was granted an option to purchase an additional 10,000 shares of common stock on the day after each annual shareholders' meeting. All of the options have an exercise price equal to the fair market value on the date of grant, and become exercisable ratably over one to three years. All options granted to non-employee directors are exercisable for ten years from the date of grant, unless the non-employee director's service is terminated whether by reason of death, retirement, resignation, removal or failure to be reelected at the end of his or her term. No options were granted at or after the May 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

At December 31, 2005, there were 7.0 million shares of common stock reserved for issuance under all of the Company's stock option plans. For all plans, options of 1.1 million, 2.5 million, and 2.4 million were exercisable at December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 with a weighted average exercise price of \$10.23, \$10.35 and \$11.50, respectively. There were 6.3 million, 4.7 million and 4.5 million shares available for grant under the plans at December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

The following table summarizes stock option activity for each of the three years ended December 31:

	Shares (In thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at January 1, 2003	3,500	\$ 10.39
Granted	163	\$ 5.80
Exercised	(195)	\$ 4.23
Expired or terminated	(307)	\$ 10.40
Outstanding at December 31, 2003	3,161	\$ 10.54
Granted	—	\$ —
Exercised	(36)	\$ 4.56
Expired or terminated	(348)	\$ 14.53
Outstanding at December 31, 2004	2,777	\$ 10.12
Granted	—	\$ —
Exercised	(133)	\$ 6.08
Expired or terminated	(1,431)	\$ 10.57
<b>Outstanding at December 31, 2005</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>\$ 10.03</b>

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The following table further summarizes significant ranges of outstanding and exercisable options at December 31, 2005:

Range of Exercise Prices	Number Outstanding at Dec. 31, 2005 (In thousands)	Weighted Average Remaining Life (Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable at Dec. 31, 2005 (In thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price
under \$4.00	57	7.0	\$ 3.15	42	\$ 3.15
\$4.01 to \$6.00	373	5.7	\$ 5.03	358	\$ 5.00
\$6.01 to \$9.00	185	5.5	\$ 8.53	156	\$ 8.62
\$9.01 to \$13.00	302	6.0	\$ 10.04	269	\$ 10.03
\$13.01 to \$19.00	192	4.3	\$ 16.27	191	\$ 16.27
\$19.01 to \$28.00	104	2.6	\$ 22.96	103	\$ 22.96
Total	<u>1,213</u>	5.3	\$ 10.03	<u>1,119</u>	\$ 10.23

**Employee Stock Purchase Plan** — The Company’s Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “ESPP”), which qualifies under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, allowed eligible employees to purchase the Company’s common stock through payroll deductions at 87.5% of the market price on the last day of the offering period, subject to certain maximum limitations. Effective June 30, 2003, the Company’s Board of Directors decided to terminate the ESPP due to limited employee participation and costs associated with administering it. Accordingly, the remaining 0.8 million shares of the Company’s common stock previously reserved are no longer available for future issuance under the ESPP as of June 30, 2003, the termination date.

The weighted average fair value share price of the purchase rights granted under the ESPP during the year ended December 31, 2003 (before the termination date) was \$3.80. For the year ended December 31, 2003 0.03 million of such shares were purchased by eligible employees.

**Non-Employee Director Fee Plan** — In May 2004, the Board of Directors approved a new Non-Employee Director Fee Plan (the “Plan”) that was later approved by the shareholders at the 2005 Annual Shareholders’ Meeting. The Board of Directors determined that this Plan would replace and supersede the 1996 Non-Employee Director Fee Plan and would be used in lieu of the 2004 Nonemployee Director Stock Option Plan (the “Stock Option Plan”). No options have been awarded under the Stock Option Plan and none will be awarded. The Plan provides that all new non-employee Directors joining the Board receive an initial grant of common stock units (“CSUs”) on the date the new Director is appointed or elected, the number of which will be determined by dividing a dollar amount to be determined from time to time by the Board (initially set at \$30,000) by an amount equal to 110% of the average closing prices of the Company’s common stock for the five trading days prior to the date the new Director is appointed or elected. The initial grant of CSUs will vest in three equal installments, one-third on the date of each of the following three annual shareholders’ meetings.

