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#### **FORM 10-K**

(Mark One)

[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020

OR

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

For the transition period from to

Commission File No. 1-13906

## **Ballantyne Strong, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

47-0587703 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4201 Congress Street, Suite 175 Charlotte, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices)

28209

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 994-8279

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	BTN	NYSE American

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

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

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

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 [X] No []

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T ( $\S232.405$  of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes [X] No [ ]

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

Large accelerated filer [ ] Accelerated filer [ ]

Non-accelerated filer [X] Smaller reporting company [X]

Emerging growth company [ ]

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. [ ]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report. [ ]

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

The aggregate market value of the Company's voting common stock held by non-affiliates, based upon the closing price of the stock on the NYSE American on June 30, 2020 was approximately \$13.1 million. The Company does not have any non-voting common equity. As of March 9, 2021, 18,301,544 shares of common stock of Ballantyne Strong, Inc., par value \$0.01 per share, were outstanding.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference in Part III, Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains not only historical information, but also forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). In addition, forward-looking statements may be made in press releases, orally, at conferences, on the Company's website, or otherwise, by or on behalf of the Company. Statements that are not historical are forward-looking and reflect expectations for future Company performance. These statements often use words such as "anticipates," "targets," "expects," "hopes," "estimates," "intends," "plans," "goal," "believes," "continue" and other similar expressions or future or conditional verbs such as "will," "may," "might," "should," "would" and "could." These statements involve certain known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict and are often beyond the Company's control. For these statements, the Company claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement and should consider the following uncertainties and risks, as well as the risks and uncertainties more fully discussed elsewhere in this report, including under Item 1A. Risk Factors of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and in any of the Company's subsequent Securities and Exchange Commission filings for further information about factors that could affect such forward-looking statements: the negative impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has already had, and may continue to have, on the Company's business and financial condition; the Company's ability to maintain and expand its revenue streams to compensate for the lower demand for the Company's digital cinema products and installation services; potential interruptions of supplier relationships or higher prices charged by suppliers; the Company's ability to successfully compete and introduce enhancements and new features that achieve market acceptance and that keep pace with technological developments; the Company's ability to successfully execute its capital allocation strategy or achieve the returns it expects from these investments; the Company's ability to maintain its brand and reputation and retain or replace its significant customers; challenges associated with the Company's long sales cycles; the impact of a challenging global economic environment or a downturn in the markets (such as the current economic disruption and market volatility generated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic); economic and political risks of selling products in foreign countries (including tariffs); risks of non-compliance with U.S. and foreign laws and regulations, potential sales tax collections and claims for uncollected amounts; cybersecurity risks and risks of damage and interruptions of information technology systems; the Company's ability to retain key members of management and successfully integrate new executives; the Company's ability to complete acquisitions, strategic investments, entry into new lines of business, divestitures, mergers or other transactions on acceptable terms; or at all; the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the companies in which the Company holds investments; the Company's ability to utilize or assert its intellectual property rights, the impact of natural disasters and other catastrophic events (such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic); the adequacy of insurance; the impact of having a controlling stockholder and vulnerability to fluctuation in the Company's stock price.

Given the risks and uncertainties, readers should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement and should recognize that the statements are predictions of future results which may not occur as anticipated. Many of the risks listed above have been, and may further be, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, its impact on the cinema and entertainment industry, and the worsening economic environment. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements and from historical results, due to the risks and uncertainties described herein, as well as others not now anticipated. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors, nor can it assess the impact of all such factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Except where required by law, the Company assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in factors or assumptions affecting such forward-looking statements.

#### PART I

#### Item 1. Business

#### **General Description of Business**

Ballantyne Strong, Inc. ("Ballantyne Strong", the "Company", "us" or "we"), a Delaware corporation established in 1932, is a holding company with business operations in the entertainment industry and investments in public and privately held companies. Ballantyne Strong went public in 1995 and our shares are traded on the NYSE American market under the symbol "BTN." Our website is <a href="www.ballantynestrong.com">www.ballantynestrong.com</a>.

The Company conducts its operations primarily through its Strong Entertainment operating segment. We also operate our Digital Ignition technology incubator and co-working facility in Alpharetta, Georgia. In addition, we hold minority investment positions in one privately held company and two publicly traded companies. The Company's strategic plan contemplates a combination of:

- Investing in the operations and growth of our existing businesses;
- Evaluating opportunities to maximize value by monetizing investments in our existing businesses; and
- Investing in public companies, private companies or in other areas.

Management is focused on improving the operating performance of its Strong Entertainment business segment as the United States and other countries recover from COVID-19 related business disruptions. We plan to manage the Strong Entertainment segment to grow market share and organic revenue and improve operating results with the intent of increasing the ultimate valuation of the business. The Company may seek to sell a minority, majority or all of its existing businesses as part of its strategic plans. In addition, we may invest in other public or private companies or acquire other businesses, which may be within or outside of the Company's existing markets.

Fundamental Global Investors, LLC ("Fundamental Global Investors"), the funds that it manages, its other affiliates, and the directors and officers of the Company and their affiliates together held approximately 32.3% of the Company's outstanding stock as of March 9, 2021. In some cases, funds managed by Fundamental Global Investors may acquire positions in the same public companies as the Company. Fundamental Global Investors' funds currently hold positions in FGF and GreenFirst (as defined below).

The Company previously provided digital signage services under its Convergent business segment, which was sold effective February 1, 2021. The Company previously provided out of home advertising services through its Strong Outdoor business segment, which was sold effective August 3, 2020. See Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements for additional details related to our discontinued operations.

## **Operations**

## **Overview**

Our Strong Entertainment business segment manufactures and distributes premium large format projection screens and provides technical support services and other related products and services to the cinema exhibition industry, theme parks, schools, museums and other entertainment-related markets. We also distribute and support third party products, including digital projectors, servers, library management systems, menu boards and sound systems.

# **Products and Services**

Projection Screens and Support Systems — We are the largest manufacturer and distributor of premium large format projection screens to the cinema industry in North America. We have an exclusive relationship to supply large format screens to IMAX and Cinemark theaters and supply many of the other major cinema operators worldwide. We also manufacture innovative screen support structures custom built to adapt to virtually any venue requirement, with a unique self-standing modular construction that allows for easy assembly and adjustable size.

We also manufacture and distribute curvilinear immersive screens to theme parks, museums, and schools, as well as for special events and military applications. Our Eclipse curvilinear screens are specially designed to provide maximum viewer engagement in media-based attractions and immersive projection environments. The solid surface minimizes light loss to maintain higher resolution at lower lumen output. Patented speaker panels allow selective placement of rear mounted speakers to ensure the audio derives from the source media on screen. Applications include interactive dark rides, 3D/4D theme park rides, flying theaters and motion simulators.

We believe that our screens are the highest quality in the industry providing the highest gain and other characteristics important to the exhibitor and its patrons. Our high quality is driven by our innovative manufacturing process, focus on quality control and our proprietary coatings. We believe we are the only major screen manufacturer that develops and produces its own proprietary coatings, which are critical to the overall quality, increased screen reflectivity and brightness and continued innovation of our screens.

Technical Services – We provide digital projection equipment installation and after-sale maintenance and network support services to the entertainment industry. Our field service technicians and our Network Operations Center ("NOC") staff work hand in hand to monitor and resolve system and other issues for our customers. We service many of our customers under recurring revenue contracts providing for maintenance and repair to a wide range of installed digital equipment, providing our customers with a reliable turnkey outsourced service option. We also provide services to customers on a time and materials basis. Our NOC, staffed by software engineers and systems techs, operates 24/7/365 and monitors our customers' networked equipment remotely, often providing proactive solutions to systems issues before they cause system failures.

*Other Products* – We distribute projectors, servers, audio systems and other third-party products including library management systems, lenses and lamps to customers in North and South America.

We also signed a reseller agreement with Blink Charging Co. ("Blink") in February 2021 and plan to begin marketing and distributing electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to existing customers and other parties in the United States.

#### Markets

We sell our screen systems worldwide, with our primary markets being North America and Asia. Screen systems are primarily sold on a direct basis, although we also use third-party distributors and integrators in some markets.

We have non-exclusive distribution agreements with NEC and Barco that allow us to market digital projectors in North and South America. We have a non-exclusive agreement with Blink that allows us to market electric vehicle charging stations in the United States.

We provide technical services in the United States. We market and sell our services both directly to theater owners and other entertainment-related markets and through dealers or Value Added Reseller ("VAR") networks.

#### Competition

While there are several smaller screen manufacturing companies, our primary competitor in the worldwide projection screen market for large format screens is Harkness Screens International Ltd. Competitive factors include product performance characteristics, quality, availability, location and price.

The markets for our other Strong Entertainment products and services are highly competitive, and the industry is fragmented. The primary competitive factors are price, product quality, features and customer support. Competition in the digital cinema equipment market includes other integrators and resellers. Manufacturers may also sell equipment directly to exhibitors, especially for large orders. Our primary competition for installation, after-sale maintenance, and NOC services is Christie Digital Systems USA, Inc., as well as smaller suppliers such as Tri-State Digital Services and Sonic Equipment Company, and in some cases internal resources of our larger entertainment customers.

# Investments

The Company holds investments in two public companies: approximately 21% of FG Financial Group, Inc. (formerly 1347 Property Insurance Holdings, Inc.) (Nasdaq: FGF) ("FGF"), which operates as a diversified insurance, reinsurance and investment management holding company, and approximately 30% of GreenFirst Forest Products Inc. (formerly Itasca Capital Ltd.) (TSX Venture: GFP) ("GreenFirst"), a publicly-traded Canadian company focused on the Canadian timber market. The Company also holds an investment in a private company, Firefly Systems, Inc. ("Firefly"), which operates a media network and digital advertising solutions on taxi and rideshare vehicles. We sold our Strong Outdoor business to Firefly in August 2020.

Fundamental Global Investors' funds currently hold positions in FGF and GreenFirst.

#### **Financial Instruments and Credit Risk Concentrations**

Our top ten customers accounted for 54% of 2020 consolidated net revenues. Trade accounts receivable from these customers represented 53% of net consolidated receivables at December 31, 2020. None of our customers accounted for more than 10% of both our consolidated net revenues during 2020 and our net consolidated receivables as of December 31, 2020.

#### Manufacturing

We manufacture cinema screens through Strong/MDI Screen Systems, Inc. ("Strong/MDI"), our subsidiary in Joliette, Quebec, Canada. These manufacturing operations consist of an 84,500 square-foot facility for the manufacture of screen systems. These facilities include PVC welding operations with programmable automations, as well as two 90-foot high screen coating towers with state-of-the-art precision coating application software and painting systems. This world class ISO certified operation has the capability of manufacturing multiple standard screens simultaneously to large format 2D and 3D screens for cinema and special venue applications.

## **Quality Control**

We believe that our quality control procedures and the quality standards for the products that we manufacture, distribute or service have contributed significantly to our reputation for high performance and reliability. The inspection of incoming materials and components as well as the testing of all of our products during various stages of the sales and service cycle are key elements of this program.

#### **Trademarks**

We own or otherwise have rights to various trademarks and trade names used in conjunction with the sale of our products. We believe our success will not be dependent upon trademark protection, but rather upon our scientific and engineering capabilities and research and production techniques. We consider the Strong® trademark to be of value to our business.

#### **Human Capital Resources**

We employed 232 persons at December 31, 2020, 229 of which were full-time. Of these employees, 124 positions were considered manufacturing or operational, 48 were service related and 60 were considered sales and administrative. We are not a party to any collective bargaining agreement. Our total headcount decreased by 57 employees in February 2021 in connection with the sale of the Convergent business segment.

The Company believes it complies with all applicable state, local and international laws governing nondiscrimination in employment in every location in which the Company operates. All applicants and employees are treated with the same high level of respect regardless of their gender, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or protected veteran status. We continue to monitor our demand for skilled and unskilled labor and provide training and competitive compensation packages in an effort to attract and retain skilled employees.

The Company, including its subsidiaries, remains deeply rooted in cinema screen manufacturing and cinemafocused services. In this regard, we continuously drive our efforts to be the best partner for our customers, investment for our stockholders, neighbor in our community and to provide an empowering work environment for our employees.

Moreover, the Company is committed to the health, safety and wellness of its employees. We have modified our business practices and implemented certain policies at our offices in accordance with best practices to accommodate, and at times mandate, social distancing and remote work practices, including restricting employee travel, modifying employee work locations, implementing social distancing and enhanced sanitary measures in our facilities, and cancelling attendance at events and conferences. In addition, we have invested in employee safety equipment, additional cleaning supplies and measures, re-designed production lines and workplaces as necessary and adapted new processes for interactions with our suppliers and customers to safely manage our operations.

## Regulation

We are subject to complex laws, rules and regulations affecting our domestic and international operations relating to, for example, environmental, safety and health requirements; exports and imports; bribery and corruption; tax; data privacy; labor and employment; competition; and intellectual property ownership and infringement. Compliance with these laws, rules and regulations may be onerous and expensive, and if we fail to comply or if we become subject to enforcement activity, our ability to manufacture our products and operate our business could be restricted and we could be subject to fines, penalties or other legal liability. Furthermore, should these laws, rules and regulations be amended or expanded, or new ones enacted, we could incur materially greater compliance costs or restrictions on our ability to manufacture our products and operate our business.

Some of these complex laws, rules and regulations – for example, those related to environmental, safety and health requirements – may particularly affect us in the jurisdictions in which we manufacture products, especially if such laws and regulations require the use of abatement equipment beyond what we currently employ; require the addition or elimination of a raw material or process to or from our current manufacturing processes; or impose costs, fees or reporting requirements on the direct or indirect use of energy, or of materials or gases used or emitted into the environment, in connection with the manufacture of our products. There can be no assurance that in all instances a substitute for a prohibited raw material or process would be available, or be available at reasonable cost.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Our business and financial performance are subject to various risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control. We discuss in this section some of the risk factors that, if they actually occurred, could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In that event, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you may lose part or all of your investment. You should consider these risk factors in connection with evaluating the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K because these factors could cause our actual results and financial condition to differ materially from those projected in forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect subsequent events or circumstances or the occurrence of unanticipated events.

# The COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing governmental responses have negatively impacted, and could further materially adversely affect, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had, and may continue to have, a widespread and detrimental effect on the global economy as a result of the continued increase in the number of cases, particularly in the United States, and actions by public health and governmental authorities, businesses, other organizations and individuals to address the outbreak, including travel bans and restrictions, quarantines, shelter in place, stay at home or total lock-down orders and business limitations and shutdowns. The COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing governmental responses have materially negatively impacted, and could further materially adversely affect, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. The ultimate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business and results of operations remains unknown and will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted with confidence, including the duration and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, including repeat or cyclical outbreaks, and any additional preventative and protective actions that governments, or we or our customers, may direct, which may result in an extended period of continued business disruption and reduced operations. For instance, some areas of the United States are experiencing new surges in COVID-19 cases and new variants of COVID-19, which has, in some cases, led to the closure of recently reopened businesses and further postponed opening other businesses, including movie theaters. Any resulting financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time, but we expect it will continue to have a material impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The repercussions of the COVID-19 global pandemic resulted in a significant impact to our customers, specifically those in the entertainment and advertising industries, and their ability and willingness to purchase our products and services, which continues to negatively impact us. A significant number of our customers temporarily ceased operations during the pandemic, some of which continue to be suspended; as such, we have experienced, and anticipate that we will continue to experience at least until our customers have resumed normal operations, a significant decline in our results of operations. For instance, during this time, many movie theaters and other entertainment centers were forced to close or curtail their hours and, correspondingly, have terminated or deferred their non-essential capital expenditures. While some movie theaters and chains have begun to re-open, or announced plans to re-open in the near future, theater operators may continue to experience reduced revenues for an extended period due to, among other things, consumer concerns over safety and social distancing, depressed consumer sentiment due to adverse economic conditions, including job losses, capacity restrictions, and postponed release dates, shortened "release windows" between the release of motion pictures in theaters and an alternative delivery method, or the release of motion pictures directly to alternative delivery methods, bypassing the theater entirely, for certain movies, and continued COVID-19 outbreaks could cause these theaters to suspend operations again. The COVID-19 pandemic has also adversely affected film production and may adversely affect the pipeline of feature films available in the short- or long-term. In addition to decreased business spending by our customers and prospective customers and reduced demand for our products, lower renewal rates by our customers, increased customer losses/churn, increased challenges in or cost of acquiring new customers and increased risk in collectability of accounts receivable may have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. We have also experienced other negative impacts; among other actions, we were required to temporarily close our screen manufacturing facility in Canada due to the governmental response to COVID-19, which we were able to re-open on May 11, 2020, and have experienced lower revenues from field services and a reduction in non-recurring time and materials-based services. The completion of our outsourced screen finishing facility in China was also delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are currently evaluating the timing of when we will be able to commence operations at the facility in light of current travel restrictions. We may also experience one or more of the following conditions that could have a material adverse impact on our business operations and financial condition: adverse effects on our strategic partners' businesses or on the businesses of companies in which we hold investments; impairment charges; extreme currency exchange-rate fluctuations; inability to recover costs from insurance carriers; and business continuity concerns for us, our customers and our third-party vendors.

In response to uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, we have taken, and are continuing to take, significant steps to preserve cash and remain in a strong competitive position when the current crisis subsides by eliminating non-essential costs, reducing employee hours and deferring all non-essential capital expenditures to minimum levels. Among other mitigating actions, we implemented targeted furloughs, temporarily curtailed our service and distribution activities in the United States and temporarily reduced compensation of our executive officers and certain other employees, and our board of directors waived its cash compensation for 2020. We have also implemented remote work policies for many employees, and the resources available to such employees may not enable them to maintain the same level of productivity and efficiency. In addition, these and other employees may face additional demands on their time, such as increased responsibilities resulting from school and childcare closures or illness of family members. Our increased reliance on remote access to our information systems also increases our exposures to potential cybersecurity breaches. We cannot provide any assurance that these actions, or any other mitigating actions we may take, will help mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on us.

In addition, we have undertaken new initiatives as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including our BrightNight program, which converts movie theater and other parking lots into temporary drive-in theaters, and a Theatre Readiness Program, which includes an auditorium quality assurance service visit in advance of customers returning to movie theaters. While we believe these programs will provide an additional source of revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot provide any assurance that these programs will provide the anticipated benefits to our business.

We cannot provide any assurance that our assumptions used to estimate our liquidity requirements will remain accurate due to the unprecedented nature of the disruption to our operations and the unpredictability of the COVID-19 global pandemic. As a consequence, our estimates of the duration of the pandemic and the severity of the impact on our future earnings and cash flows could change and have a material impact on our results of operations and financial condition. In the second quarter of 2020, management decided to draw down CDN\$2.9 million, or approximately \$2.1 million, under Strong/MDI's credit facility, all of which was repaid prior to December 31, 2020. Furthermore, we have applied for and received wage subsidies, and are in the process of reviewing tax credits and other financial support under the newly enacted COVID-19 relief legislation in the U.S. and Canada. However, the legislation and guidance from the authorities continues to evolve; as such, the amount and timing of support, if any, that we could receive is not determinable at this time, and there can be no guarantees that we will receive financial support through these programs. In addition, certain government benefits that we seek to access have not previously been administered on the present scale or at all. Government or thirdparty program administrators may be unable to cope with the volume of applications in the near term, and any benefits we receive may not be as extensive as we currently estimate, may impose additional conditions and restrictions on our operations or may otherwise provide less relief than we contemplate. In the event of a sustained market deterioration, and continued declines in net sales, including the impact of such events on the borrowing base under the Strong/MDI credit facility, we may need additional liquidity, which would require us to evaluate available alternatives and take appropriate actions. We cannot provide any assurance that we will be able to obtain additional sources of financing or liquidity on acceptable terms, or at all.