A CSU is a bookkeeping entry on the Company’s books that records the equivalent of one share of common stock. On the date each CSU vests, the Director will become entitled to receive a share of the Company’s common stock and the CSU will be canceled. For federal income tax purposes, the Director will not be deemed to have received income with respect to the CSUs until the CSUs vest.

Additionally, the Plan provides that each non-employee Director who was serving as a Director immediately prior to each Annual Shareholders’ Meeting will receive, on the day after the annual meeting, an annual retainer for service as a non-employee Director, the amount of which shall be determined from time to time by the Board. The Board increased the amount of the annual retainer from \$25,000 under the 1996 Fee Plan to \$50,000 under the Plan. Under the Plan, the annual retainer will be paid 75% in CSUs and 25% in cash. Previously, the annual retainer was payable one-half in cash and one-half in CSUs. The number of CSUs to be granted under the Plan will be determined by dividing the amount of the annual retainer by an amount equal to 105% of the average of the closing prices for the Company’s common stock on the five trading days preceding the award date (the day after the annual meeting). The annual grant of CSUs will vest in two equal installments, one-half on the date of each of the following two annual shareholders’ meetings.

All CSUs will automatically vest upon the termination of a Director’s service as a Director, whether by reason of death, retirement, resignation, removal or failure to be reelected at the end of his or her term. Until a CSU vests, the

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Director has none of the rights of a shareholder with respect to the CSU or the common stock underlying the CSU. CSUs are not transferable.

The Company applies variable plan accounting, in accordance with APB No. 25, for grants of CSUs issued under the Plan and recognizes compensation cost over the vesting period. During the year ended December 31, 2004, the Board awarded an aggregate of 55.6 thousand CSUs to the non-employee directors totaling \$0.3 million with a weighted average fair value of \$5.94 per CSU. Since the Plan was subject to shareholder approval, the CSUs were not considered to be granted in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 44, “*Accounting for Certain Transactions Involving Stock Compensation — An Interpretation of APB Opinion No. 25*” and therefore no compensation cost was recognized until the shareholders approved the Plan at the 2005 Annual Shareholders’ Meeting on May 24, 2005, the grant date. At that time, the Company recorded unearned compensation at the then current market price totaling \$0.5 million with a weighted average fair market value of \$8.25 per CSU, to be recognized over the two and three year vesting periods in accordance with APB No. 25.

During the year ended December 31, 2005, the Board awarded an aggregate of 47.8 thousand CSUs to the non-employee directors totaling \$0.4 million with a weighted average fair market value of \$8.27 per CSU. Accordingly, the Company recorded unearned compensation at the then current market price totaling \$0.4 million to be recognized over the two and three year vesting periods in accordance with APB No. 25. During 2005, the Company recognized compensation cost for CSUs issued in 2005 and 2004 of \$0.4 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

### Note 20. Segments and Geographic Information

The Company operates within two regions, the “Americas” and “EMEA” which represented 64.3% and 35.7%, respectively, of consolidated revenues for 2005. The Americas and EMEA regions represented 60.7% and 39.3%, respectively, of consolidated revenues for 2004, and 66.9% and 33.1%, respectively, of consolidated revenues for 2003. Each region represents a reportable segment comprised of aggregated regional operating segments, which portray similar economic characteristics. The Company aligns its business into two segments to effectively manage the business and support the customer care needs of every client and to respond to the demands of the Company’s global customers.

The reportable segments consist of (1) the Americas, which includes the United States, Canada, Latin America, India and the Asia Pacific Rim, and provides outsourced customer contact management solutions (with an emphasis on technical support and customer service) and technical staffing and (2) EMEA, which includes Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and provides outsourced customer contact management solutions (with an emphasis on technical support and customer service) and fulfillment services. The sites within Latin America, India and the Asia Pacific Rim are included in the Americas region given the nature of the business and client profile, which is primarily made up of U.S. based companies that are using the Company’s services in these locations to support their customer contact management needs.