The ultimate duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows is dependent on future developments, the duration of the pandemic, including repeat or cyclical outbreaks, new and potentially more contagious variants, additional "waves" and the related length of its impact on the global economy, which are uncertain and cannot be predicted at this time due to the daily evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and the global responses to curb its spread. Furthermore, the extent to which our mitigation efforts are successful, if at all, is not presently ascertainable. However, we expect that our results of operations, including revenues, in future periods will continue to be adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and its negative effects on global economic conditions, which include a global recession, and that, as result of such effects, we may continue to be adversely affected even after the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided.

# Interruptions of, or higher prices of, components from our suppliers may affect our results of operations and financial performance.

A portion of our revenues are dependent on the distribution of products supplied by various key suppliers. If we fail to maintain satisfactory relationships with our suppliers, or if our suppliers experience significant financial difficulties, we could experience difficulty in obtaining needed goods and services. Some suppliers could also decide to reduce inventories or raise prices to increase cash flow. The loss of any one or more of our suppliers could have an adverse effect on our business, and we may be unable to secure alternative manufacturing arrangements. Even if we are able to obtain alternative manufacturing arrangements, such arrangements may not be on terms similar to our current arrangements or we may be forced to accept less favorable terms in order to secure a supplier as quickly as possible so as to minimize the impact on our business operations. In addition, any required changes in our suppliers could cause delays in our operations and increase our production costs and new suppliers may not be able to meet our production demands as to volume, quality or timeliness.

The markets for our products and services are highly competitive and if market share is lost, we may be unable to lower our cost structure quickly enough to offset the loss of revenue.

Within the Strong Entertainment business, the domestic and international markets for our product lines are highly competitive, evolving and subject to rapid technological and other changes. We expect the intensity of competition in each of these areas to continue in the future for a number of reasons including:

- Certain of the competitors for our digital equipment have longer operating histories and greater financial, technical, marketing and other resources than we do, which, among other things, may permit them to adopt aggressive pricing policies. As a result, we may suffer from pricing pressures that could adversely affect our ability to generate revenues and our results of operations. Some of our competitors also have greater name and brand recognition and a larger customer base than us.
- Some of our competitors are manufacturing their own digital equipment while we employ a distribution business model through our distribution agreements with NEC, Barco and certain other suppliers. As a result, we may suffer from pricing pressures that could adversely affect our ability to generate revenues.
- Suppliers could decide to utilize their current sales force to supply their products directly to customers rather than utilizing channels.

In addition, we face competition for consumer attention from other forms of entertainment, including streaming services and other forms of entertainment that may impact the cinema industry. The other forms of entertainment may be more attractive to consumers than those utilizing our technologies, which could harm our business, prospects and operating results.

For these and other reasons, we must continue to enhance our technologies and our existing products and services and introduce new, high-quality technologies, products and services to meet the wide variety of competitive pressures that we face. If we are unable to compete successfully, our business, prospects and results of operations will be materially adversely impacted.

#### Our capital allocation strategy may not be successful, which could adversely impact our financial condition.

We intend to continue investing part of our cash balances in public and private companies and may engage in mergers, acquisitions and divestitures. We intend our investments in public companies to be made in circumstances where we believe that we will be able to exercise some degree of influence or control. We may also continue to invest in private companies or other areas, including acquisitions of businesses. Currently, our investments are highly concentrated in two public companies, FGF and GreenFirst, and one private company, Firefly. In some cases, funds controlled by our affiliate Fundamental Global Investors have, and may in the future, acquire positions in the same public companies as us. These types of investments are riskier than holding our cash balances as bank deposits or, for example, conservative investments such as treasury bonds or money market funds. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain or enhance the value or the performance of the companies in which we have invested or may invest in the future, or that we will achieve returns or benefits from these investments. Under certain circumstances, significant declines in the fair values of these investments may require the recognition of other-than-temporary impairment losses. We may lose all or part of our investment relating to such companies if their value decreases as a result of their financial performance or for any other reason. If our interests differ from those of other investors in companies over which we do not have control, we may be unable to effect any change at those companies. We are not required to meet any diversification standards, and our investments may continue to remain concentrated. In addition, we may seek to sell some or all of our existing businesses as part of our holding company strategy.

If our capital allocation strategy is not successful or we achieve less than expected returns from these investments, it could have a material adverse effect on us. The Board of Directors may also change our capital allocation strategy at any time, and such changes could further increase our exposure, which could adversely impact us.

# If we are not able to develop and introduce enhancements and new features that achieve market acceptance or that keep pace with technological developments, our business could be harmed.

We operate in a dynamic environment characterized by rapidly changing technologies and industry and legal standards. Innovation is critical to our success. The introduction of new software solutions by our competitors, the market acceptance of solutions based on new or alternative technologies or the emergence of new industry standards could render our platform obsolete. Our ability to compete successfully, attract new customers and increase revenues from existing customers depends in part on our ability to enhance and improve our existing software platform and to identify new software partners, which would allow us to continually introduce or acquire new features that are in demand by the markets we serve. The success of any enhancement or new solution depends on several factors, including timely completion and integration, adequate quality testing, introduction and market acceptance. Any new platform or feature that we develop or acquire may not be introduced in a timely or cost-effective manner, may contain defects or may not achieve the broad market acceptance necessary to generate significant revenues. If we are unable to anticipate, or timely and successfully develop or acquire, new offerings or features, or enhance our existing platform to meet customer requirements, our business and operating results will be adversely affected. Additionally, for technologies that are acquired, we may not be able to successfully integrate or monetize the acquired technology at a rate that is consistent with the market's expectations, which could have a material adverse impact on us.

# If we are unable to maintain our brand and reputation, our business, results of operations and prospects could be materially harmed.

Our business, results of operations and prospects depend, in part, on maintaining and strengthening our brand and reputation for providing high quality products and services. Reputational value is based in large part on perceptions. Although reputations may take decades to build, any negative incidents can quickly erode trust and confidence, particularly if they result in adverse publicity, governmental investigations or litigation. If problems with our products cause operational disruption or other difficulties, or there are delays or other issues with the delivery of our products or services, our brand and reputation could be diminished. Damage to our reputation could also arise from actual or perceived legal violations, product safety issues, data security breaches, actual or perceived poor employee relations, actual or perceived poor service, actual or perceived poor privacy practices, operational or sustainability issues, actual or perceived ethical issues or other events within or outside of our control that generate negative publicity with respect to us. Any event that has the potential to negatively impact our reputation could lead to lost sales, loss of new opportunities and retention and recruiting difficulties. If we fail to promote and maintain our brand and reputation successfully, our business, results of operations and prospects could be materially harmed.

# Our sales cycle can be long and unpredictable, particularly with respect to large enterprises, which could harm our business and operating results.

The timing of our sales is difficult to predict. Our sales efforts involve educating our customers, frequently at an executive level, about the use, potential return on investment, technical capabilities, security and other benefits of our solutions. Customers often undertake a prolonged product-evaluation process, which frequently involves not only our solutions but also those of our competitors. As we continue to target our sales efforts at large enterprise customers, we will face greater costs, long sales cycles and less predictability in completing some of our sales. In this market segment, the customer's decision to subscribe to our solution is often an enterprise-wide decision and may require us to provide even greater levels of education regarding the use and benefits of our solution and obtain support from multiple departments. In addition, prospective enterprise customers may require customized features and functions unique to their business process that may need acceptance testing related to those unique features. As a result of these factors, these sales opportunities may require us to devote greater sales support, operational support and professional services resources to individual customers, increasing costs and time required to complete sales and diverting our own sales and professional services resources to a smaller number of larger transactions. The long and unpredictable nature of our sales cycle could materially adversely impact our business and results of operations.

# We are substantially dependent upon significant customers who could cease purchasing our products at any time.

Our top ten customers accounted for 54% of 2020 consolidated net revenues. Trade accounts receivable from these customers represented 53% of net consolidated receivables at December 31, 2020. Most arrangements with these customers are made by purchase order and are terminable at will by either party. A significant decrease or interruption in business from our significant customers could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Our business is subject to the economic and political risks of selling products in foreign countries.

Sales outside the United States accounted for 18% of consolidated sales in fiscal 2020. We expect that international sales will continue to be important to our business for the foreseeable future. Foreign sales are subject to general political and economic risks, including the adverse impact of changes to international trade and tariff policies, including in the U.S. and China, which have created uncertainty regarding international trade, unanticipated or unfavorable circumstances arising from host country laws or regulations, unfavorable changes in U.S. policies on international trade and investment, the imposition of governmental economic sanctions on countries in which we do business, quotas, capital controls or other trade barriers, whether adopted by individual governments or addressed by regional trade blocks, threats of war, terrorism or governmental instability, currency controls, fluctuating exchange rates with respect to sales not denominated in U.S. dollars, changes in import/export regulations, tariffs and freight rates, potential negative consequences from changes to taxation policies, restrictions on the transfer of funds into or out of a country and the disruption of operations from labor, political and other disturbances, such as the impact of the coronavirus and other public health epidemics or pandemics. Government policies on international trade and investment can affect the demand for our products, impact the competitive position of our products or prevent us from being able to sell or manufacture products in certain countries. The implementation of more restrictive trade policies, such as higher tariffs or new barriers to entry, in countries in which we sell large quantities of products and services could negatively impact our business, results of operations and financial condition. For example, a government's adoption of "buy national" policies or retaliation by another government against such policies could have a negative impact on our results of operations. If we were unable to navigate the foreign regulatory environment, or if we were unable to enforce our contract rights in foreign countries, our business could be adversely impacted. Any of these events could reduce our sales, limit the prices at which we can sell our products, interrupt our supply chain or otherwise have an adverse effect on our operating performance.

In addition, a portion of our foreign sales are denominated in foreign currencies and amounted to \$2.3 million in 2020. To the extent that orders are denominated in foreign currencies, our reported sales and earnings are subject to foreign exchange fluctuations. In addition, there can be no assurance that our remaining international customers will continue to accept orders denominated in U.S. dollars. For those sales which are denominated in U.S. dollars, a weakening in the value of foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar could have a material adverse impact on us by increasing the effective price of our products in international markets. Certain areas of the world are also more cost conscious than the U.S. market and there are instances where our products are priced higher than local manufacturers. We are also exposed to foreign currency fluctuations between the Canadian and U.S. dollar due to our screen manufacturing facility in Canada where a majority of its sales are denominated in the U.S. dollar while its expenses are denominated in Canadian currency. We cannot predict the effects of exchange rate fluctuations upon our future operating results because of the number of currencies involved, the variability of currency exposures and the potential volatility of currency exchange rates.

Any of these factors could adversely affect our foreign activities and our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# The risk of non-compliance with U.S. and foreign laws and regulations applicable to our international operations could have a significant impact on our results of operations, financial condition and strategic objectives.

Our global operations subject us to regulation by U.S. federal and state laws and multiple foreign laws, regulations and policies, which could result in conflicting legal requirements. These laws and regulations are complex, change frequently, have tended to become more stringent over time and increase our cost of doing business. These laws and regulations include import and export control, environmental, health and safety regulations, data privacy requirements, international labor laws and work councils and anti-corruption and bribery laws such as the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the U.N. Convention Against Bribery and local laws prohibiting corrupt payments to government officials. We are subject to the risk that we, our employees, our affiliated entities, contractors, agents or their respective officers, directors, employees and agents may take action determined to be in violation of any of these laws. An actual or alleged violation could result in substantial fines, sanctions, civil or criminal penalties, debarment from government contracts, curtailment of operations in certain jurisdictions, competitive or reputational harm, litigation or regulatory action and other consequences that might adversely affect our results of operations, financial condition and strategic objectives.

# A reversal of the U.S. economic recovery and a return to volatile or recessionary conditions in the United States or abroad could adversely affect our business or our access to capital markets in a material manner.

Worsening economic and market conditions, downside shocks, or a return to recessionary economic conditions could serve to reduce demand for our products and adversely affect our operating results. These economic conditions may also impact the financial condition of one or more of our key suppliers, which could affect our ability to secure product to meet our customers' demand. In addition, a downturn in the cinema market could impact the valuation and collectability of certain receivables held by us. Our results of operations and the implementation of our business strategy could be adversely affected by general conditions in the global economy, including conditions that are outside of our control, such as the impact of health and safety concerns from the current outbreak of COVID-19. The most recent global financial crisis caused by the coronavirus resulted in extreme volatility and disruptions in the capital and credit markets. A severe or prolonged economic downturn could result in a variety of risks to our business and could have a material adverse effect on us. We could also be adversely affected by such factors as changes in foreign currency rates and weak economic and political conditions in each of the countries in which we sell our products.

# We rely extensively on our information technology systems and are vulnerable to damage and interruption.

We rely on our information technology systems and infrastructure to process transactions, summarize results and manage our business, including maintaining client and supplier information. Additionally, we utilize third parties, including cloud providers, to store, transfer and process data. From time to time, we experience cyber-attacks on our information technology systems. Our information technology systems, as well as the systems of our customers, suppliers and other partners, whose systems we do not control, are vulnerable to outages and an increasing risk of continually evolving deliberate intrusions to gain access to company sensitive information. Likewise, data security incidents and breaches by employees and others with or without permitted access to our systems pose a risk that sensitive data may be exposed to unauthorized persons or to the public. A cyber-attack or other significant disruption involving our information technology systems, or those of our customers, suppliers and other partners, could also result in disruptions in critical systems, corruption or loss of data and theft of data, funds or intellectual property. We may be unable to prevent outages or security breaches in our systems. We remain potentially vulnerable to additional known or yet unknown threats as, in some instances, we, our suppliers and our other partners may be unaware of an incident or its magnitude and effects. We also face the risk that we expose our customers or partners to cybersecurity attacks. Any or all of the foregoing could adversely affect our results of operations and cash flows, as well as our business reputation.

# Any failure to maintain the security of information relating to our customers, employees and suppliers, whether as a result of cybersecurity attacks or otherwise, could expose us to litigation, government enforcement actions and costly response measures, and could disrupt our operations and harm our reputation.

In connection with the sales and marketing of our products and services, we may from time to time transmit confidential information. We also have access to, collect or maintain private or confidential information regarding our customers, employees, and suppliers, as well as our business. Cyberattacks are rapidly evolving and becoming increasingly sophisticated. It is possible that computer hackers and others might compromise our security measures, or security measures of those parties that we do business with now or in the future, and obtain the personal information of our customers, employees and suppliers or our business information. A security breach of any kind, including physical or electronic breakins, computer viruses and attacks by hackers, employees or others, could expose us to risks of data loss, litigation, government enforcement actions, regulatory penalties and costly response measures, and could seriously disrupt our operations. Any resulting negative publicity could significantly harm our reputation, which could cause us to lose market share and have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

# If we fail to retain key members of management, or successfully integrate new executives, our business may be materially harmed.

Our future success depends, in substantial part, on the efforts and abilities of our current management team. If certain of these individuals were to leave unexpectedly, we could experience substantial loss of institutional knowledge, face difficulty in hiring qualified successors and could experience a loss in productivity while any successor obtains the necessary training and experience. Our loss of services of any of our senior executives, or any failure to effectively integrate new management into our business processes, controls, systems and culture, could have a material adverse effect on us.

We have made changes to our management team in recent years, which could create uncertainty among our employees, suppliers and other business partners and result in changes to the strategic direction of our business, any of which could have a material adverse effect on us.

Our previous and any potential future acquisitions, strategic investments, entry into new lines of business, divestitures, mergers or joint ventures may subject us to significant risks, any of which could harm our business.

Our long-term strategy may include identifying and acquiring, investing in or merging with suitable candidates on acceptable terms, entry into new lines of business and markets or divesting of certain business lines or activities. In particular, over time, we may acquire, make investments in or merge with providers of product offerings that complement our business or may terminate such activities. Mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and entries into new lines of business include a number of risks and present financial, managerial and operational challenges, including but not limited to:

- diversion of management attention from running our existing business;
- possible material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting;
- increased expenses including legal, administrative and compensation expenses related to newly hired or terminated employees;
- increased costs to integrate, develop or, in the case of a divestiture, separate the technology, personnel, customer base and business practices of the acquired, new or divested business or assets;
- potential exposure to material liabilities not discovered in the due diligence process;
- potential adverse effects on reported operating results due to possible write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets associated with acquisitions;
- potential damage to customer relationships or loss of synergies in the case of divestitures; and
- unavailability of acquisition financing or inability to obtain such financing on reasonable terms.

Any acquired business, technology, service or product or entry into a new line of business could significantly under-perform relative to our expectations, and may not achieve the benefits we expect. For all these reasons, our pursuit of an acquisition, investment, new line of business, divestiture, merger or joint venture could cause our actual results to differ materially from those anticipated.

#### Failure to effectively utilize or successfully assert intellectual property rights could negatively impact us.

We own or otherwise have rights to various trademarks and trade names used in conjunction with the sale of our products, the most significant of which is Strong®. We rely on trademark laws to protect these intellectual property rights. We cannot assure that these intellectual property rights will be effectively utilized or, if necessary, successfully asserted. There is a risk that we will not be able to obtain and perfect our own intellectual property rights, or, where appropriate, license from others, intellectual property rights necessary to support new product introductions. Our intellectual property rights, and any additional rights we may obtain in the future, may be invalidated, circumvented or challenged in the future. Our failure to perfect or successfully assert intellectual property rights could harm our competitive position and could negatively impact us.

# Natural disasters and other catastrophic events beyond our control could adversely affect our business operations and financial performance.

The occurrence of one or more natural disasters, such as fires, hurricanes, tornados, tsunamis, floods and earthquakes; geo-political events, such as civil unrest in a country in which our suppliers are located or terrorist or military activities disrupting transportation, communication or utility systems; or other highly disruptive events, such as nuclear accidents, public health epidemics or pandemics, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the impact of which is uncertain and which, if it persists for an extended period of time, could disrupt our global supply chain and result in significant expenses or delays outside of our control, unusual weather conditions or cyberattacks, could adversely affect our operations and financial performance. For example, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted and could further impact our operations, customers and suppliers as a result of quarantines, facility closures, and travel and logistics restrictions. The extent to which COVID-19 impacts our operations will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted at this time, and include the duration, severity and scope of the outbreak and the actions taken to contain or treat the coronavirus outbreak. In addition, temporary cinema closures in domestic and foreign markets and delays to movie release schedules may potentially negatively impact our customers' operations and timing of orders. Further, adverse events such as health-related concerns about working in our offices, the inability to travel and other matters affecting the general work environment could harm our business. In the event of a major disruption caused by the outbreak of epidemics or pandemic diseases such as coronavirus, we may lose the services of our employees or experience system interruptions, which could lead to diminishment of our business operations. Such events could result, among other things, in operational disruptions, physical damage to or destruction or disruption of one or more of our properties or properties used by third parties in connection with the supply of products or services to us, the lack of an adequate workforce in parts or all of our operations and communications and transportation disruptions. We cannot anticipate all the ways in which the current global health crisis and financial market conditions could adversely impact our business. These factors could also cause consumer confidence and spending to decrease or result in increased volatility in the United States and global financial markets and economy. Such occurrences could have a material adverse effect on us and could also have indirect consequences such as increases in the costs of insurance if they result in significant loss of property or other insurable damage.

## The insurance that we maintain may not fully cover all potential exposures.

We maintain property, business interruption and casualty insurance but such insurance may not cover all risks associated with the hazards of our business and is subject to limitations, including deductibles and maximum liabilities covered. We are potentially at risk if one or more of our insurance carriers fail. Additionally, severe disruptions in the domestic and global financial markets could adversely impact the ratings and survival of some insurers. In the future, we may not be able to obtain coverage at current levels, and our premiums may increase significantly on coverage that we maintain.

# Entities affiliated with Fundamental Global Investors, whose interests may differ from the interests of our other stockholders, have significant influence over us.

The interests of Fundamental Global Investors may differ from the interests of our other stockholders. Fundamental Global Investors and its affiliates hold approximately 29.8% of our outstanding shares of common stock as of March 9, 2021. Mr. Cerminara, the Chief Executive Officer, Co-Founder and Partner of Fundamental Global Investors, serves as our Chairman of our Board of Directors. As a result of its ownership position and Mr. Cerminara's position with the Company, Fundamental Global Investors has the ability to exert significant influence over our policies and affairs, including the power to impact the election of our directors, appointment of our management and approval of any action requiring a stockholder vote, such as amendments to our certificate of incorporation, bylaws, significant stock issuances, mergers and asset sales. Fundamental Global Investors may have interests that differ from those of our other stockholders and may vote in a way with which our other stockholders disagree and which may be adverse to their interests. Fundamental Global Investors' significant ownership may also have the effect of delaying, preventing or deterring a change of control of the Company, could deprive our stockholders of an opportunity to receive a premium for their common stock as part of a sale of the Company and might ultimately affect the market price of our common stock.

# The price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly, and this may make it difficult for you to resell shares of common stock.

The trading price of our common stock has been highly volatile in the past and could be subject to significant fluctuations in response to variations in quarterly operating results, general conditions in the industries in which we operate and other factors, including the risk factors described in this section. In addition, the stock market is subject to price and volume fluctuations affecting the market price for the stock of many companies generally, which fluctuations often are unrelated to operating performance. These market fluctuations may adversely affect the market price of our common stock, making it difficult for you to resell shares of common stock owned by you at times or prices you find attractive.

#### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

#### Item 2. Properties

Our corporate headquarters are located at 4201 Congress Street, Suite 175, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28209, where we lease office space. The lease expires in June 2022. In addition, we and our subsidiaries owned or leased the following facilities as of the date hereof:

- Strong/MDI, one of our subsidiaries that participates in our Strong Entertainment segment, owns an 84,500 square-foot manufacturing plant in Joliette, Quebec, Canada. The facility is used for offices, manufacturing, assembly and distribution of cinema and other screens. We believe this facility is well maintained and adequate for future needs.
- We lease office space in Omaha, Nebraska, which is primarily used for offices supporting our Strong Entertainment operating segment, operating the Omaha NOC and corporate support services. The lease expires in November 2021. We also lease a warehouse in Omaha, Nebraska, which is primarily used for the storage and distribution of third-party products. The warehouse lease expires in May 2022.
- We lease a 43,000 square-foot office facility in Alpharetta, Georgia under a lease expiring in June 2028. The facility is used for our Digital Ignition technology incubator and co-working facility.

We believe these facilities are adequate for future needs. In addition, we do not anticipate any difficulty in retaining occupancy of any leased facilities, either by renewing leases prior to expiration or replacing them with equivalent leased facilities.

# Item 3. Legal Proceedings

In the ordinary course of our business operations, we are involved, from time to time, in certain legal disputes. No such disputes, individually or in the aggregate, are expected to have a material effect on our business or financial condition.

#### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

#### **PART II**

#### Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

## Market Information and Holders

Our common stock is listed and traded on the NYSE American under the symbol "BTN."

According to the records of our transfer agent, we had 116 stockholders of record of our common stock on March 9, 2021. Because brokers and other institutions hold many of our shares on behalf of stockholders, we are unable to estimate the total number of stockholders represented by these record holders.

# Stock and Warrant Issuances

On February 3, 2021, we entered into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") in connection with a public offering (the "Offering") pursuant to which we agreed to issue and sell approximately 3.3 million shares of our common stock, at a public offering price of \$2.30 per share. The Offering closed on February 8, 2021. The net proceeds from the Offering were approximately \$6.7 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, we also issued warrants to purchase up to approximately 0.2 million shares of our common stock. The warrants are exercisable at any time, in whole or in part, from August 2, 2021 until February 3, 2026 at a price per share of \$2.875. The warrants also provide for one "piggyback" registration right with respect to the registration of the shares of common stock underlying the warrants and customary anti-dilution provisions. The piggyback registration rights last 4.5 years from the initial exercise date of August 2, 2021.

#### Stock Repurchases

On August 20, 2015, we announced that our Board of Directors adopted a stock repurchase program authorizing the repurchase of up to 700,000 shares of our outstanding common stock pursuant to a plan adopted under Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act. The program has no expiration date. There were no repurchases during the fourth quarter of 2020. As of December 31, 2020, there were 636,931 shares that may yet be purchased under the stock repurchase program.

# **Dividend Policy**

We intend to retain our earnings to assist in financing our business and making investments and do not anticipate paying cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. The declaration and payment of dividends by the Company are also subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors. Any determination by the Board of Directors as to the payment of dividends in the future will depend upon, among other things, business conditions, our financial condition and capital requirements, as well as any other factors deemed relevant by the Board. We have not paid cash dividends since we went public in 1995.

### Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Not applicable as we are a "smaller reporting company."

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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this report. Management's discussion and analysis contains not only historical information, but also forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Statements that are not historical are forward-looking and reflect expectations for future Company performance. For these statements, the Company claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to those discussed in the "Risk Factors" section contained in Item 1A. Given the risks and uncertainties, readers should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement and should recognize that the statements are predictions of future results which may not occur as anticipated. Many of the risks listed above have been, and may be further be, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, its impact on the cinema and entertainment industry, and the worsening economic environment. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements and from historical results, due to the risks and uncertainties described herein, as well as others not now anticipated. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors, nor can it assess the impact of all such factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Except where required by law, the Company assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in factors or assumptions affecting such forward-looking statements.

#### Overview

Our Strong Entertainment segment includes one of the largest manufacturers of premium projection screens and customized screen support systems, and we also distribute other products and provide technical support services to the cinema, amusement park and other markets. We are focused on improving the operating performance as the United States and other countries recover from COVID-19 related business disruptions. We plan to manage the Strong Entertainment business segment to grow market share and organic revenue and improve operating results, with the intent of expanding the ultimate valuation of the business. The Company may seek to sell a minority, majority or all of its existing businesses as part of its strategic plans. In addition, we may invest in other public or private companies or acquire other businesses, which may be within or outside of the Company's existing markets.

In connection with the sale of our Strong Outdoor operating business to Firefly in August 2020, we entered into a Master Services Agreement (the "Master Services Agreement"). Pursuant to the Master Services Agreement, we agreed to provide certain support services to Firefly, including remote equipment monitoring and diagnostics of screens until no later than December 31, 2022 and transition advertising instruction and integration services, content management services, ad-hoc reporting and analysis, wireless service, advertising content management services, and mapping data until no later than six months from closing. In addition, we use our facility in Alpharetta, Georgia for our Digital Ignition technology incubator and co-working facility. These business operations are included within "Other" when comparing our results of operations for 2020 to 2019.

### Convergent Transaction in February 2021

As part of a transaction that closed on February 1, 2021, we divested our Convergent business segment. The Company's Convergent business segment delivered digital signage solutions and related services to large multi-location organizations in the United States and Canada.

On February 1, 2021, we entered into an Equity Purchase Agreement (together with the other related documents defined therein, the "Purchase Agreement"), and closed the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement, with SageNet LLC ("SageNet"). The purchase price (the "Purchase Price") pursuant to the Purchase Agreement was (i) \$15.0 million in cash and (ii) \$2.5 million in the form of a subordinated promissory note delivered by SageNet in our favor. Additionally, a portion of the Purchase Price was placed in escrow by SageNet, the release of which is contingent upon certain events and conditions specified in the Purchase Agreement. The Purchase Price is also subject to adjustment based on closing working capital of Convergent. As further consideration, SageNet also assumed approximately \$5.7 million of third-party debt of Convergent, bringing the total enterprise value for Convergent equity interests to approximately \$23.2 million. We expect to record a gain of approximately \$15.0 million during the first quarter of 2021 related to the sale of Convergent.

#### Firefly Transaction in August 2020

On August 3, 2020, Strong Digital Media, LLC ("SDM") entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Firefly, pursuant to which SDM agreed to sell certain assets primarily related to its Strong Outdoor operating business to Firefly and continue to make available 300 digital taxi tops to Firefly. SDM retained certain accounts receivable as well as liabilities other than executory obligations under transferred contracts to the extent such liabilities are required to be performed following closing or constitute certain deferred revenue. The transaction closed on the same day.

As a result of these divestitures, we have presented Convergent's and Strong Outdoor's operating results as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Note 3 contains additional information regarding these transactions.

## **Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic**

In December 2019, a novel coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") was initially reported, and in March 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. COVID-19 has had a widespread and detrimental effect on the global economy as a result of the continued increase in the number of cases, particularly in the United States, and actions by public health and governmental authorities, businesses, other organizations and individuals to address the outbreak, including travel bans and restrictions, quarantines, shelter in place, stay at home or total lock-down orders and business limitations and shutdowns. The ultimate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business and results of operations remains unknown and will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted with confidence, including the duration and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, including repeat or cyclical outbreaks, and any additional preventative and protective actions that governments, or we or our customers, may direct, which may result in an extended period of continued business disruption and reduced operations. For instance, some areas of the United States are experiencing new surges in COVID-19 cases, which has, in some cases, led to the closure of recently re-opened businesses and further postponed opening other businesses, including movie theaters. Any resulting financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time, but we expect it will continue to have a material impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The repercussions of the COVID-19 global pandemic resulted in a significant impact to our customers, specifically those in the entertainment and advertising industries, and their ability and willingness to spend on our products and services, which continues to negatively impact us. A significant number of our customers temporarily ceased operations during the pandemic, some of which continue to be suspended; as such, we have experienced, and anticipate that we will continue to experience at least until our customers have resumed normal operations, a significant decline in our results of operations. For instance, during this time, many movie theaters and other entertainment centers were forced to close or curtail their hours and, correspondingly, have terminated or deferred their non-essential capital expenditures. While some movie theaters and chains have begun to re-open, or announced plans to re-open in the near future, theater operators may continue to experience reduced revenues for an extended period due to, among other things, consumer concerns over safety and social distancing, depressed consumer sentiment due to adverse economic conditions, including job losses, capacity restrictions, and postponed release dates, shortened "release windows" between the release of motion pictures in theaters and an alternative delivery method, or the release of motion pictures directly to alternative delivery methods, bypassing the theater entirely, for certain movies, and continued COVID-19 outbreaks could cause these theaters to suspend operations again. The COVID-19 pandemic has also adversely affected film production and may adversely affect the pipeline of feature films available in the short- or long-term. In addition to decreased business spending by our customers and prospective customers and reduced demand for our products, lower renewal rates by our customers, increased customer losses/churn, increased challenges in or cost of acquiring new customers and increased risk in collectability of accounts receivable may have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. We have also experienced other negative impacts; among other actions, we were required to temporarily close our screen manufacturing facility in Canada due to the governmental response to COVID-19, which we were able to re-open on May 11, 2020, and have experienced lower revenues from field services and a reduction in non-recurring time and materials-based services. The completion of our outsourced screen finishing facility in China was also delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are currently evaluating the timing of when we will be able to commence operations at the facility in light of current travel restrictions. We may also experience one or more of the following conditions that could have a material adverse impact on our business operations and financial condition: adverse effects on our strategic partners' businesses or on the businesses of companies in which we hold investments; impairment charges; extreme currency exchange-rate fluctuations; inability to recover costs from insurance carriers; and business continuity concerns for us, our customers and our third-party vendors.

#### **Results of Operations:**

The following table sets forth our operating results for the periods indicated:

	Y	ears Ended	Decer	nber 31,			
	2020		2019		\$ Change		% Change
		((	dollar	s in thousands)			
Net revenues	\$	21,500	\$	37,275	\$	(15,775)	(42.3)%
Cost of revenues		16,091		24,820		(8,729)	(35.2)%
Gross profit		5,409		12,455		(7,046)	(56.6)%
Gross profit percentage		25.2%		33.4%			
Selling and administrative expenses		12,035		15,101		(3,066)	(20.3)%
Loss on disposal of assets		(58)		(69)		11	(15.9)%
Loss from operations		(6,684)		(2,715)		(3,969)	146.2%
Other income (expense)		2,354		(1,787)		4,141	(231.7)%
Loss before income taxes and equity						<u> </u>	
method investment loss		(4,330)		(4,502)		172	(3.8)%
Income tax expense		(1,258)		(2,148)		890	(41.4)%
Equity method investment loss		(2,677)		(2,011)		(666)	33.1%
Net loss from continuing operations	\$	(8,265)	\$	(8,661)	\$	396	(4.6)%

# **2020 Compared to 2019**

#### Revenues

Net revenues during 2020 decreased 42.3% to \$21.5 million from \$37.3 million in 2019. The decrease in consolidated net revenue was primarily due to the impact of COVID-19 on our Strong Entertainment business.

	Years Ended December 31,								
	2020		2019		\$ Change		% Change		
	(dollars in thousands)								
Strong Entertainment	\$	20,629	\$	36,874	\$	(16,245)	(44.1)%		
Other		871		401		470	117.2%		
Total net revenues	\$	21,500	\$	37,275	\$	(15,775)	(42.3)%		

Revenue from Strong Entertainment decreased 44.1% to \$20.6 million in 2020 from \$36.9 million in 2019. The decrease was primarily due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the government-mandated temporary closure of our screen manufacturing facility in Quebec and lower revenues from equipment sales and field service projects. Revenue during 2019 was impacted by roof damage that caused the screen facility to temporarily halt operations for a portion of 2019.

The impact of COVID-19 on Strong Entertainment was particularly acute in the second quarter of 2020 when most entertainment venues across the world were forced to close in response to the pandemic. In the second half of 2020, Strong Entertainment's revenues recovered as many cinemas and theme parks began reopening. However, revenues continued to be lower than historical levels as those entertainment venues which were able to open continued to operate at reduced capacity limits and with limited theatrical releases. The Company expects the pace of recovery of its Strong Entertainment revenue to be dependent upon the pace of vaccinations and other measures to control COVID-19 and the related pace at which restrictions are removed from major cities and at which studios begin to market and distribute their backlog of new releases to the market.

#### **Gross Profit**

Consolidated gross profit decreased 56.6% to \$5.4 million in 2020 from \$12.5 million in 2019. As a percentage of revenue, gross profit declined to 25.2% during 2020 compared to 33.4% for 2019.

	Years Ended December 31,							
	2020		2019		\$	Change	% Change	
		(	dollars	s in thousands	s)			
Strong Entertainment	\$	4,646	\$	12,159	\$	(7,513)	(61.8)%	
Other		763		296		467	157.8%	
Total gross profit	\$	5,409	\$	12,455	\$	(7,046)	(56.6)%	

Gross profit in the Strong Entertainment segment was \$4.6 million or 22.5% of revenues in 2020 compared to \$12.2 million or 33.0% of revenues in 2019. The decrease in gross profit dollars was primarily attributable to the decline in screen, equipment and field service revenues related to COVID-19 and changes in product mix. The impact of significantly lower revenues was somewhat mitigated by actions taken to control costs, including the furlough of production employees and technicians, management salary reductions, payroll subsidies received from the Canadian government and other similar actions taken to manage costs.

#### **Operating Loss**

Consolidated operating loss was \$6.7 million in 2020 compared to \$2.7 million during 2019.

		Years Ended	Dec	ember 31,			
	2020		2019		\$ Change		% Change
		((	dolla	ars in thousands	)		
Strong Entertainment	\$	2	\$	6,665	\$	(6,663)	(100.0)%
Other		(86)		(788)		702	(89.1)%
Total segment operating (loss) income		(84)		5,877		(5,961)	(101.4)%
Unallocated administrative expenses		(6,575)		(8,592)		2,017	(23.5)%
Unallocated loss on disposal of assets		(25)		<u> </u>		(25)	N/A
Total operating loss	\$	(6,684)	\$	(2,715)	\$	(3,969)	146.2%

Strong Entertainment was breakeven on an operating income basis during 2020 compared to operating income of \$6.7 million during 2019. The decrease in operating income was primarily due to the decline in revenues due to COVID-19 as discussed above, partially offset by actions taken to reduce compensation related expenses, including furloughs, headcount reductions, temporary salary cuts and wage subsidies, as well as lower travel and entertainment expenses. In addition, since many of Strong Entertainment's customers have been negatively impacted by COVID-19, we recorded \$0.6 million of bad debt expense during 2020 as a result of the increased uncertainty related to collection of trade accounts receivable.

Unallocated administrative expenses decreased to \$6.6 million during 2020 compared to \$8.6 million during 2019. The decrease was driven primarily by actions taken to reduce compensation expense, board fees, travel, information technology expenses, costs associated with contractors and consultants and audit and tax expenses, all of which were due to our initiatives to reduce overall administrative expenses.

#### **Other Financial Items**

Total other income of \$2.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2020 primarily consisted of a \$3.1 million gain on our property and casualty and business interruption claims for the weather-related incident at our production facility in Quebec, partially offset by \$0.5 million of interest expense and \$0.3 million of foreign currency transaction adjustments. For the year ended December 31, 2019, total other expense of \$1.8 million primarily consisted of a \$2.9 million fair value adjustment to notes receivable, \$0.3 million of foreign currency transaction adjustments and \$0.3 million of interest expense, partially offset by a \$1.2 million gain on our property and insurance claim for the weather-related incident at our production facility in Quebec.

Income tax expense was approximately \$1.3 million during 2020 compared to \$2.1 million during 2019. Our income tax expense consisted primarily of income tax on foreign earnings.

We recorded equity method investment loss of \$2.7 million during 2020, consisting of \$2.5 million from FGF and \$0.2 million from GreenFirst. The year ended December 31, 2019 included equity method investment loss of \$2.0 million, which consisted of \$1.2 million from FGF and \$0.8 million from GreenFirst. Although we recorded equity investment losses from FGF and GreenFirst during 2020, the market value of these investments, as estimated using their closing stock prices, was \$12.8 million as of December 31, 2020 compared to a carrying value of \$7.1 million.