Information about the Company’s reportable segments for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 is as follows:

	Americas	EMEA	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Consolidated Total
<b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2005:</b>				
Revenues	\$318,173	\$176,745		\$ 494,918
Depreciation and amortization	20,422	5,521		25,943
Income (loss) from operations before reversal of restructuring and other charges and impairment of long-lived assets	\$ 50,224	\$ 7,490	\$(31,092)	\$ 26,622
Reversal of restructuring and other charges			314	314
Impairment of long-lived assets			(605)	(605)
Income from operations				26,331
Other income			2,772	2,772
Provision for income taxes			(5,695)	(5,695)
Net income				<u>\$ 23,408</u>

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	Americas	EMEA	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	Consolidated Total
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004:				
Revenues	\$283,253	\$183,460		\$ 466,713
Depreciation and amortization	22,042	8,195		30,237
Income (loss) from operations before reversal of restructuring and other charges and impairment of long-lived assets	\$ 30,960	\$ 10,478	\$(28,264)	\$ 13,174
Reversal of restructuring and other charges			113	113
Impairment of long-lived assets			(690)	(690)
Income from operations				12,597
Other income			3,264	3,264
Provision for income taxes			(5,047)	(5,047)
Net income				<u>\$ 10,814</u>
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003:				
Revenues	\$321,195	\$159,164		\$ 480,359
Depreciation and amortization	21,184	8,941		30,125
Income (loss) from operations before reversal of restructuring and other charges	\$ 31,607	\$ 2,497	\$(23,382)	\$ 10,722
Reversal of restructuring and other charges			646	646
Income from operations				11,368
Other income			2,588	2,588
Provision for income taxes			(4,651)	(4,651)
Net loss				<u>\$ 9,305</u>

(1) Other items (including corporate costs, restructuring and impairment costs, other income and expense, and income taxes) are shown for purposes of reconciling to the Company's consolidated totals as shown in the table above for the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as those described in Note 1, Summary of Accounting Policies, to the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Inter-segment revenues are not material to the Americas and EMEA segment results. The Company evaluates the performance of its geographic segments based on revenue and income (loss) from operations, and does not include segment assets or other income and expense items for management reporting purposes.

For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 total revenues included \$31.4 million, or 6.4% of consolidated revenues, \$36.6 million, or 7.8% of consolidated revenues, and \$81.2 million, or 16.9% of consolidated revenues, respectively, from Accenture, a leading systems integrator that represents a major provider of communication services to whom the Company provides various outsourced customer contact management services. Effective May 1, 2003, the Company entered into a subcontractor services agreement (the "Agreement") with the systems integrator following the execution of a primary services agreement between the major provider of communication services and the systems integrator. Under the terms of this three-year Agreement, which contains penalty provisions for failure to meet minimum service levels and is cancelable with 6 months written notice, the Company provides the products and services necessary to support and assist the systems integrator in the management and performance of its primary services agreement. The Company expects to renew this Agreement before it expires on April 30, 2006.

In addition, revenues included \$27.3 million, or 5.5% of consolidated revenues, \$33.8 million, or 7.3% of consolidated revenues, and \$58.5 million, or 12.2% of consolidated revenues, for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively, from a leading software and services provider. This includes \$27.3 million, \$33.8 million and \$58.0 million in revenue from the Americas for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively, and \$0.5 million in revenue from EMEA for the year ended December 31, 2003.