As a result of the items outlined above, we generated a net loss from continuing operations of \$8.3 million, or \$0.56 per basic and diluted share, during 2020, compared to a net loss from continuing operations of \$8.7 million, or \$0.60 per basic and diluted share, during 2019.

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

During the past several years, we have primarily met our working capital and capital resource needs from our operating cash flows and credit facilities. Our primary cash requirements involve operating expenses, working capital, capital expenditures, investments, and other general corporate activities. Our capital expenditures during 2019 and 2020 included costs incurred in the construction of the Strong Entertainment production facility in Quebec that sustained damage as a result of inclement weather.

We ended 2020 with total cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash of \$4.8 million compared to \$5.3 million as of December 31, 2019. Of the \$4.8 million as of December 31, 2020, \$2.5 million was held by our Canadian subsidiary, Strong/MDI, and \$0.4 million was restricted. Strong/MDI also makes intercompany loans to the U.S. parent company which do not trigger Canadian withholding taxes if they meet certain requirements. As of December 31, 2020, the parent company had outstanding intercompany loans from Strong/MDI of approximately \$34.6 million. In the event those loans are not repaid, or are recharacterized as dividends to the U.S. parent company, we would be required to pay Canadian withholding taxes, which have been fully accrued as of December 31, 2020.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and related closures of cinemas, theme parks and entertainment venues, we took decisive actions to conserve cash, reduce operating expenditures, delay capital expenditures, and to manage working capital. We also implemented targeted furloughs, headcount reductions and temporary salary cuts for our executive officers and certain other employees, and our board of directors waived its cash compensation for 2020 in order to reduce expenses. We were able to access liquidity during the second quarter of 2020 by drawing down on Strong/MDI's revolving credit facility, all of which was repaid prior to December 31, 2020.

In February 2021, we entered into two transactions which further strengthened the Company's balance sheet, increasing the Company's cash position and reducing the Company's debt and lease obligation.

On February 1, 2021, we entered into an Equity Purchase Agreement (together with the other related documents defined therein, the "Purchase Agreement"), and closed the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement, with SageNet LLC ("SageNet"). The purchase price (the "Purchase Price") pursuant to the Purchase Agreement was (i) \$15.0 million in cash and (ii) \$2.5 million in the form of a subordinated promissory note delivered by SageNet in our favor. A portion of the Purchase Price was placed in escrow by SageNet, the release of which is contingent upon certain events and conditions specified in the Purchase Agreement. The Purchase Price is also subject to adjustment based on closing working capital of Convergent. As further consideration, SageNet also assumed approximately \$5.7 million of third-party debt of Convergent, bringing the total enterprise value for Convergent's equity interests to approximately \$23.2 million.

On February 3, 2021, we entered into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") in connection with a public offering (the "Offering") pursuant to which we agreed to issue and sell approximately 3.3 million shares of our common stock, at a public offering price of \$2.30 per share. The Offering closed on February 8, 2021. The net proceeds from the Offering were approximately \$6.7 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

On March 2, 2021, we received a notice of default and demand (the "Default Notice") from Huntington Technology Finance, Inc. ("Huntington"). The Default Notice alleges the occurrence of an event of default under the terms of the Master Equipment Lease Agreement dated May 19, 2017 (the "Lease Agreement") pursuant to which our subsidiaries lease certain digital taxi top advertising signs.

We have made all required payments to Huntington during the term of the Lease Agreement and expect to continue to make monthly payments on a timely basis. The Default Notice does not allege that we have failed to make any payment or incurred any economic or payment default. Rather, the Default Notice alleges that we violated certain technical covenants in the Lease Agreement. Huntington has demanded accelerated payment of the outstanding principal balance plus lessor profit and a fair market value buyout of the assets under lease within ten days of the receipt of the Default Notice.

We dispute Huntington's assertion that an event of default has occurred under the Lease Agreement and believe that many of the assertions made in the Default Notice are false and that the claims made in the Default Notice are therefore baseless. Accordingly, on March 3, 2021, we provided a written response to Huntington detailing our position that Huntington's allegations of an event of default under the Lease Agreement are unfounded, asserting our good faith belief that we have abided by the terms, conditions and covenants of the Lease Agreement.

We believe that our existing sources of liquidity, including cash and cash equivalents, operating cash flow, credit facilities, equity investments, receivables and other assets will be sufficient to meet our projected capital needs for at least the next twelve months. However, our ability to continue to meet our cash requirements will depend on, among other things, the duration of COVID-19 related restrictions on cinemas, theme parks and other entertainment venues, our ability to achieve anticipated levels of revenues and cash flow from operations, our ability to manage costs and working capital successfully and the continued availability of financing, if needed. We cannot provide any assurance that our assumptions used to estimate our liquidity requirements will remain accurate due to the unprecedented nature of the disruption to our operations and the unpredictability of the COVID-19 global pandemic. As a consequence, our estimates of the duration of the pandemic and the severity of the impact on our future earnings and cash flows could change and have a material impact on our results of operations and financial condition. In the event of a sustained market deterioration, and continued declines in net sales, we may need additional liquidity, which would require us to evaluate available alternatives and take appropriate actions. We may, depending on a variety of factors, including market conditions for capital raises, the trading price of our common stock and opportunities for uses of any proceeds, engage in additional public or private offerings of equity or debt securities to increase our capital resources. However, financial and economic conditions, including those resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, could limit our access to credit and impair our ability to raise capital, if needed, on acceptable terms or at all, and we cannot provide any assurance that we will be able to obtain any additional sources of financing or liquidity on acceptable terms, or at all. See Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements for a description of our debt as of December 31, 2020.

#### Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Net cash used in operating activities from continuing operations was \$1.1 million during 2020. Operating losses at Strong Entertainment and cash outflows for selling and administrative expenses were partially offset by changes in working capital. Net cash used in operating activities from continuing operations was \$2.8 million in 2019. Cash flows generated by Strong Entertainment and improvements in working capital were offset by the cash outflows for selling and administrative expenses.

## Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations was \$4.5 million during 2020, which consisted of a \$4.0 million investment in Firefly and capital expenditures of \$0.5 million. Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations was \$1.8 million in 2019, consisting entirely of capital expenditures.

#### Cash Flows from Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities from continuing operations was \$1.2 million during 2020, consisting of \$0.7 million of net principal payments on debt and capital lease obligations and \$0.4 million of deferred stock issuance costs. Net cash used in financing activities from continuing operations was \$0.8 million during 2019, primarily consisting of \$0.4 million of principal payments on debt and capital lease obligations.

#### **Use of Non-GAAP Measures**

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). In addition to disclosing financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP, we disclose information regarding Adjusted EBITDA, which differs from the term EBITDA as it is commonly used. In addition to adjusting net income (loss) to exclude income taxes, interest, and depreciation and amortization, Adjusted EBITDA also excludes discontinued operations, share-based compensation, impairment charges, equity method income (loss), fair value adjustments, severance, foreign currency transaction gains (losses), transactional gains and expenses, gains on insurance recoveries and other cash and non-cash charges and gains.

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not measures of performance defined in accordance with GAAP. However, Adjusted EBITDA is used internally in planning and evaluating our operating performance. Accordingly, management believes that disclosure of these metrics offers investors, bankers and other stakeholders an additional view of our operations that, when coupled with the GAAP results, provides a more complete understanding of our financial results.

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to net income (loss) or to net cash from operating activities as measures of operating results or liquidity. Our calculation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies, and the measures exclude financial information that some may consider important in evaluating our performance.

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA have limitations as analytical tools, and you should not consider them in isolation, or as substitutes for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are (i) they do not reflect our cash expenditures, or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments, (ii) they do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs, (iii) EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on our debt, (iv) although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect any cash requirements for such replacements, (v) they do not adjust for all non-cash income or expense items that are reflected in our statements of cash flows, (vi) they do not reflect the impact of earnings or charges resulting from matters we consider not to be indicative of our ongoing operations, and (vii) other companies in our industry may calculate these measures differently than we do, limiting their usefulness as comparative measures.

We believe EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA facilitate operating performance comparisons from period to period by isolating the effects of some items that vary from period to period without any correlation to core operating performance or that vary widely among similar companies. These potential differences may be caused by variations in capital structures (affecting interest expense), tax positions (such as the impact on periods or companies of changes in effective tax rates or net operating losses) and the age and book depreciation of facilities and equipment (affecting relative depreciation expense). We also present EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA because (i) we believe these measures are frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties to evaluate companies in our industry, (ii) we believe investors will find these measures useful in assessing our ability to service or incur indebtedness, and (iii) we use EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA internally as benchmarks to evaluate our operating performance or compare our performance to that of our competitors.

The following table sets forth reconciliations of net income (loss) under GAAP to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA (in thousands):

				Years Ended	December 31,			
		2	020			2	019	
	Strong Entertainment		Discontinued Operations	Consolidated	Strong Entertainment		Discontinued Operations	Consolidated
Net income (loss) Net income (loss) from discontinued	\$ 1,319	\$ (9,584)	\$ 7,918	\$ (347)	\$ 2,387	\$ (11,048)	\$ (1,442)	\$ (10,103)
operations  Net income (loss) from continuing			(7,918)	(7,918)			1,442	1,442
operations	1,319	(9,584)	-	(8,265)	2,387	(11,048)	-	(8,661)
Interest expense, net .	112	350	-	462	140	205	-	345
Income tax expense Depreciation and	1,075	183	-	1,258	2,148	-	-	2,148
amortization	870	181		1,051	896	213		1,109
EBITDA Stock-based compensation	3,376	(8,870)	_	(5,494)	5,571	(10,630)	_	(5,059)
expense Fair value adjustment	-	1,136	-	1,136	-	1,120	-	1,120
to notes receivable Equity method	-	-	-	-	2,857	-	-	2,857
investment loss Loss on disposal of assets and impairment	226	2,451	-	2,677	779	1,232	-	2,011
chargesForeign currency	33	25	-	58	69	-	-	69
transaction loss Gain on property and casualty insurance	292	-	-	292	288	-	-	288
recoveries	(3,107)	-	-	(3,107)	(1,235)	-	-	(1,235)
Severance and other	78	7		85		8		8
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 898	\$ (5,251)	\$ -	\$ (4,353)	\$ 8,329	\$ (8,270)	\$ -	\$ 59

#### **Financial Instruments and Credit Risk Concentrations**

Our top ten customers accounted for 54% of 2020 consolidated net revenues. Trade accounts receivable from these customers represented 53% of net consolidated receivables at December 31, 2020. None of our customers accounted for more than 10% of both our consolidated net revenues during 2020 and our net consolidated receivables as of December 31, 2020. While we believe our relationships with such customers are stable, most arrangements are made by purchase order and are terminable at will by either party. A significant decrease or interruption in business from our significant customers could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We could also be adversely affected by such factors as changes in foreign currency rates and weak economic and political conditions in each of the countries in which we sell our products.

Financial instruments that potentially expose us to a concentration of credit risk principally consist of accounts receivable. We sell products to a large number of customers in many different geographic regions. To minimize credit concentration risk, we perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers' financial condition or use letters of credit.

#### **Hedging and Trading Activities**

Our primary exposure to foreign currency fluctuations pertains to our operations in Canada. In certain instances, we may enter into foreign exchange contracts to manage a portion of this risk. We do not have any trading activities that include non-exchange traded contracts at fair value.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### Inflation

We believe that the relatively moderate rates of inflation in recent years have not had a significant impact on our net revenues or profitability. Historically, we have been able to offset any inflationary effects by either increasing prices or improving cost efficiencies.

# **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, to the consolidated financial statements for a description of recently issued accounting pronouncements.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

#### General

The following accounting policies involve judgments and estimates used in preparation of the consolidated financial statements. An accounting policy is deemed to be critical if it requires an accounting estimate to be made based on assumptions about matters that are uncertain at the time the estimate is made, and if different estimates that reasonably could have been used, or changes in the accounting estimates that are reasonably likely to occur periodically, could materially impact the consolidated financial statements.

Our accounting policies are discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements in this report. Management believes the following critical accounting policies reflect its more significant estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

#### Revenue Recognition

We account for revenue using the following steps:

- Identify the contract, or contracts, with a customer;
- Identify the performance obligations in the contract;
- Determine the transaction price;
- Allocate the transaction price to the identified performance obligations; and
- Recognize revenue when, or as, the Company satisfies the performance obligations.

We combine contracts with the same customer into a single contract for accounting purposes when the contracts are entered into at or near the same time and the contracts are negotiated as a single commercial package, consideration in one contract depends on the other contract, or the services are considered a single performance obligation. If an arrangement involves multiple performance obligations, the items are analyzed to determine the separate units of accounting, whether the items have value on a standalone basis and whether there is objective and reliable evidence of their standalone selling price. The total contract transaction price is allocated to the identified performance obligations based upon the relative standalone selling prices of the performance obligations. The standalone selling price is based on an observable price for services sold to other comparable customers, when available, or an estimated selling price using a cost plus margin approach. We estimate the amount of total contract consideration we expect to receive for variable arrangements by determining the most likely amount we expect to earn from the arrangement based on the expected quantities of services we expect to provide and the contractual pricing based on those quantities. We only include some or a portion of variable consideration in the transaction price when it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur or when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. We consider the sensitivity of the estimate, our relationship and experience with the client and variable services being performed, the range of possible revenue amounts and the magnitude of the variable consideration to the overall arrangement.

As discussed in more detail in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, revenue is recognized when a customer obtains control of promised goods or services under the terms of a contract and is measured as the amount of consideration we expect to receive in exchange for transferring goods or providing services. We do not have any material extended payment terms, as payment is due at or shortly after the time of the sale. Sales, value-added and other taxes collected concurrently with revenue producing activities are excluded from revenue.

#### Investments

We apply the equity method of accounting to investments when we have significant influence, but not controlling interest, in the investee. Judgment regarding the level of influence over each equity method investment includes considering key factors such as ownership interest, representation on the board of directors, participation in policy-making decisions and material intercompany transactions. We assess investments for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an investment may not be recoverable. For equity method investments in public companies that are actively traded, fair value would generally be determined based on the security's trading price multiplied by the number of shares held. Determining fair value for investments in thinly traded public companies and privately held entities could require using a valuation model, which would include significant judgment and estimates.

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

Not applicable as we are a "smaller reporting company."

# Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

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# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors Ballantyne Strong, Inc.

#### Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Ballantyne Strong, Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively, the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Emphasis-of-Matters**

As summarized in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company disposed of its Strong Outdoor operating business in August 2020 and its Convergent operating business in February 2021. As a result of these dispositions, Strong Outdoor and Convergent have been presented as discontinued operations for all periods presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Also, in February 2021, the Company issued approximately 3.3 million shares of its common stock in exchange for net cash proceeds of approximately \$6.7 million. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

#### Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audit, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### Critical Audit Matters

The critical audit matters communicated below are matters arising from the current-period audit of the financial statements that were communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (1) relate to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matters below, providing separate opinions on the critical audit matters or on the accounts or disclosures to which they relate.

# Revenue Recognition

#### Critical Audit Matter Description

The Company recognizes revenue upon transfer of control of promised products or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for those products or services. The Company may enter into certain contracts to sell their products and services that contain non-standard terms and conditions and multiple performance obligations. For such contracts, significant interpretation may be required to determine the appropriate accounting, including the identification of all performance obligations, determination of when performance obligations are distinct and when they should be combined, allocation of the transaction price among performance obligations in the arrangement, the timing of the transfer of control of promised goods or services, and agent versus principal considerations.

Our assessment of management's evaluation of the appropriate accounting for revenue recognition is significant to our audit because the revenue amounts are material to the financial statements, management's assessment process involves significant judgment, and the application of U.S. generally accepted accounting principles in this area is complex.

How the Critical Audit Matter Was Addressed in the Audit

Our principal audit procedures related to the Company's revenue recognition for customer contracts included the following:

- We evaluated management's significant accounting policies related to revenue from contracts with customers for reasonableness and compliance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
- We tested management's identification of performance obligations and its assessment of whether or not the performance obligations are distinct.
- We evaluated the reasonableness of management's estimate of stand-alone selling prices for products and services and the allocation of the transaction price among the identified performance obligations.
- We tested the mathematical accuracy of management's calculations of revenue and the associated timing of revenue recognized in the financial statements.
- We selected a sample of revenue transactions for each of the Company's significant revenue streams and obtained the related customer agreements and performed the following procedures:
  - Obtained and read source documents for each selection, including master agreements, customer purchase orders, and other documents that were part of the agreement.
  - Tested management's identification and treatment of the key contract terms.
  - Assessed the terms in the customer agreement and evaluated the appropriateness of management's
    application of their accounting policies, along with their use of estimates, in the determination of
    revenue recognition conclusions.
- We evaluated management's analysis of whether the Company is a principal (gross reporting of revenues) or an agent (net reporting of revenues) in its revenue transactions.

# Assessment of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment on Investments

Critical Audit Matter Description

As of December 31, 2020, the Company's investments comprise \$20.2 million, or 36.3%, of consolidated total assets. The Company's investments are comprised of shares of one U.S.-based public company, one Canadian-based public company, and one privately-held company. Under certain circumstances, significant declines in the fair values of these investments may require the recognition of other-than-temporary impairment losses. The Company may lose all or part of its investments relating to such companies if their value decreases as a result of their financial performance or for any other reason.

The Company assesses investments for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an investment may not be recoverable. For investments in public companies that are actively-traded, fair value would generally be determined based on the security's closing trading price. However, determining fair value for investments in thinly-traded public companies and privately-held entities could require using a valuation model or other financial metrics, either of which would require significant judgment and estimates. Auditing the fair value of the Company's investments is complex and involved a high degree of auditor subjectivity and judgment, particularly for investments with estimates resulting from the unobservable nature of the inputs used in the valuations and the limited number of comparable market transactions and other data for the same or similar investments.

How the Critical Audit Matter Was Addressed in the Audit

We performed the following procedures, among others, to test the Company's valuation of year-end investment balances:

- We evaluated the valuation techniques used by the Company and considered the consistency in application of the valuation techniques to each investment.
- For investments in actively-traded public companies, we observed and verified the accuracy of the related security's trading prices used by the Company in its impairment analysis; we also read the most recently available financial statements and considered the overall financial performance and results of the entity to determine if there are any indicators of other-than-temporary impairment.
- For investments in thinly-traded public companies and privately-held entities, we evaluated the
  reasonableness of the significant unobservable inputs by comparing the inputs used by the Company to thirdparty sources, such as recent trades and stock sales, market indexes or other market data and evaluated the
  consistency of expected cash flows with historical operating results.
- We reviewed the financial statements of each investee and estimated a liquidation value and liquidation value per share and compared such amounts to underlying closing trading prices, recent sales transactions, and other valuation data.
- We considered other information obtained during the audit that corroborated or contradicted the Company's inputs or fair value measurements.
- We also reviewed subsequent events and transactions that may impact the overall estimated fair value of the investments and considered whether they corroborated or contradicted the Company's year-end valuations.

/s/ Haskell & White LLP HASKELL & WHITE LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2019.

Irvine, California March 10, 2021

# Ballantyne Strong, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands, except par values)

	<b>December 31, 2020</b>	<b>December 31, 2019</b>
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,435	\$ 4,951
Restricted cash	352	351
Accounts receivable, net	5,558	9,158
	2,264	2,325
Inventories, net		4,869
Other current assets	3,748 1,452	1,369
Total current assets	17,809	23,023
Property, plant and equipment, net	5,524	5,912
Operating lease right-of-use assets	4,304	5,370
Finance lease right-of-use assets	4	7
Investments	20,167	13,311
Intangible assets, net	353	591
Goodwill	938	919
Long-term assets of discontinued operations	6,372	8,452
Other assets	28	48
Total assets	\$ 55,499	\$ 57,633
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,717	\$ 2,509
Accrued expenses	2,182	3,748
Short-term debt	3,299	3,080
Current portion of operating lease obligations	619	723
Current portion of finance lease obligations	1,015	892
Deferred revenue and customer deposits	2,404	898
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	3,901	5,455
Total current liabilities	16,137	17,305
Operating lease obligations, net of current portion	3,817	4,530
Finance lease obligations, net of current portion	1,091	2,106
Deferred income taxes	3,099	2,649
		5,180
Long-term liabilities of discontinued operations	4,066	
Other long-term liabilities	223	154
Total liabilities	28,433	31,924
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 1,000 shares,		
none outstanding	-	-
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 25,000 shares;		
issued 17,596 and 17,410 shares at December 31, 2020 and December		
31, 2019, respectively; outstanding 14,802 and 14,616 shares at	177	174
December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively	176	174
Additional paid-in capital	43,713	42,589
Retained earnings	5,654	6,001
Treasury stock, 2,794 shares at cost	(18,586)	(18,586)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,891)	(4,469)
Total stockholders' equity	27,066	25,709
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 55,499	\$ 57,633

# Ballantyne Strong, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Operations (In thousands, except per share amounts)

		Years Ended	Decer	nber 31,
		2020		2019
Net product sales	\$	15,987	\$	26,448
Net service revenues		5,513		10,827
Total net revenues		21,500		37,275
Cost of products sold		10,980		16,265
Cost of services		5,111		8,555
Total cost of revenues		16,091		24,820
Gross profit		5,409		12,455
Selling and administrative expenses:		,		,
Selling		1,656		2,081
Administrative		10,379		13,020
Total selling and administrative expenses		12,035		15,101
Loss on disposal of assets		(58)		(69)
Loss from operations		(6,684)		(2,715)
Other income (expense):		` , ,		, , ,
Interest income		-		3
Interest expense		(462)		(348)
Fair value adjustment to notes receivable		-		(2,857)
Foreign currency transaction loss		(292)		(288)
Other income, net		3,108		1,703
Total other income (expense)		2,354		(1,787)
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes and equity method				
investment loss		(4,330)		(4,502)
Income tax expense		(1,258)		(2,148)
Equity method investment loss		(2,677)		(2,011)
Net loss from continuing operations	'	(8,265)		(8,661)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations (Note 3)		7,918		(1,442)
Net loss	\$	(347)	\$	(10,103)
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share				
Continuing operations	\$	(0.56)	\$	(0.60)
Discontinued operations		0.54		(0.10)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$	(0.02)	\$	(0.70)
Weighted-average shares used in computing net income (loss) per share:				
Basic		14,722		14,488
Diluted		14,722		14,488

# Ballantyne Strong, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) (In thousands)

	 Years Ended	Dece	mber 31,
	2020		2019
Net loss	\$ (347)	\$	(10,103)
Adjustment to postretirement benefit obligation:			
Prior service credit	(24)		(24)
Net actuarial gain (loss)	7		(12)
Total adjustment to postretirement benefit obligation	(17)		(36)
Unrealized (loss) gain on available-for-sale securities of equity method			
investments, net of tax	(75)		391
Currency translation adjustment:			
Unrealized net change arising during period	670		554
Total other comprehensive income	578		909
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 231	\$	(9,194)

# Ballantyne Strong, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

(\$ and shares in thousands)

	Common Stock (Shares)	Common Stock (\$)	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance at December 31,	15.005	Φ 170	Φ 41 471	Ф. 12.210	Φ (10.506)	Φ (5.270)	Φ 20.000
2018 Net loss	17,237	\$ 172	\$ 41,4/1		\$ (18,586)	\$ (5,378)	
Net other comprehensive	-	-	-	(10,103)	-	-	(10,103)
income	_	_	_	_	_	909	909
Cumulative effect of							, , ,
adoption of ASC 842	-	-	-	2,785	-	-	2,785
Vesting of restricted stock	173	2	(2)	-	-	-	-
Stock-based compensation							
expense			1,120				1,120
Balance at December 31,	17 410	174	40 500	c 001	(10.506)	(4.460)	25.700
2019 Net loss	17,410	174	42,589	6,001 (347)	(18,586)	(4,469)	25,709 (347)
Net other comprehensive	-	-	-	(347)	-	-	(347)
income	_	_	-	_	=	578	578
Vesting of restricted stock	186	2	(12)	-	=	-	(10)
Stock-based compensation							
expense			1,136	_	_		1,136
Balance at December 31,							
2020	17,596	\$ 176	\$ 43,713	\$ 5,654	\$ (18,586)	\$ (3,891)	\$ 27,066

# Ballantyne Strong, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands)

	Y	Years Ended December 31,		
		2020		2019
Cash flows from operating activities:				·
Net loss from continuing operations	\$	(8,265)	\$	(8,661)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss from continuing operations to net cash used				
in operating activities:				
Provision for (recovery of) doubtful accounts		592		(153)
Provision for obsolete inventory		151		(440)
Benefit for warranty		(26)		(73)
Depreciation and amortization		1,051		1,109
Amortization and accretion of operating leases		921		947
Fair value adjustment to notes receivable		-		2,857
Equity method investment loss		2,677		2,011
Loss on disposal of assets		58		69
Gain on business interruption claim settlement		(808)		-
Deferred income taxes		374		(52)
Stock-based compensation expense		1,136		1,120
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		1,465		(58)
Inventories		26		726
Current income taxes		201		258
Other assets		155		(78)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		103		297
Deferred revenue and customer deposits		(14)		(986)
Operating lease obligations		(933)		(1,653)
Net cash used in operating activities from continuing operations		(1,136)		(2,760)
Net cash provided by operating activities from discontinued operations		8,004		4,959
Net cash provided by operating activities		6,868		2,199

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# Ballantyne Strong, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows – (Continued) (In thousands)

	Years Ended December 31,			
		2020		2019
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Investment in Firefly Systems, Inc. (Note 7)	\$	(4,000)	\$	-
Capital expenditures		(545)		(1,770)
Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations		(4,545)		(1,770)
Net cash used in investing activities from discontinued operations		(333)		(576)
Net cash used in investing activities		(4,878)		(2,346)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from issuance of short-term debt		668		-
Principal payments on short-term debt		(512)		(427)
Proceeds from borrowing under credit facility		5,158		-
Repayments of borrowings under credit facility		(5,158)		-
Proceeds from Paycheck Protection Program Loan		3,174		-
Repayment of Paycheck Protection Program Loan		(3,174)		-
Deferred stock issuance costs		(443)		-
Payments of withholding taxes related to net share settlement of equity awards .		(10)		-
Payments on capital lease obligations		(896)		(339)
Net cash used in financing activities from continuing operations		(1,193)		(766)
Net cash used in financing activities from discontinued operations		(1,421)		(1,099)
Net cash used in financing activities		(2,614)		(1,865)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		109		266
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash from continuing				
operations		(6,743)		(5,023)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash from				
discontinued operations		6,228		3,277
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash		(515)		(1,746)
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of year		5,302		7,048
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of year	\$	4,787	\$	5,302
Components of cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,435	\$	4,951
Restricted cash		352		351
Total cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$	4,787	\$	5,302
Supplemental disclosure of cash paid for:				
Interest	\$	462	\$	325
Income taxes	\$	908	\$	2,227
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:	Φ.	5 0C 1	Φ.	2 (1 )
Investment in Firefly Systems, Inc. (Note 3)	\$	5,284	\$	3,614

## Ballantyne Strong, Inc. and Subsidiaries Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

#### 1. Business Description and Basis of Presentation

#### **Business Description**

Ballantyne Strong, Inc. ("Ballantyne Strong," or the "Company"), a Delaware corporation, is a holding company with business operations in the entertainment industry and investments in public and privately held companies. The Company conducts its operations primarily through its Strong Entertainment operating segment. In addition, the Company holds minority investment positions in one privately held company and two publicly traded companies.

In August 2020, the Company completed the sale of its Strong Outdoor business segment. As a result of the divestiture, the Company has presented Strong Outdoor's operating results as a discontinued operation for all periods presented. In addition, on February 1, 2021 the Company completed the sale of its Convergent business segment. As a result of meeting the held for sale criteria as of December 31, 2020, the Company has presented Convergent's financial position and operating results as a discontinued operation for all periods presented. See Note 3 for additional details.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and all majority owned and controlled domestic and foreign subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management 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 consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results and changes in facts and circumstances may alter such estimates and affect results of operations and financial position in future periods.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Revenue Recognition

The Company accounts for revenue using the following steps:

- Identify the contract, or contracts, with a customer;
- Identify the performance obligations in the contract;
- Determine the transaction price;
- Allocate the transaction price to the identified performance obligations; and
- Recognize revenue when, or as, the Company satisfies the performance obligations.

The Company combines contracts with the same customer into a single contract for accounting purposes when the contracts are entered into at or near the same time and the contracts are negotiated as a single commercial package, consideration in one contract depends on the other contract, or the services are considered a single performance obligation. If an arrangement involves multiple performance obligations, the items are analyzed to determine whether they are distinct, whether the items have value on a standalone basis and whether there is objective and reliable evidence of their standalone selling price. The total contract transaction price is allocated to the identified performance obligations based upon the relative standalone selling prices of the performance obligations. The standalone selling price is based on an observable price for services sold to other comparable customers, when available, or an estimated selling price using a cost-plus margin approach. The Company estimates the amount of total contract consideration it expects to receive for variable arrangements by determining the most likely amount it expects to earn from the arrangement based on the expected quantities of services it expects to provide and the contractual pricing based on those quantities. The Company only includes some or a portion of variable consideration in the transaction price when it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur or when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. The Company considers the sensitivity of the estimate, its relationship and experience with the client and variable services being performed, the range of possible revenue amounts and the magnitude of the variable consideration to the overall arrangement.

As discussed in more detail below, revenue is recognized when a customer obtains control of promised goods or services under the terms of a contract and is measured as the amount of consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for transferring goods or providing services. The Company does not have any material extended payment terms, as payment is due at or shortly after the time of the sale. Sales, value-added and other taxes collected concurrently with revenue producing activities are excluded from revenue.

The Company recognizes contract assets or unbilled receivables related to revenue recognized for services completed but not yet invoiced to the clients. Unbilled receivables are recorded as accounts receivable when the Company has an unconditional right to contract consideration. A contract liability is recognized as deferred revenue when the Company invoices clients, or receives cash, in advance of performing the related services under the terms of a contract. Deferred revenue is recognized as revenue when the Company has satisfied the related performance obligation.

The Company defers costs to acquire contracts, including commissions, incentives and payroll taxes, if they are incremental and recoverable costs of obtaining a customer contract with a term exceeding one year. Deferred contract costs are reported within other assets and amortized to selling expense over the contract term, which generally ranges from one to five years. The Company has elected to recognize the incremental costs of obtaining a contract with a term of less than one year as a selling expense when incurred. The Company did not have any deferred contract costs as of December 31, 2020 or December 31, 2019.

#### Screen system sales

The Company typically recognizes revenue on the sale of its screen systems when control of the screen is transferred to the customer, usually at time of shipment. However, revenue is recognized upon delivery for certain international shipments with longer shipping transit time because control does not transfer to the customer until delivery. For contracts that are long-term in nature, the Company believes that the use of the percentage-of-completion method is appropriate as the Company has the ability to make reasonably dependable estimates of the extent of progress towards completion, contract revenues, and contract costs. Under the percentage-of-completion method, revenue is recorded based on the ratio of actual costs incurred to total estimated costs expected to be incurred related to the contract. The cost of freight and shipping to the customer is recognized in cost of sales at the time of transfer of control to the customer.

#### Digital equipment sales

The Company recognizes revenue on sales of digital equipment when the control of the equipment is transferred, which occurs at the time of shipment from the Company's warehouse or drop-shipment from a third party. The cost of freight and shipping to the customer is recognized in cost of sales at the time of transfer of control to the customer.

#### Field maintenance and monitoring services

The Company sells service contracts that provide maintenance and monitoring services to its customers. These contracts are generally 12 months in length. Revenue related to service contracts is recognized ratably over the term of the agreement.

In addition to selling service contracts, the Company also performs discrete time and materials-based maintenance and repair work for its customers. Revenue related to time and materials-based maintenance and repair work is recognized at the point in time when the performance obligation has been fully satisfied.

#### Installation services

The Company performs installation services for its customers and recognizes revenue upon completion of the installations.

# Extended warranty sales

The Company sells extended warranties to its customers. When the Company is the primary obligor, revenue is recognized on a gross basis ratably over the term of the extended warranty. In third party extended warranty sales, the Company is not the primary obligor, and revenue is recognized on a net basis at the time of the sale.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

All short-term, highly liquid financial instruments are classified as cash equivalents in the consolidated balance sheets and statements of cash flows. Generally, these instruments have maturities of three months or less from date of purchase. As of December 31, 2020, \$2.5 million of the \$4.4 million in cash and cash equivalents was held by our foreign subsidiary.

#### Restricted Cash

Restricted cash represents amounts held in a collateral account for the Company's corporate travel and purchasing credit card program.

#### Investments

The Company applies the equity method of accounting to investments when it has significant influence, but not controlling interest, in the investee. Judgment regarding the level of influence over each equity method investment includes considering key factors such as ownership interest, representation on the board of directors, participation in policy-making decisions and material intercompany transactions. The Company's proportionate share of the net income (loss) resulting from these investments is reported under the line item captioned "equity method investment income (loss)" in our condensed consolidated statements of operations. The Company's equity method investments are reported at cost and adjusted each period for the Company's share of the investee's income or loss and dividend paid, if any. The Company's share of the investee's income or loss is recorded on a one quarter lag for all equity method investments. The Company classifies distributions received from equity method investments using the cumulative earnings approach on the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. Investments in unconsolidated entities in which the Company is not able to exercise significant influence ("Cost Method Investments") are accounted for at the Company's initial cost, minus any impairment (if any), plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or a similar investment of the same issuer. Dividends on cost method investments received are recorded as income.

The Company assesses investments for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an investment may not be recoverable. Management reviewed the underlying net assets of the investees as of December 31, 2020 and determined that the Company's proportionate economic interest in the investees indicate that the investments were not other than temporarily impaired. The carrying value of our equity method and cost method investments is reported as "investments" on the consolidated balance sheets. Notes 3 and 7 contain additional information on our equity method and cost method investments.

#### Accounts Receivable

Trade accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. The Company determines the allowance for doubtful accounts based on several factors, including overall customer credit quality, historical write-off experience and a specific analysis that projects the ultimate collectability of the account. As such, these factors may change over time causing the allowance level and bad debt expense to be adjusted accordingly. Since many of Strong Entertainment's customers have been negatively impacted by COVID-19, the Company recorded \$0.6 million of bad debt expense during 2020 as a result of the increased uncertainty related to collection of trade accounts receivable from these customers. The accounts receivable balances on the consolidated balance sheets are net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1.0 million and \$0.3 million as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Past due accounts are written off when our efforts have been unsuccessful in collecting amounts due.

# **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or net realizable value. Inventories include appropriate elements of material, labor and manufacturing overhead. Inventory balances are net of reserves on slow moving or obsolete inventory based on management's review of inventories on hand compared to estimated future usage and sales, technological changes and product pricing.

# **Business Combinations**

The Company uses the acquisition method of accounting for acquired businesses. Under the acquisition method, the financial statements reflect the operations of an acquired business starting from the completion of the acquisition. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at their respective estimated fair values at the date of the acquisition. Any excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair values of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. Significant judgment is often required in estimating the fair value of assets acquired, particularly intangible assets. As a result, in the case of significant acquisitions, the Company normally obtains the assistance of third-party valuation specialists in estimating fair values of tangible and intangible assets. The fair value estimates are based on available historical information and on expectations and assumptions about the future, considering the perspective of marketplace participants. While management believes those expectations and assumptions are reasonable, they are inherently uncertain. Unanticipated market or macroeconomic events and circumstances may occur, which could affect the accuracy or validity of the estimates and assumptions.

# Intangible Assets

The Company's intangible assets consist primarily of costs incurred to develop or obtain software, as well as costs incurred for upgrades and enhancements resulting in new or enhanced functionality. The Company evaluates its intangible assets for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of these assets may not be recoverable. Intangible assets with definite lives are amortized over their respective estimated useful lives to their estimated residual values. Significant judgments and assumptions are required in the impairment evaluations.

# Goodwill

Goodwill is not amortized and is tested for impairment at least annually, or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of the asset may be impaired. The annual impairment test is performed as of December 31 each year. Significant judgment is involved in determining if an indicator of impairment has occurred. The Company may consider indicators such as deterioration in general economic conditions, adverse changes in the markets in which the reporting unit operates, increases in input costs that have negative effects on earnings and cash flows, or a trend of negative or declining cash flows over multiple periods, among others. The fair value that could be realized in an actual transaction may differ from that used to evaluate the impairment of goodwill.

The Company may first review for goodwill impairment by assessing qualitative factors to determine whether any impairment may exist. For a reporting unit in which the Company concludes, based on the qualitative assessment, that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount (or if the Company elects to skip the optional qualitative assessment), the Company is required to perform a quantitative impairment test, which includes measuring the fair value of the reporting unit and comparing it to the reporting unit's carrying amount. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, the goodwill of the reporting unit is not impaired. If the carrying value of the reporting unit, including goodwill, exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit.

Goodwill was recorded in connection with the acquisition of Peintures Elite, Inc. in 2013. A qualitative assessment was performed for the year ended December 31, 2020 and it was determined that no events had occurred since the acquisition that would indicate an impairment was more likely than not.

# Property, Plant and Equipment

Significant expenditures for the replacement or expansion of property, plant and equipment are capitalized. Depreciation of property, plant and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets using the straight-line method. For financial reporting purposes, assets are depreciated over the estimated useful lives of 20 years for buildings and improvements, the lesser of the lease term or the estimated useful life for leasehold improvements, 3 to 10 years for machinery and equipment, 7 years for furniture and fixtures and 3 years for computers and accessories. The Company generally uses accelerated methods of depreciation for income tax purposes. The Company reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. The recoverability of property, plant and equipment is based on management's estimates of future undiscounted cash flows and these estimates may vary due to a number of factors, some of which may be outside of management's control. To the extent that the Company is unable to achieve management's forecasts of future income, it may become necessary to record impairment losses for any excess of the net book value of property, plant and equipment over their fair value.

The Company incurs maintenance costs on all of its major equipment. Repair and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred.

# Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. The Company uses an estimate of its annual effective rate at each interim period based on the facts and circumstances at the time while the actual effective rate is calculated at year-end. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. In assessing whether the deferred tax assets are realizable, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

The Company's uncertain tax positions are evaluated in a two-step process, whereby 1) the Company determines whether it is more likely than not that the tax positions will be sustained based on the technical merits of the position and 2) for those tax positions that meet the more likely than not recognition threshold, the Company would recognize the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than fifty percent likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement with the related tax authority. The Company accrues interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in the consolidated statements of operations as income tax expense.