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Information about the Company's operations by geographic location is as follows (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
<b>Revenues <sup>(1)</sup> :</b>			
United States	\$ 78,997	\$ 85,556	\$173,984
Canada	82,084	69,045	66,147
Costa Rica	45,435	36,595	28,017
Philippines	98,766	79,060	45,550
Other	12,891	12,997	7,497
Total Americas	<u>318,173</u>	<u>283,253</u>	<u>321,195</u>
Germany	54,298	59,941	59,706
United Kingdom	50,246	52,073	40,500
Sweden	20,758	24,704	23,814
Spain	12,030	11,912	4,579
The Netherlands	11,511	9,406	10,683
Hungary	13,269	10,722	7,469
Other	14,633	14,702	12,413
Total EMEA	<u>176,745</u>	<u>183,460</u>	<u>159,164</u>
Total	<u>\$494,918</u>	<u>\$466,713</u>	<u>\$480,359</u>

<b>Long-lived assets <sup>(2)</sup> :</b>			
United States	\$ 28,735	\$ 26,271	\$ 52,870
Canada	9,009	8,363	8,557
Costa Rica	3,836	4,816	6,813
Philippines	15,324	18,102	13,181
Other	3,363	5,734	4,776
Total Americas	<u>60,267</u>	<u>63,286</u>	<u>86,197</u>
Germany	3,494	5,043	6,119
United Kingdom	5,527	7,137	7,767
Sweden	376	639	1,112
Spain	971	1,775	1,471
The Netherlands	215	353	602
Hungary	2,071	2,741	2,310
Other	1,452	1,917	1,616
Total EMEA	<u>14,106</u>	<u>19,605</u>	<u>20,997</u>
Total	<u>\$ 74,373</u>	<u>\$ 82,891</u>	<u>\$107,194</u>

(1) Revenues are attributed to countries based on location of customer, except for revenues for Costa Rica, Philippines, China and India which is primarily comprised of customers located in the U.S., but serviced by centers in those respective geographic locations.

(2) Long-lived assets include property and equipment, net and intangibles, net.

<b>Goodwill :</b>			
Americas	\$ 5,918	\$ 5,224	\$ 5,085
EMEA	—	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 5,918</u>	<u>\$ 5,224</u>	<u>\$ 5,085</u>

Revenues for the Company's products and services are as follows (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Technical support and customer service and fulfillment	\$486,237	\$455,468	\$465,678
Technical staffing and consultative professional services	8,681	11,245	14,681
Total	<u>\$494,918</u>	<u>\$466,713</u>	<u>\$480,359</u>

**Note 21. Related Party Transactions**

The Company paid John H. Sykes, the founder and former Chairman of the Company, \$0.6 million for the use of his private jet in each of the years 2005, 2004 and 2003 which is based on two times fuel costs and other actual costs incurred for each trip.

A former member of the Board of Directors of the Company received broker commissions from the Company's 401(k) investment firm of \$0.05 million for the year ended December 31, 2002 and insurance commissions for the placement of the Company's various corporate insurance programs of approximately \$0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. This arrangement was terminated in 2002. During 2003, the Company determined that the payment of broker commissions was a prohibited transaction under Federal regulations. As a result, during 2003, the Company reimbursed the 401(k) plan \$0.2 million for previously paid broker commissions and paid a penalty to the U.S. government of \$0.1 million.

**Note 22. Retirement of Founder and Chairman**

On August 2, 2004, John H. Sykes publicly announced his resignation and retirement as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Sykes was employed by the Company pursuant to the Amended and Restated Executive Employment Agreement (the "Employment Agreement") dated as of October 1, 2001. The Employment Agreement had an initial term of five years, expiring on October 1, 2006, and included automatic one-year extensions unless there was appropriate notice of termination.

As a result of Mr. Sykes' resignation prior to the end of the initial term of the Employment Agreement, the Company and Mr. Sykes terminated the Employment Agreement and entered into a retirement and consulting agreement (the "Retirement and Consulting Agreement") dated December 10, 2004. Under the terms of the Retirement and Consulting Agreement, Mr. Sykes employment with the Company was terminated effective as of December 31, 2004, and the Company paid all compensation and benefits due under the Employment Agreement through December 31, 2004. In addition, the Company paid Mr. Sykes \$1.7 million in base severance pay and unused vacation benefits, including a lump sum of \$0.3 million related to the relinquishment of any rights to an office and a secretary and the right to continue to be covered as an employee under the Company's group health insurance policy. The \$1.7 million payment to Mr. Sykes is included in "General and administrative" costs in the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2004.