# Other Taxes

Sales taxes assessed by governmental authorities, including sales, use and excise taxes, are recorded on a net basis. Such taxes are excluded from revenues and are shown as a liability on the balance sheet until remitted to the appropriate taxing authorities.

# Research and Development

Research and development related costs are charged to operations in the period incurred. Such costs amounted to \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and are included within administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of operations.

# **Advertising Costs**

Advertising and promotional costs are expensed as incurred and amounted to approximately \$50 thousand and \$0.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and are included within selling expenses on the consolidated statements of operations.

# Fair Value of Financial and Derivative Instruments

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are categorized into a fair value hierarchy based upon the observability of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. The categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

- Level 1 inputs to the valuation techniques are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 inputs to the valuation techniques are other than quoted prices but are observable for the assets or liabilities, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 inputs to the valuation techniques are unobservable for the assets or liabilities

The following tables present the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value based upon the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Fair values measured on a recurring basis at December 31, 2020 (in thousands):

	Level 1		Level 2	 Level 3	Total		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,435	\$ 	\$ 	\$	4,435	
Restricted cash		352	-	-		352	
Notes receivable		=	<u> </u>	 		<u> </u>	
Total	\$	4,787	\$ 	\$ <u>-</u>	\$	4,787	

Fair values measured on a recurring basis at December 31, 2019 (in thousands):

	Level 1		Level 2	Level 3		<b>Total</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,951	\$		\$	-	\$	4,951
Restricted cash	351		-		=		351
Notes receivable					_		_
Total	\$ 5,302	\$	_	\$	_	\$	5,302

The Company's short-term debt is recorded at historical cost. The carrying values of all other financial assets and liabilities, including accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses and short-term debt reported in the consolidated balance sheets equal or approximate their fair values due to the short-term nature of these instruments. Based on quoted market prices, the fair value of the Company's equity method investments was \$12.8 million at December 31, 2020 (see Note 7).

All non-financial assets that are not recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis, which include non-financial long-lived assets, are measured at fair value in certain circumstances (for example, when there is evidence of impairment).

# Loss Per Common Share

Basic loss per share has been computed on the basis of the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding. Diluted earnings per share would be computed on the basis of the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding after giving effect to potential common shares from dilutive stock options and certain non-vested restricted stock units. However, because the Company reported losses from continuing operations in both years presented, there were no differences between weighted-average shares used to compute basic and diluted loss per share for either of the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Options to purchase 884,500 and 787,000 shares of common stock were outstanding as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted loss per share as the exercise price of such options was greater than the average market price of the common shares for the respective periods. An additional 73,868 and 137,578 common stock equivalents related to options and restricted stock units were excluded for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, as their inclusion would be anti-dilutive, thereby decreasing the net losses per share.

# Stock Compensation Plans

The Company recognizes compensation expense for all stock-based payment awards based on estimated fair values on the date of grant. The Company uses the straight-line amortization method over the vesting period of the awards. The Company has historically issued shares upon exercise of stock options or vesting of restricted stock from new stock issuances. The Company estimates the fair value of restricted stock awards based upon the market price of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. The fair value of stock options granted is calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. No stock-based compensation cost was capitalized as a part of inventory in 2020 and 2019.

#### Post-Retirement Benefits

The Company recognizes the overfunded or underfunded position of a defined benefit postretirement plan as an asset or liability in the balance sheet, measures the plan's assets and its obligations that determine its funded status as of each balance sheet date and recognizes the changes in the funded status through comprehensive income (loss) in the year in which the changes occur.

# Foreign Currency Translation

For the Company's foreign subsidiary, the environment in which the business conducts operations is considered the functional currency, generally the local currency. The assets and liabilities of the foreign subsidiary are translated into the United States dollar at the foreign exchange rates in effect at the end of the period. Revenue and expenses of the Company's foreign subsidiary are translated using an average of the foreign exchange rates in effect during the period. Translation adjustments are not included in determining net earnings but are presented in comprehensive loss within the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). Transaction gains and losses that arise from foreign exchange rate fluctuations on transactions denominated in a currency other than the functional currency are included in the consolidated statements of operations as incurred. If the Company disposes of its investment in a foreign entity, any gain or loss on currency translation balance recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income would be recognized as part of the gain or loss on disposition.

#### Warranty Reserves

In most instances, digital products are covered by the manufacturing firm's warranty; however, for certain customers, the Company may grant warranties in excess of the manufacturer's warranty. In addition, the Company provides warranty coverage on screens it manufactures. The Company accrues for these costs at the time of sale. The following table summarizes warranty activity for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

	2020		2019		
Warranty accrual at beginning of year	\$	169	\$	350	
Charged to expense		(26)		(73)	
Claims paid, net of recoveries		(64)		(121)	
Foreign currency adjustment				13	
Warranty accrual at end of year	\$	79	\$	169	

# **Contingencies**

The Company accrues for contingencies when its assessments indicate that it is probable that a liability has been incurred and an amount can be reasonably estimated. The Company's estimates are based on currently available facts and its estimates of the ultimate outcome or resolution. Actual results may differ from the Company's estimates, resulting in an impact, positive or negative, on earnings.

# Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2018-15, "Intangibles- Goodwill and Other- Internal Use Software (Topic 350): Customer's Accounting for Implementation Costs Incurred in a Cloud Computing Arrangement that is a Service Contract." This ASU requires customers in a cloud computing arrangement (i.e., hosting arrangement) that is a service contract to follow the internal use software guidance in ASC 350-40 to determine which implementation costs to capitalize or expense. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The adoption of the new standard on January 1, 2020 did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, "Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosure Framework-Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement." This ASU improves the effectiveness of fair value measurement disclosures by eliminating, adding and modifying certain disclosure requirements for fair value measurements as part of its disclosure framework project. Entities will no longer be required to disclose the amount of and reasons for transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, but public companies will be required to disclose the range and weighted average used to develop significant unobservable inputs for Level 3 fair value measurements. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The adoption of the new standard on January 1, 2020 did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

#### Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, "Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments." This ASU will require the measurement of all expected credit losses for financial assets, including trade receivables, held at the reporting date based on historical experience, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. The guidance was initially effective for the Company for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019 and interim periods within those fiscal years. In November 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-10, "Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326), Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815), and Leases (Topic 842): Effective Dates," which, among other things, defers the effective date of ASU 2016-13 for public filers that are considered smaller reporting companies as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company believes the adoption of this ASU will not significantly impact its results of operations and financial position.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, "Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes." This ASU removes certain exceptions for investments, intraperiod allocations and interim tax calculations and adds guidance to reduce complexity in accounting for income taxes. The effective date of the standard will be for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2020, with early adoption permitted. The various amendments in the standard are applied on a retrospective basis, modified retrospective basis and prospective basis, depending on the amendment. The Company early adopted the ASU, effective as of the year ended December 31, 2020. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In January 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-01, "Clarifying the Interactions Between Topic 321, Topic 323, and Topic 815." This ASU clarifies the interaction between accounting standards related to equity securities, equity method investments and certain derivatives. The effective date of the standard will be for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2020, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company does not expect the adoption of the new standard to have a material impact on its condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In April 2020, the FASB issued a question-and-answer document to address stakeholder questions on the application of the lease accounting guidance for lease concessions related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The guidance will allow concessions related to the timing of payments, where the total consideration has not changed, to not be accounted for as lease modifications. Instead, any such concessions can be accounted for as if no change was made to the contract or as variable lease payments. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company received certain lease concessions in the form of rent deferrals during 2020. The Company chose to implement the policy election provided by the FASB to record rent concessions as if no modifications to leases contracts were made, and thus no changes to the lease obligations were recorded in respect to these concessions. As of December 31, 2020, the Company had outstanding deferred rent of \$0.1 million, the majority of which will be paid over the remaining term of the leases.

# 3. Discontinued Operations

The major classes of assets and liabilities included as part of discontinued operations are as follows (in thousands):

		Decen	nber :	31, 20	20		<b>December 31, 2019</b>				
			Str	ong				St	rong		
	Cor	vergent	Out	door	Total	Co	nvergent	Ou	tdoor	Total	
Accounts receivable, net	\$	3,065	\$	_	\$ 3,065	\$	3,740	\$	-	\$ 3,740	
Inventories, net		312		-	312		554		_	554	
Other current assets		371		-	371		255		320	575	
Total current assets of discontinued											
operations		3,748		-	3,748		4,549		320	4,869	
Property, plant and equipment, net		3,172		-	3,172		4,157		491	4,648	
Intangible assets, net		753		-	753		923		20	943	
Operating lease right-of-use assets		212		-	212		211		_	211	
Finance lease right-of-use assets		2,235		-	2,235		2,556		_	2,556	
Other long-term assets		-		-	-		-		94	94	
Total long-term assets of discontinued											
operations		6,372		-	6,372		7,847		605	8,452	
Total assets of discontinued operations	\$	10,120	\$	_	\$10,120	\$	12,396	\$	925	\$13,321	
Accounts payable	\$	449	\$	_	\$ 449	\$	461	\$	304	\$ 765	
Accrued expenses	Ψ	812	Ψ	_	812	Ψ	668	Ψ	-	668	
Current portion of long-term debt		1,075		_	1,075		998		_	998	
Current portion of operating lease obligation		108		_	108		123		125	248	
Current portion of finance lease obligation		859		_	859		693		_	693	
Deferred revenue and customer deposits		598		_	598		1,808		275	2,083	
Total current liabilities of discontinued											
operations		3,901		_	3,901		4,751		704	5,455	
Long-term debt, net of current portion		2,340		_	2,340		3,019		_	3,019	
Operating lease obligation, net of current											
portion		107		-	107		133		147	280	
Finance lease obligation, net of current portion.		1,530		-	1,530		1,881		-	1,881	
Other long-term liabilities		89			89				<u> </u>		
Total long-term liabilities of discontinued											
operations		4,066		-	4,066		5,033		147	5,180	
Total liabilities of discontinued operations	\$	7,967	\$	_	\$ 7,967	\$	9,784	\$	851	\$10,635	

The major line items constituting the net income (loss) from discontinued operations are as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31, 2020							Year Ended December 31, 2019						
	Conve	Strong Convergent Outdoor Total				Fotal	Cor	vergent		trong utdoor	Total			
Net revenues		3,330	\$	1,587	\$	19,917	\$	20,028	\$	5,247	\$	25,275		
Cost of revenues		9,927		1,488		11,415		13,356		5,901		19,257		
Gross profit		8,403		99	-	8,502		6,672		(654)		6,018		
Selling and administrative														
expenses	4	4,206		1,661		5,867		4,605		2,660		7,265		
Loss on disposal of assets		(33)		(64)		(97)		(1)		(38)		(39)		
Income (loss) from operations	-	4,164		(1,626)		2,538		2,066		(3,352)		(1,286)		
Other (expense) income		(584)		698		114		(451)		429		(22)		
Income (loss) from														
discontinued operations		3,580		(928)		2,652		1,615		(2,923)		(1,308)		
Gain on Firefly transaction		-		5,264		5,264		-		-		=		
Income tax benefit (expense)		2		_		2		(134)				(134)		
Total net income (loss) from														
discontinued operations	\$	3,582	\$	4,336	\$	7,918	\$	1,481	\$	(2,923)	\$	(1,442)		

# Convergent

As part of a transaction that closed in February 2021, the Company divested its Convergent business segment. The Company's Convergent business segment delivered digital signage solutions and related services to large multilocation organizations in the United States and Canada.

On February 1, 2021, the Company entered into an Equity Purchase Agreement (together with the other related documents defined therein, the "Purchase Agreement"), and closed the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement, with SageNet LLC ("SageNet"). The purchase price (the "Purchase Price") pursuant to the Purchase Agreement was (i) \$15.0 million in cash and (ii) \$2.5 million in the form of a subordinated promissory note delivered by SageNet in favor of the Company. Additionally, a portion of the Purchase Price was placed in escrow by SageNet, the release of which is contingent upon certain events and conditions specified in the Purchase Agreement. The Purchase Price is also subject to adjustment based on closing working capital of Convergent. As further consideration, SageNet also assumed approximately \$5.7 million of third-party debt of Convergent, bringing the total enterprise value for Convergent's equity interests to approximately \$23.2 million. The Company expects to record a gain of approximately \$15.0 million during the first quarter of 2021 related to the sale of Convergent.

# Strong Outdoor

As part of transactions in May 2019 and August 2020, the Company divested its Strong Outdoor business segment. The Company's Strong Outdoor business segment provided outdoor advertising and experiential marketing to advertising agencies and corporate accounts, primarily in New York City.

On May 21, 2019, Strong Digital Medica, LLC ("SDM") entered into a Taxicab Advertising Collaboration Agreement (the "Commercial Agreement") and a Unit Purchase Agreement (the "Unit Purchase Agreement") with Firefly Systems, Inc. ("Firefly"), pursuant to which SDM agreed to make available to Firefly 300 digital taxi tops and the parties agreed to coordinate the fulfilling of SDM's agreements with the Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade, Inc. ("MTBOT") and Creative Mobile Media, LLC ("CMM"), each dated February 8, 2018. Firefly agreed to fulfill the digital taxi top advertising obligations under the MTBOT agreement and CMM agreement, and SDM agreed to fulfill the non-digital taxi top advertising obligations under the MTBOT agreement and CMM agreement. The Company is a party to the Unit Purchase Agreement and agreed to guarantee the payment obligations of SDM under the Commercial Agreement. As consideration for entering into these agreements, the Company received \$4.8 million of Firefly's Series A-2 preferred shares (the "Firefly Series A-2 Shares"). The Firefly Series A-2 Shares, including those subsequently issued pursuant to an earn-out provision, were subject to a repurchase option for a period of three years to cover SDM's indemnity obligations and other post-closing covenants under the Commercial Agreement and the Unit Purchase Agreement. As part of the Asset Purchase Agreement (as defined and described below), Firefly no longer has an option to repurchase any of the Firefly Series A-2 Shares held by SDM.

The 300 digital tops the Company has made available to Firefly are subject to a master equipment lease agreement the Company entered into during 2017. Pursuant to the master lease agreement and the Unit Purchase Agreement, the Company will remain the primary obligor until such time as the lease expires. In addition, of the \$4.8 million worth of Firefly Series A-2 Shares received, \$1.2 million worth of such shares were eligible for repurchase by Firefly if the Company did not exercise the purchase option contained within the master lease agreement. Accordingly, the Company had deferred recognizing an investment related to these Firefly Series A-2 Shares eligible for repurchase until such time it was reasonably certain the Company would exercise the purchase option. The transaction, in effect, transferred control of the underlying asset to Firefly. As additional consideration for the right to use the digital taxi tops, Firefly agreed to pay for certain of Company's operating expenses associated with the non-digital taxi tops. The Company concluded the payments that Firefly made on its behalf were considered variable payments and were not included in the calculation of the selling profit. Therefore, the Company recorded the benefit and the related operating expenses in the period when the changes in facts and circumstances on which the variable lease payments were based occurred. As part of the Asset Purchase Agreement (as defined and described below) the Taxicab Advertising Collaboration Agreement dated May 21, 2019 was terminated, which relieved the Company of its obligation to exercise the purchase option contained within the master lease agreement. As a result, the Company recognized an additional \$1.2 million investment during the year ended December 31, 2020 related to the Firefly Series A-2 Shares that were previously eligible for repurchase by Firefly.

The Unit Purchase Agreement contained an earnout provision pursuant to which SDM obtained additional Firefly Series A-2 Shares. The earnout period was from May 22, 2019 through June 30, 2020. SDM was eligible to earn additional Firefly Series A-2 Shares equivalent to the cash collections under certain digital top contracts that were in place at the closing of the transaction. The Company received the shares earned pursuant to the earnout provision on August 3, 2020. In connection with the additional Firefly Series A-2 Shares that were received pursuant to the earnout, the Company recorded an additional \$0.7 million gain on the Firefly transaction during the year ended December 31, 2020.

On August 3, 2020, SDM entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Asset Purchase Agreement") with Firefly, pursuant to which SDM agreed to sell certain assets primarily related to its Strong Outdoor operating business to Firefly and continue to make available 300 digital taxi tops to Firefly. SDM retained certain accounts receivable as well as liabilities other than executory obligations under transferred contracts to the extent such liabilities are required to be performed following closing or constitute certain deferred revenue. The transaction closed on the same day.

As consideration for entering into the Asset Purchase Agreement, SDM received approximately \$0.6 million in cash consideration and approximately \$3.2 million of Firefly Series A-3 preferred shares (the "Firefly Series A-3 Shares"). In connection with the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Asset Purchase Agreement, (i) SDM received approximately \$1.1 million worth of Firefly's Series A-2 Shares, which constituted the remaining shares to be issued pursuant to the Unit Purchase Agreement, (ii) Firefly no longer has an option to repurchase any of the Series A-2 Shares held by SDM, (iii) accounts payable to Firefly were cancelled and forgiven, and (iv) the Taxicab Advertising Collaboration Agreement dated May 21, 2019 was terminated, which relieved the Company of its obligation to exercise the purchase option contained within the master lease agreement. The Company recorded a gain of approximately \$5.3 million during the third quarter of 2020 as a result of the transaction. As of December 31, 2020, SDM held approximately \$5.7 million worth of Firefly Series A-2 Shares, which included the shares issued to SDM as part of the May 2019 transaction and \$7.4 million worth of Firefly Series A-3 Shares.

As contemplated by the Asset Purchase Agreement, Firefly Series A-2 Shares are held by SDM, and the previously issued Firefly Series A-2 Shares held by Fundamental Global Venture Partners, LP ("FGVP"), an investment fund that was managed by Fundamental Global Investors, LLC in which SDM was the sole limited partner, were transferred to SDM. The Asset Purchase Agreement includes customary representations and warranties. SDM agreed to indemnify Firefly for excluded liabilities related to the transferred business.

The Company entered into a Master Services Agreement (the "Master Services Agreement") with Firefly, pursuant to which the Company agreed to provide certain support services to Firefly, including remote equipment monitoring and diagnostics of screens until no later than December 31, 2022 and transition advertising instruction and integration services, content management services, ad-hoc reporting and analysis, wireless service, advertising content management services, and mapping data until no later than six months from closing. As consideration for entering into the Master Services Agreement, the Company received \$2.0 million in cash consideration.

The components of the gain on the sale of the Strong Outdoor business to Firefly during the year ended December 31, 2020 are as follows (in thousands):

Firefly Series A-3 preferred shares received	\$ 3,200
Cash received	571
Removal of Firefly's share repurchase option related to digital top lease	1,171
Forgiven accounts payable to Firefly	739
Book value of liabilities transferred to Firefly	191
Book value of assets transferred to Firefly	(608)
Net gain from sale of discontinued operations	\$ 5,264

# 4. Revenue

The following tables disaggregate the Company's revenue by major source for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 (in thousands):

	Year Ended	December 3	31, 2020	Year Ended December 31, 2019						
	Strong			Strong						
	<b>Entertainment</b>	Other	<b>Total</b>	<b>Entertainment</b>	Other	Total				
Screen system sales	\$ 8,929	\$ -	\$ 8,929	\$ 15,357	\$ -	\$ 15,357				
Digital equipment sales	5,174	-	5,174	8,523	-	8,523				
Extended warranty sales	466	-	466	746	-	746				
Other product sales	1,418		1,418	1,822		1,822				
Total product sales	15,987	-	15,987	26,448		26,448				
Field maintenance and										
monitoring services	3,763	-	3,763	8,061	-	8,061				
Installation services	728	-	728	2,120	-	2,120				
Other service revenues	151	871	1,022	245	401	646				
Total service revenues	4,642	871	5,513	10,426	401	10,827				
Total	\$ 20,629	\$ 871	\$ 21,500	\$ 36,874	\$ 401	\$ 37,275				

The following tables disaggregate the Company's revenue by the timing of transfer of goods or services to the customer for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31, 2020							Year Ended December 31, 2019						
	Ent	Strong Intertainment Other		Strong Total Entertainm			0	t Other			Total			
Point in time	\$	17,214	\$		\$	17,214	\$	30,630	\$	_	\$	30,630		
Over time		3,415		871		4,286		6,244		401		6,645		
Total	\$	20,629	\$	871	\$	21,500	\$	36,874	\$	401	\$	37,275		

At December 31, 2020, the unearned revenue amount associated with maintenance and monitoring services and extended warranty sales in which the Company is the primary obligor was \$2.2 million. The Company expects to recognize \$1.5 million of unearned revenue amounts during 2021 and \$0.7 million during 2022. The amount expected to be recorded during 2021 includes \$0.5 million related to long-term projects that the Company's uses the percentage-of-completion method to recognize revenue.

# 5. Inventories

	Decem	ber 31, 2020	Decen	ber 31, 2019
Raw materials and components	\$	1,584	\$	1,584
Work in process		141		210
Finished goods		539		531
	\$	2,264	\$	2,325

The inventory balances are net of reserves of approximately \$0.4 million as of both December 31, 2020 and 2019. The inventory reserves primarily related to the Company's finished goods inventory.

# 6. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment include the following (in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2020</b>	<b>December 31, 2019</b>
Land	\$ 51	\$ 50
Buildings and improvements	6,824	6,696
Machinery and other equipment	4,635	4,136
Office furniture and fixtures	946	1,980
Construction in progress	154	429
Total properties, cost	12,610	13,291
Less: accumulated depreciation		(7,379)
Net property, plant and equipment	\$ 5,524	\$ 5,912

Depreciation expense approximated \$0.8 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

# 7. Investments

The following summarizes our investments (dollars in thousands):

		December	31, 2020		<b>December 31, 2019</b>				
		Carrying Amount	Economic Interest	Carrying Amount		Economic Interest			
<b>Equity Method Investments</b>									
FG Financial Group, Inc	\$	4,370	20.9%	\$	6,897	17.2%			
GreenFirst Forest Products Inc.		2,697	29.6%		2,800	32.3%			
Total Equity Method Investments		7,067			9,697				
Cost Method Investment									
Firefly Systems, Inc.		13,100			3,614				
Total Investments	\$	20,167		\$	13,311				

# **Equity Method Investments**

The following summarizes the loss of equity method investees reflected in the consolidated statements of operations (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,						
		2020	2019				
Entity		_					
FG Financial Group, Inc.	\$	(2,451)	\$	(1,232)			
GreenFirst Forest Products Inc.		(226)		(779)			
Total	\$	(2,677)	\$	(2,011)			

FG Financial Group, Inc. ("FGF") (formerly 1347 Property Insurance Holdings, Inc.) is implementing business plans to operate as a diversified insurance, reinsurance and investment management holding company. In September 2020, FGF entered into an agreement pursuant to which FGF purchased 1.1 million shares of its outstanding common stock from an existing shareholder. The purchase of the 1.1 million shares decreased the number of outstanding shares of FGF and increased the Company's ownership interest to approximately 21%. The Company's Chairman and former Chief Executive Officer is the chairman of the board of directors of FGF, and the Company's former Co-Chairman is co-chairman of the board of directors of FGF. As of December 31, 2020, these two individuals were affiliated with entities that, when combined with the Company's ownership in FGF, own greater than 50% of FGF. Since FGF does not depend on the Company for continuing financial support to maintain operations, the Company has determined that FGF is not a variable interest entity, and therefore, the Company is not required to determine the primary beneficiary of FGF for potential consolidation. The equity method investment loss from FGF during the year ended December 31, 2020 was primarily the result of FGF's non-cash losses associated with the change in fair value of its investment in the common stock of FedNat Holding Company (Nasdaq: FNHC). The Company did not receive dividends from FGF during the years ended December 31, 2020 or 2019. Based on quoted market prices, the market value of the Company's ownership in FGF was \$4.4 million at December 31, 2020.

GreenFirst Forest Products Inc. ("GreenFirst") (formerly Itasca Capital Ltd.) is a publicly-traded Canadian company that has recently completed an investment in a sawmill and related assets. In October 2020, GreenFirst completed a private placement financing pursuant to which GreenFirst issued 2.0 million shares of its common stock. The issuance of the 2.0 million shares decreased the Company's ownership interest to approximately 30%. The Company's Chairman and former Chief Executive Officer is chairman of the board of directors of GreenFirst, and the Company's former Co-Chairman is also a member of the board of directors of GreenFirst. These board seats, combined with the Company's 29.6% ownership of GreenFirst, provide the Company with significant influence over GreenFirst, but not a controlling interest. The Company did not receive dividends from GreenFirst during the years ended December 31, 2020 or 2019. Based on quoted market prices, the market value of the Company's ownership in GreenFirst was \$8.4 million at December 31, 2020.

As of December 31, 2020, the Company's retained earnings included an accumulated deficit from its equity method investees of \$4.0 million.

The summarized financial information presented below reflects the aggregated financial information of FGF and GreenFirst as of and for the twelve months ended September 30 of each year, consistent with the Company's policy to recognize the results of its equity method investments on a one quarter lag. The summarized financial information is presented only for the periods when the Company owned its investment. Because FGF does not present a classified balance sheet, major components of its assets and liabilities are presented instead of current and noncurrent assets and liabilities. Dollar amounts presented below are in thousands.

For the twelve months ended September 30,		2020	2019		
Revenue (1)	\$	(12,573)	\$	1,609	
Operating loss	\$	(18,012)	\$	(1,074)	
Net loss	\$	(12,873)	\$	(9,568)	

 FGF records realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments in net investment income (loss), which is included in the revenue line above.

As of September 30,	2020	2019
Cash and cash equivalents – FGF	\$ 15,233	\$ 1,803
Equity and limited liability investments – FGF	18,387	3,994
Other assets – FGF	3,336	19,591
Assets of discontinued operations – FGF	-	138,700
Current assets – GFP	10,086	970
Noncurrent assets – GFP		9,342
Total assets - FGF and GFP	\$ 47,042	\$ 174,400
Other liabilities – FGF	\$ 562	\$ 5,596
Liabilities of discontinued operations – FGF	-	102,809
Current liabilities – GFP	549	73
Total liabilities - FGF and GFP	\$ 1,111	\$ 108,478

#### Cost Method Investment

The Company received preferred shares of Firefly in connection with the transactions with Firefly in May 2019 and August 2020. See Note 3 for additional details. In addition, on August 3, 2020, Strong/MDI entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Stock Purchase Agreement") with Firefly, pursuant to which Strong/MDI agreed to purchase \$4.0 million worth of Firefly Series A-3 Shares at the initial closing, which took place on the same day. As contemplated by the Stock Purchase Agreement and ancillary agreements, the Company and its affiliated entities will have the right to designate a director to be elected to the board of directors of Firefly, subject to holding, together with its affiliates, approximately \$7.2 million worth of Firefly Series A-3 Shares and other conditions. The Company and its affiliated entities currently hold \$7.4 million of Firefly Series A-3 Shares and have designated Kyle Cerminara, Chairman of the Company's board of directors and a principal of the Company's largest shareholder, to Firefly's board of directors.

# 8. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consisted of the following at December 31, 2020 (dollars in thousands):

	Useful life	Accumulated life Gross Amortization			Net		
	(Years)						
Software in service	5	\$	1,248	\$	(928)	\$	320
Product formulation	10		477		(444)		33
Total		\$	1,725	\$	(1,372)	\$	353

Intangible assets consisted of the following at December 31, 2019 (dollars in thousands):

	Useful life	Useful life Gross Accumulated Amortization			 Net	
	(Years)		<u>.</u>			
Software in service	5	\$	1,169	\$	(634)	\$ 535
Product formulation	10		471		(415)	56
Total		\$	1,640	\$	(1,049)	\$ 591

Intangible assets with definite lives are amortized over their useful lives. The Company recorded amortization expense relating to intangible assets of \$0.3 million during each of the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The following table shows the Company's estimated future amortization expense related to intangible assets currently subject to amortization for the next five years (in thousands):

2021	\$ 287
2022	48
2023	10
2024	4
2025	4
Thereafter	
Total	\$ 353

# 9. Goodwill

All of the Company's goodwill is related to the Strong Entertainment segment. The following represents a summary of changes in the Company's carrying amount of goodwill (in thousands):

Balance as of December 31, 2019	\$ 919
Foreign currency translation adjustment	19
Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$ 938

# 10. Accrued Expenses

The major components of current accrued expenses are as follows (in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2020</b>	<b>December 31, 2019</b>
Employee-related	\$ 1,520	\$ 1,857
Legal and professional fees	57	92
Warranty obligation	79	169
Interest and taxes	98	68
Post-retirement benefit obligation	11	10
Lease expenses	143	-
Deferred business interruption proceeds	=	926
Other	274	626
Total	\$ 2,182	\$ 3,748

The major components of other long-term liabilities are as follows (in thousands):

	Decembe	er 31, 2020	Decer	mber 31, 2019
Post-retirement benefit obligation	\$	96	\$	116
Deferred revenue		15		38
Deferred payroll taxes		112		
Total	\$	223	\$	154

# 11. Income Taxes

Loss from continuing operations before income taxes consists of (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,					
		2020		2019		
United States	\$	(12,046)	\$	(12,751)		
Foreign		5,039		6,238		
Total	\$	(7,007)	\$	(6,513)		

Income tax expense from continuing operations consists of (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,				
		2020	2019		
Federal:					
Current	\$	-	\$	-	
Deferred		<u>-</u>		<u> </u>	
Total		-		-	
State:					
Current		14		53	
Deferred		=		<u> </u>	
Total		14		53	
Foreign:					
Current		1,040		1,984	
Deferred		204		111	
Total		1,244		2,095	
Total	\$	1,258	\$	2,148	

Income tax expense from continuing operations differed from the amounts computed by applying the U.S. Federal income tax rate to pretax loss from continuing operations as follows (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2020		2019		
Expected federal income tax benefit	\$ (1,4	<del>[77])</del> \$	(1,339)		
State income taxes, net of federal benefit		11	42		
Foreign tax rate differential	2	256	349		
Change in state tax rate	2	254	145		
Change in valuation allowance	2,2	.79	(556)		
GILTI inclusion	3	666	991		
Return to provision	(4	17)	1,384		
Foreign dividend inclusion	1	69	245		
Deferred tax adjustments		-	677		
Other	(1	.83)	210		
Total	\$ 1,2	58 \$	2,148		

Deferred tax assets and liabilities were comprised of the following (in thousands):

<b>December 31, 202</b>		ber 31, 2020	<b>December 31, 2019</b>	
Deferred tax assets:	,			
Deferred revenue	\$	536	\$	813
Non-deductible accruals		551		773
Inventory reserves		159		222
Stock compensation expense		576		446
Warranty reserves		19		44
Uncollectible receivable reserves		151		313
Net operating losses		9,770		10,272
Fair value adjustment to notes receivable		551		568
Tax credits		1,699		1,699
Disallowed interest expense		505		682
Equity in income of equity method				
investments		872		253
Other		376		152
Total deferred tax assets		15,765		16,237
Valuation allowance		(15,143)		(15,314)
Net deferred tax assets after valuation				
allowance		622		923
Deferred tax liabilities:				
Depreciation and amortization		1,295		1,315
Cash repatriation		2,426		2,257
Total deferred tax liabilities		3,721		3,572
Net deferred tax liability	\$	(3,099)	\$	(2,649)

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company sold the assets of its Strong Outdoor business segment. In addition, the Company has classified its Convergent Media Systems business segment as available for sale. See Note 3 for additional details. The tax expense/benefit for these business segments have been allocated to discontinued operations; however, the Company has sufficient net operating losses to offset taxable income/loss from these discontinued operations, all of which is offset by a valuation allowance.

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, the Company considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income. The Company considers the scheduled reversal of taxable temporary differences, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. A cumulative loss in a particular jurisdiction in recent years is a significant piece of evidence with respect to the realizability that is difficult to overcome. Based on the available objective evidence including recent updates to the taxing jurisdictions generating income, the Company concluded that a valuation allowance of \$15.1 million and \$15.3 million should be recorded against the Company's U.S. tax jurisdiction deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The overall change in valuation allowance was a reduction of \$0.2 million; however some changes in valuation allowance were allocated to discontinued operations. The effective tax rate above relates only to continuing operations.

The Company recorded a deferred tax liability related to withholding tax on the repatriation of earnings from its Canadian subsidiary of \$2.4 million and \$2.3 million as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

A provision of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (the "2017 Tax Act") was the implementation of the Global Intangible-Low Taxed Income Tax, or "GILTI." The Company has elected to account for the impact of GILTI in the period in which the tax actually applies to the Company. During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company incurred an estimated \$1.7 million of additional taxable income as a result of this provision. This increase in taxable income was incorporated into the overall net operating loss and valuation allowance.

The Company's gross net operating loss carryforwards for Federal tax purposes total approximately \$41.9 million and \$42.4 million at December 31, 2020 and 2019 respectively, expiring at various times in 2033 through 2037 for Federal losses generated through December 31, 2017. As a result of the 2017 Tax Act, all Federal net operating losses that are generated beginning January 1, 2018 and beyond will carryforward indefinitely. The Company has foreign tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$1.7 million as of December 31, 2020 that expire in 2024. Utilization of these losses may be limited in the event certain changes in ownership occur.

In March of 2020, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act was enacted and made significant changes to Federal tax laws, including certain changes that were retroactive to the 2019 tax year. Changes in tax laws are accounted for in the period of enactment and the retroactive effects are recognized in these financial statements. There were no material income tax consequences of this enacted legislation on the reporting period of these financial statements.

The Company is subject to possible examinations not yet initiated for Federal purposes for the fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019. In most cases, the Company has examinations open for state or local jurisdictions based on the particular jurisdiction's statute of limitations.

Estimated amounts related to underpayment of income taxes, including interest and penalties, are classified as a component of income tax expense in the consolidated statements of operations and were not material for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2019, 2018, and 2017. Amounts accrued for estimated underpayment of income taxes were zero as of December 31, 2020 and 2019.

#### 12. Debt

The Company's short-term debt consists of the following (in thousands):

	Decemb	er 31, 2020	Decem	ber 31, 2019
Short-term debt:				_
Strong/MDI 20-year installment loan	\$	2,906	\$	3,080
Strong/MDI 5-year equipment loan		393		<u>-</u>
Total short-term debt	\$	3,299	\$	3,080

Strong/MDI Installment Loans

On September 5, 2017, the Company's Canadian subsidiary, Strong/MDI, entered into a demand credit agreement, as amended and restated May 15, 2018, with a bank consisting of a revolving line of credit for up to CDN\$3.5 million subject to a borrowing base requirement, a 20-year installment loan for up to CDN\$6.0 million and a 5-year installment loan for up to CDN\$0.5 million. Amounts outstanding under the line of credit are payable on demand and bear interest at the prime rate established by the lender. Amounts outstanding under the installment loans bear interest at the lender's prime rate plus 0.5% and are payable in monthly installments, including interest, over their respective borrowing periods. The lender may also demand repayment of the installment loans at any time. The Strong/MDI credit facilities are secured by a lien on Strong/MDI's Quebec, Canada facility and substantially all of Strong/MDI's assets. The credit agreement requires Strong/MDI to maintain a ratio of liabilities to "effective equity" (tangible stockholders' equity, less amounts receivable from affiliates and equity method investments) not exceeding 2 to 1, a current ratio (excluding amounts due from related parties) of at least 1.5 to 1 and minimum "effective equity" of CDN\$8.0 million. There was CDN\$3.7 million, or approximately \$2.9 million, of principal outstanding on the 20-year installment loan as of December 31, 2020, which bears variable interest at 2.95%. There was CDN\$0.5 million, or approximately \$0.4 million, of principal outstanding on the 5-year installment loan as of December 31, 2020, which also bears variable interest at 2.95%. Strong/MDI was in compliance with its debt covenants as of December 31, 2020.

# 13. Stock Compensation

The Company recognizes compensation expense for all stock-based payment awards based on estimated grant date fair values. Stock-based compensation expense included in selling and administrative expenses approximated \$1.1 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The Company's 2017 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan ("2017 Plan") was approved by the Company's stockholders and provides the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors with the discretion to grant stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted shares, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance units and other stockbased awards and cash-based awards. Vesting terms vary with each grant and may be subject to vesting upon a "change in control" of the Company. On December 17, 2019, the Company's stockholders approved the amendment and restatement of the 2017 Plan to (i) increase the number of shares of the Company's common stock authorized for issuance under the 2017 Plan by 1,975,000 shares and (ii) extend the expiration date of the 2017 Plan by approximately two years, until October 27, 2029. As of December 31, 2020, 2,190,349 shares were available for issuance under the amended and restated 2017 Plan.

# Stock Options

The Company granted a total of 125,000 and 295,000 options during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Options to purchase shares of common stock were granted with exercise prices equal to the fair value of the common stock on the date of the grant.

The weighted average grant date fair value of stock options granted during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$0.84 and \$1.38, respectively. The fair value of each stock option granted is estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes valuation model with the following weighted average assumptions:

_	2020	2019
Expected dividend yield at date of grant	0.00%	0.00%
Risk-free interest rate	0.45%	1.62% - 1.98%
Expected stock price volatility	57.7%	47.9% - 50.6%
Expected life of options (in years)	6.0	6.0

The risk-free interest rate assumptions were based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant. The expected volatility was based on historical daily price changes of the Company's stock for six years prior to the date of grant. The expected life of options is the average number of years the Company estimates that options will be outstanding.

The following table summarizes stock option activity for 2020:

	Number of Options	Ave Exercis	ghted rage se Price Share	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Int V	gregate crinsic (alue (ousands)
Outstanding at December 31, 2019	1,107,000	\$	4.47	7.9	\$	148
Granted	125,000		1.60			
Exercised	-					
Forfeited	(100,500)		4.76			
Expired	(122,000)		5.27			
Outstanding at December 31, 2020	1,009,500	\$	3.99	7.3	\$	51
Exercisable at December 31, 2020	434,000	\$	4.72	6.3	\$	-

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the total that would have been received by the option holders if all in-the-money options had been exercised and sold on the date indicated. No options were exercised in 2020 or 2019.