Additionally, the Company agreed to pay Hyde Park Equity, LLC, a limited liability company owned by Mr. Sykes, fees of \$150,000, which will be paid in seven equal quarterly installments of \$21,428, for consulting services to be provided by Mr. Sykes through Hyde Park Equity during the period from December 31, 2004, through October 1, 2006. In the event of Mr. Sykes' death prior to October 1, 2006, the Company shall pay only a pro rata amount for the quarter in which the services are no longer provided, and nothing further shall be owed for consulting services. For such amount, Hyde Park Equity will cause Mr. Sykes to provide up to 37.5 days of consulting services per year at the request of the Board of Directors or its Chairman. Such services include advice dealing with significant business issues and an orderly management transition. Additional days of service are billed at the rate of \$2,000 per day. The Company also agreed to reimburse Hyde Park Equity for out of pocket business expenses incurred in connection with providing services to the Company. During 2005, the Company paid \$0.1 million to Hyde Park Equity under this agreement.

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### Schedule II — Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

Years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003

	Balance at Beginning of Period	Additions (Reversals) Charged to (Credited) to Costs and Expenses	Deductions	Balance at End of Period
<b>Allowance for doubtful accounts:</b>				
<b>Year ended December 31, 2005</b>	<b>\$ 4,293</b>	<b>\$ (649)</b>	<b>\$ 593<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 3,051</b>
Year ended December 31, 2004	4,242	267	216 <sup>(1)</sup>	4,293
Year ended December 31, 2003	5,102	441	1,301 <sup>(1)</sup>	4,242
<b>Valuation allowance for net deferred tax assets:</b>				
<b>Year ended December 31, 2005</b>	<b>\$30,391</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$1,584</b>	<b>\$28,807</b>
Year ended December 31, 2004	30,582	—	191	30,391
Year ended December 31, 2003	19,914	10,668	—	30,582

<sup>(1)</sup> Net write-offs and recoveries.





**FIRST AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

This First Amendment to Employment Agreement (“First Amendment”) is made as of the 28th day of July, 2005, by and between **SYKES ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED**, a Florida corporation (the “Company”), and **Charles E. Sykes** (the “Executive”).

**WHEREAS**, the parties entered into that certain Employment Agreement (the “Employment Agreement”) dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2004.

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to execution of the Employment Agreement, the parties discovered a scrivener’s error which resulted in unintended ambiguity regarding payments to be made to Executive in the event the Company failed to renew Executive’s Employment Agreement at the end of the term.

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to amend the Employment Agreement to correct the error and resolve the ambiguity.

**NOW THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Paragraph 6 (e) entitled “Payments Upon Termination” shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following paragraph:

- (e) Payments Upon Termination. In the event of a termination of the Executive’s employment pursuant to Section 6 or by the Executive, all payments and Company benefits to the Executive hereunder, except the payments (if any) provided below, shall immediately cease and terminate. In the event of an early termination or non-renewal by the Company of the Executive’s employment with the Company for any reason other than pursuant to Section 6(a)(b)(c) or Executive’s termination pursuant to Section 6(d), the Company shall pay the Executive an amount equal to the Liquidated Damages defined in (f) below (in lieu of actual damages) for the early termination or non-renewal of his employment. In the event of a termination of the Executive’s employment for any reason other than pursuant to Section 6(a)(b)(c) or Executive’s termination pursuant to Section 6(d), the Covenant Not-to-Compete set forth in Section 5 hereof shall remain in full force and effect for the period set forth in (f) below. If the Company terminates the Executive’s employment pursuant to Section 6(a)(b)(c) or the Executive terminates such employment other than pursuant to
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Section **6(d)** , the Executive shall not be entitled to any Liquidated Damages and the Covenant Not-to-Compete set forth in Section **5** hereof shall remain in full force and effect as set forth in (g) below. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, and in addition to any other compensation to which the Executive may be entitled to receive pursuant to this Agreement, the Executive shall receive all compensation and other benefits to which he or she was entitled under this Agreement or otherwise as an executive of the Company through the termination date.

2. Except as specifically set forth herein, the terms and conditions of the Employment Agreement shall remain unmodified. All defined terms in the Employment Agreement shall apply to this First Amendment.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** , the parties have executed this First Amendment to Employment Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

**SYKES ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED**

**EXECUTIVE**

By: /s/ James T. Holder  
James T. Holder  
Vice President and General Counsel

/s/ Charles E. Sykes  
Charles E. Sykes



## EXHIBIT 21.1

### SYKES ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES

As of December 31, 2005, the Registrant directly or indirectly owned the following subsidiaries. Certain subsidiaries, which in the aggregate do not constitute significant subsidiaries, may be omitted.

Sykes (Bermuda) Holdings Limited	Bermuda
Sykes Offshore Holdings Limited	Bermuda
248 Pall Mall (London) Inc.	Canada
Clinidata Incorporated	Canada
Kelly, Luttmer & Associates Limited	Canada
Sykes Canada Corporation	Canada
Sykes Latin America, S.A.	Costa Rica
Sykes Central America Ltda	El Salvador
Sykes El Salvador, Ltda	El Salvador
Sykes Finland Oy	Finland
Sykes Enterprises Bochum GmbH & Co. KG	Germany
Sykes Enterprises GmbH	Germany
Sykes Enterprises Hamburg Hannover GmbH & Co. KG	Germany
Sykes Enterprises Support Services B.V. & Co. KG	Germany
Sykes Enterprises Wilhelmshaven GmbH & Co. KG	Germany
Sykes Central Europe Kft	Hungary
Sykes Enterprises (India) Pvt Ltd	India
Sykes Enterprises Italy S.r.L	Italy
SEI International Services S.a.r.l.	Luxembourg
Sykes India Holdings Corporation	Mauritius
Shanghai Pintian Information Technology Service Co., Ltd.	The Peoples Republic of China
Sykes (Shanghai) Co. Ltd	The Peoples Republic of China
LINK Network Limited	Scotland
McQueen Europe Limited	Scotland
McQueen International Limited	Scotland
Sykes Global Services Limited	Scotland
Sykes Slovakia Sro	Slovakia
Sykes Enterprises Incorporated, S.L.	Spain
Sykes Datasvar Support AB	Sweden
McQueen International B.V.	The Netherlands
Sykes Enterprises Incorporated BV	The Netherlands
Sykes Enterprises Incorporated Holdings B.V.	The Netherlands
Sykes International Holdings BV	The Netherlands
Sykes Netherlands B.V.	The Netherlands
Sykes Asia Inc.	The Philippines
McQueen International Incorporated	United States
Sykes E-Commerce, Incorporated	United States
Sykes Enterprises — South Africa, Inc.	United States
Sykes Global Holdings, LLC	United States
Sykes LP Holdings, LLC	United States
Sykes Realty, Inc.	United States





**EXHIBIT 23.1**

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statements Nos. 333-23681, 333-76629, 333-88359, 333-73260, and 333-125178 on Forms S-8 of our reports dated March 14, 2006, relating to the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and management's report on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 2005.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Tampa, Florida  
March 14, 2006



**EXHIBIT 31.1**  
**CERTIFICATION**

I, Charles E. Sykes, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated;
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(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the 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(s) 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: March 14, 2006

/s/ Charles E. Sykes

Charles E. Sykes, President and Chief Executive Officer



**EXHIBIT 31.2**  
**CERTIFICATION**

I, W. Michael Kipphut, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated;
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(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the 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(s) 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: March 14, 2006

/s/ W. Michael Kipphut

W. Michael Kipphut, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



**EXHIBIT 32.1**

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350**

In connection with the Annual Report of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Charles E. Sykes, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

- (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: March 14, 2006

By: /s/ Charles E. Sykes  
Charles E. Sykes  
President and Chief Executive Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.





**EXHIBIT 32.2**

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350**

In connection with the Annual Report of Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, W. Michael Kipphut, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

- (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: March 14, 2006

By: /s/ W. Michael Kipphut  
W. Michael Kipphut  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.