As of December 31, 2020, 575,500 stock option awards were non-vested. Unrecognized compensation costs related to all stock options outstanding amounted to \$0.7 million at December 31, 2020, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.9 years.

# Restricted Stock Shares and Restricted Stock Units

The Company awarded a total of 315,634 and 417,378 restricted stock units during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Company estimates the fair value of restricted stock awards based upon the market price of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. The weighted average grant date fair value of restricted stock units granted during the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$1.58 and \$2.95, respectively. The fair value of restricted stock awards that vested during each of the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$0.4 million.

The following table summarizes restricted stock share activity for 2020:

	Number of Restricted Stock Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value		
Non-vested at December 31, 2019	23,334	\$ 6.50		
Granted	-			
Shares vested	(23,334)	6.50		
Shares forfeited	<u>-</u>			
Non-vested at December 31, 2020	-			

The following table summarizes restricted stock unit activity for 2020:

	Number of Restricted Stock Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value		
Non-vested at December 31, 2019	522,379	\$	3.14	
Granted	315,634		1.58	
Shares vested	(191,621)		3.21	
Shares forfeited	(41,705)		(2.03)	
Non-vested at December 31, 2020	604,687	\$	2.38	

As of December 31, 2020, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock awards was approximately \$1.0 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.9 years.

# 14. Compensation and Benefit Plans

Retirement Plan

The Company sponsors a defined contribution 401(k) plan (the "Plan") for all eligible employees. Pursuant to the provisions of the Plan, employees may defer up to 100% of their compensation. The Company will match 50% of the amount deferred up to 6% of their compensation. The contributions made to the Plan by the Company were approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

## 15. Leases

The Company and its subsidiaries lease plant and office facilities and equipment under operating and finance leases expiring through 2028. The Company determines if a contract is or contains a lease at inception or modification of a contract. A contract is or contains a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period in exchange for consideration. Control over the use of the identified asset means the lessee has both (a) the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset and (b) the right to direct the use of the asset.

Right-of-use assets and liabilities are recognized based on the present value of future minimum lease payments over the expected lease term at commencement date. Certain of the leases contain extension options; however, the Company has not included such options as part of its right-of-use assets and lease liabilities because it does not expect to extend the leases. The Company measures and records a right-of-use asset and lease liability based on the discount rate implicit in the lease, if known. In cases where the discount rate implicit in the lease is not known, the Company measures the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities using a discount rate equal to the Company's estimated incremental borrowing rate for loans with similar collateral and duration.

The Company elected to not apply the recognition requirements of Topic 842 to leases of all classes of underlying assets that, at the commencement date, have a lease term of 12 months or less and do not include an option to purchase the underlying asset that the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise. Instead, lease payments for such short-term leases are recognized in operations on a straight-line basis over the lease term and variable lease payments in the period in which the obligation for those payments is incurred.

The Company elected, as a lessee, for all classes of underlying assets, to not separate nonlease components from lease components and instead to account for each separate lease component and the nonlease components associated with that lease component as a single lease component.

The following tables present the Company's lease costs and other lease information (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended						
Lease cost		ember 31, 2020	December 31, 2019				
Finance lease cost:							
Amortization of right-of-use assets	\$	892	\$	420			
Interest on lease liabilities		338		184			
Operating lease cost		1,269		1,342			
Short-term lease cost		58		34			
Sublease income		(342)		(386)			
Net lease cost	\$	2,215	\$	1,594			

	Year Ended						
Other information		ecember 31, 2020		December 31, 2019			
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:							
Operating cash flows from finance leases	\$	338	\$	173			
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$	1,036	\$	1,662			
Financing cash flows from finance leases	\$	892	\$	339			
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new finance lease liabilities	\$	=	\$	7			
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease liabilities	\$	-	\$	644			
Derecognition of right-of-use asset in connection with Firefly transaction	\$	=	\$	3,394			

	As of December 31, 2020
Weighted-average remaining lease term - finance leases (years)	1.9
Weighted-average remaining lease term - operating leases (years)	7.2
Weighted-average discount rate - finance leases	13.0%
Weighted-average discount rate - operating leases	5.0%

The following table presents a maturity analysis of the Company's operating and finance lease liabilities as of December 31, 2020 (in thousands):

	Operating		
	Leases	Fina	ance Leases
2021	\$ 82	4 \$	1,230
2022	70	6	1,168
2023	65	6	-
2024	66	9	=
2025	68	2	=
Thereafter	1,76	5	_
Total lease payments	5,30	2	2,398
Less: Amount representing interest	(86	6)	(292)
Present value of lease payments	4,43	6	2,106
Less: Current maturities	(61	9)	(1,015)
Lease obligations, net of current portion	\$ 3,81	7 \$	1,091

On March 2, 2021, the Company received a notice of default and demand (the "Default Notice") from Huntington Technology Finance, Inc. ("Huntington"). The Default Notice alleges the occurrence of an event of default under the terms of the Master Equipment Lease Agreement dated May 19, 2017 (the "Lease Agreement") pursuant to which the Company's subsidiaries lease certain digital taxi top advertising signs.

The Company has made all required payments to Huntington during the term of the Lease Agreement and expects to continue to make monthly payments on a timely basis. The Default Notice does not allege that the Company has failed to make any payment or incurred any economic or payment default. Rather, the Default Notice alleges that the Company violated certain technical covenants in the Lease Agreement. Huntington has demanded accelerated payment of the outstanding principal balance plus lessor profit and a fair market value buyout of the assets under lease within ten days of the receipt of the Default Notice.

The Company disputes Huntington's assertion that an event of default has occurred under the Lease Agreement and believes that many of the assertions made in the Default Notice are false and that the claims made in the Default Notice are therefore baseless. Accordingly, on March 3, 2021, the Company provided a written response to Huntington detailing the Company's position that Huntington's allegations of an event of default under the Lease Agreement are unfounded, asserting the Company's good faith belief that the Company has abided by the terms, conditions and covenants of the Lease Agreement.

# 16. Commitments, Contingencies and Concentrations

#### **Concentrations**

The Company's top ten customers accounted for approximately 54% of 2020 consolidated net revenues. Trade accounts receivable from these customers represented approximately 53% of net consolidated receivables at December 31, 2020. None of the Company's customers accounted for more than 10% of both its consolidated net revenues during 2020 and its net consolidated receivables as of December 31, 2020. While the Company believes its relationships with such customers are stable, most arrangements are made by purchase order and are terminable at will by either party. A significant decrease or interruption in business from the Company's significant customers could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. The Company could also be adversely affected by such factors as changes in foreign currency rates and weak economic and political conditions in each of the countries in which the Company sells its products.

#### Litigation

The Company is involved, from time to time, in certain legal disputes in the ordinary course of business. No such disputes, individually or in the aggregate, are expected to have a material effect on the Company's business or financial condition.

#### Insurance Recoveries

During February 2019, one portion of Strong/MDI's Quebec, Canada facility sustained damage as a result of inclement weather. The Company has property and casualty and business interruption insurance and has made claims for reimbursement of incurred costs of the affected portion of the facility and compensation for the Company's business interruption losses.

Through December 31, 2020, the Company received insurance proceeds of \$5.5 million, which included \$2.3 million related to the property and casualty claim and \$3.2 million related to our business interruption claim. Any additional future claims payments associated with the Company's property and casualty losses are at the discretion of the insurance carrier based on its continuing claims analysis. During the third quarter of 2020, the Company reached a settlement with its insurance company which resolved all contingencies related to its business interruption claim, which resulted in an insurance recovery gain of approximately \$2.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2020.

#### 17. Business Segment Information

The Company conducts its operations primarily through its Strong Entertainment business segment which manufactures and distributes premium large format projection screens and provides technical support services and other related products and services to the cinema exhibition industry, theme parks, schools, museums and other entertainment-related markets. Strong Entertainment also distributes and supports third party products, including digital projectors, servers, library management systems, menu boards and sound systems. The Company's operating segments were determined based on the manner in which management organizes segments for making operating decisions and assessing performance.

# **Summary by Business Segments**

	Years Ended December 31,			
		2020		2019
		(in tho	usands)	)
Net revenues				
Strong Entertainment	\$	20,629	\$	36,874
Other		871		401
Total net revenues		21,500		37,275
Gross profit				
Strong Entertainment		4,646		12,159
Other		763		296
Total gross profit		5,409		12,455
Operating (loss) income				
Strong Entertainment		2		6,665
Other		(86)		(788)
Total segment operating income		(84)		5,877
Unallocated administrative expenses		(6,575)		(8,592)
Unallocated loss on disposal of assets		(25)		
Loss from operations		(6,684)		(2,715)
Other income (expense), net		2,354		(1,787)
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes and equity method				
investment loss	\$	(4,330)	\$	(4,502)

			Years Ended December 31,			
				2020		2019
				(in tho	usand	s)
Capital expenditures:						
Strong Entertainment			\$	468	\$	1,599
Unallocated				77		171
Total capital expenditures from continuing operat	ions		\$	545	\$	1,770
Depreciation, amortization and impairment:						
Strong Entertainment			\$	870	\$	896
Unallocated				181		213
Total depreciation, amortization and impairmer	nt from					
continuing operations			\$	1,051	\$	1,109
(In thousands)	Decemb	oer 31, 20	20	December	r 31, 2	019
Identifiable assets						
Strong Entertainment	\$	21,4	804	\$	21,	659
Corporate assets		23,9	971		22,	654
Discontinued operations		10,1	20		13,	320
Total	\$	55,4	199	\$	57,	633
Summary by Casaranhical Area						<del></del>

# **Summary by Geographical Area**

		Years Ended December 31,					
(In thousands)			2020		2019		
Net revenues							
United States		\$	17,603	\$	28,956		
Canada			1,010		2,616		
China			793		2,163		
Mexico			78		88		
Latin America			446		848		
Europe			547		1,190		
Asia (excluding China)			668		937		
Other			355		477		
Total		\$	21,500	\$	37,275		
(In thousands)	December 31, 2	020	December	r 31,	2019		
Identifiable assets							
United States	\$ 34,	924	\$	3	7,508		
Canada	20,	575		2	0,125		
Total	\$ 55,	499	\$	5	7,633		

Net revenues by business segment are to unaffiliated customers. Identifiable assets by geographical area are based on location of facilities. Net sales by geographical area are based on destination of sales.

# 17. Subsequent Event

On February 3, 2021, the Company entered into an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") in connection with a public offering (the "Offering") pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell approximately 3.3 million shares of its common stock, at a public offering price of \$2.30 per share. The Offering closed on February 8, 2021. The net proceeds from the Offering were approximately \$6.7 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by the Company.

Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the Company also issued warrants to purchase up to approximately 0.2 million shares of its common stock. The warrants are exercisable at any time, in whole or in part, from August 2, 2021 until February 3, 2026 at a price per share of \$2.875. The warrants also provide for one "piggyback" registration right with respect to the registration of the shares of common stock underlying the warrants and customary anti-dilution provisions. The piggyback registration rights last 4.5 years from the initial exercise date of August 2, 2021.

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

None.

#### Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e), and internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f). Based upon that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

# **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

# Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). The Company carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The Company's management used the framework in Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) to perform this evaluation. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2020.

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

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting for the three months ended December 31, 2020 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

# Item 9B. Other Information

On March 9, 2021, Lewis M. Johnson, a member of the Company's Board of Directors, notified the Company of his intention to resign from the Company's Board of Directors, effective immediately. Mr. Johnson did not advise the Company of any dispute or disagreement with the Company or the Company's Board of Directors on any matter relating to the operations, policies or practices of the Company.

# **PART III**

# Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information required by this item will be contained in the "Proposal One – Election of Directors," "Information about our Executive Officers," "Additional Information – Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports," and "Board Committees – Audit Committee" sections of the definitive proxy statement, to be filed in connection with the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Our board of directors has adopted the Code of Ethics that applies to all of our directors, officers and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer. The Code of Ethics is posted on our Internet website, www.ballantynestrong.com/investors, under the "Corporate Governance" tab, and is available free of charge, upon request to Corporate Secretary, 4201 Congress Street, Suite 175, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209; telephone number: (704) 994-8279.

Any amendment to, or waiver from, the Code of Ethics applicable to our directors and executive officers will be disclosed in a current report on Form 8-K within four business days following the date of the amendment or waiver unless the rules of the NYSE American then permit website posting of such amendments and waivers, in which case we would post such disclosures on our Internet website.

# Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by this item will be contained in the "Executive Compensation" and "Director Compensation" sections of the definitive proxy statement, to be filed in connection with the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

The following table sets forth information regarding our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2020.

Number of

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))	
	(a)	<b>(b)</b>	(c)	
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	1,614,187(1)	\$ 3.99	2,190,349(2)	
security holders	1,614,187	\$ 3.99	2,190,349	

- (1) Includes 257,000 securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options under our 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan; and 752,500 securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options and 604,687 securities to be issued upon vesting of restricted stock units under our 2017 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan.
- (2) All shares available for future issuance are under the 2017 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan, as amended and restated effective October 28, 2019.

The information regarding our largest holders and ownership of our securities by our management and directors will be contained in the "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" section of the definitive proxy statement, to be filed in connection with the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

The information required by this item will be contained in the "Related Person Transactions" and "Corporate Governance – Board Independence" sections of the definitive proxy statement, to be filed in connection with the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and is incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The information required by this item will be contained in the "Ratification of Appointment of the Company's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" section of the definitive proxy statement, to be filed in connection with the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and is incorporated herein by reference.

# **PART IV**

# Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

- a. The following documents are filed as part of this report on Form 10-K:
  - Consolidated Financial Statements:
     An Index to the Consolidated Financial Statements is filed as a part of Item 8.
  - 2. Exhibit list.

# EXHIBIT INDEX

		Incorporated by Reference			
Exhibit Number	Document Description	Form	Exhibit	Filing Date	Filed Herewith
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation of Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	S-8	3.1	December 7, 2006	
3.1.1	Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	S-8	3.1.1	December 7, 2006	
3.1.2	Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	S-8	3.1.2	December 7, 2006	
3.1.3	Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	S-8	3.1.3	December 7, 2006	
3.1.4	Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation of Ballantyne Strong, Inc.	10-Q	3.1.4	August 7, 2009	
3.2	Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc. Bylaws	S-8	3.2	December 7, 2006	
3.2.1	First Amendment to Bylaws of Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	S-8	3.2.1	December 7, 2006	
3.2.2	Second Amendment to Bylaws of Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	S-8	3.2.2	December 7, 2006	
3.2.3	Third Amendment to Bylaws of Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	S-8	3.2.3	December 7, 2006	
3.2.4	Fourth Amendment to Bylaws of Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc.	8-K	99.1	May 1, 2007	
3.2.5	Fifth Amendment to Bylaws of Ballantyne Strong, Inc.	S-8	4.11	May 16, 2014	
4.1	Description of the Securities of Ballantyne Strong, Inc.				X
10.1	Authorized Reseller Agreement, dated as of January 21, 2010, between Ballantyne Strong, Inc. and NEC Display Solutions of America, Inc.	10-K	10.10	March 23, 2010	
10.2*	Ballantyne Strong, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated effective October 28, 2019)	8-K	10.1	December 17, 2019	

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Exhibit Number	<b>Document Description</b>	Form	Exhibit	Filing Date	Filed Herewith
10.3*	Form of Stock Option Agreement under the Ballantyne Strong, Inc. Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan	S-8	4.13	June 15, 2017	Herewith
10.4*	Form of Restricted Share Agreement under the Ballantyne Strong, Inc. Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan	S-8	4.14	June 15, 2017	
10.5*	Form of Restricted Share Unit Agreement under the Ballantyne Strong, Inc. Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan	S-8	4.15	June 15, 2017	
10.6*	Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Share Unit Agreement under the Ballantyne Strong, Inc. Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan	10-Q	10.1	August 14, 2019	
10.7*	Ballantyne Strong, Inc. 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended and restated)	8-K	10.1	May 20, 2014	
10.8*	Form of Stock Option Agreement under the Ballantyne Strong, Inc. 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K	10.1	November 27, 2015	
10.9*	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under the Ballantyne Strong, Inc. 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K	10.2	November 27, 2015	
10.10*	Executive Employment Agreement, dated February 14, 2012, between Ballantyne Strong, Inc. and Ray F. Boegner	10-Q	10.27	May 4, 2012	
10.11*	Executive Employment Agreement, dated November 7, 2018, between Ballantyne Strong, Inc. and Mark D. Roberson	8-K	10.1	November 7, 2018	
10.12*	Employment Agreement, dated March 20, 2019, between Ballantyne Strong, Inc. and Todd R. Major.	10-Q	10.1	May 12, 2020	
10.13	Master Equipment Lease Agreement between Huntington Technology Finance, Inc. and Convergent Media Systems Corporation	8-K	10.1	June 27, 2017	
10.14	Progress Payment Note and Reimbursement Agreement between Convergent Media Systems Corporation and Huntington Technology Finance, Inc., effective as of June 22, 2017	8-K	10.2	June 27, 2017	
10.15+	Credit Agreement, dated as of May 15, 2018, between Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and Strong/MDI Screen Systems, Inc.	10-Q	10.6	August 8, 2018	
10.16	Contract of Sale, dated April 27, 2018, by and between Convergent Media Systems Corporation, as Seller, and Metrolina Alpharetta, LLC, as Buyer	8-K	10.1	May 1, 2018	
10.17	Lease Agreement, between Metrolina Alpharetta, LLC, as Landlord, and Ballantyne Strong, Inc., as Tenant	10-Q	10.3	August 8, 2018	
10.18	Form of Warrant, to be issued by Ballantyne Strong, Inc.	8-K	10.3	May 1, 2018	

**Incorporated by Reference** 

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Exhibit	Decree and Decree of the			Filing	Filed
<b>Number</b> 10.19	Form of Representative's Warrant, to be issued by Ballantyne Strong, Inc.	Form 8-K	Exhibit 4.1	February 8, 2021	Herewith
10.20	Letter Agreement, dated as of September 9, 2018, by and between Ballantyne Strong, Inc. and Fundamental Global Investors, LLC	8-K	10.1	September 12, 2018	
10.21+	Equity Purchase Agreement, dated February 1, 2021, by and among SageNet LLC, Ballantyne Strong, Inc., SDM Holdco, Inc. and Convergent LLC	8-K	2.1	February 2, 2021	
10.22	Master Services Agreement, dated August 3, 2020, by and between Convergent Media Systems Corporation and Firefly Systems Inc.	8-K	10.1	August 4, 2020	
21	Subsidiaries of the Registrant				X
23.1	Consent of Haskell & White LLP				X
31.1	Principal Executive Officer's Certification pursuant to of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	to Section	302		X
31.2	Principal Financial Officer's Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002			X	
32.1**	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002			X	
32.2**	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002			X	
101	The following materials from Ballantyne Strong, Report on Form 10-K for the year ended Deceml formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting I the Consolidated Balance Sheets; (ii) the Consolidate of Operations; (iii) the Consolidated Statements of C Loss; (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Stockholde the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; and (vi Consolidated Financial Statements	ber 31, 2 Language ed Statem omprehen rs' Equity	020, 0: (i) ents sive ; (v)		X

<sup>\*</sup> Management contract or compensatory plan.

# Item 16. Form 10-K Summary

None.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Furnished herewith.

<sup>+</sup> The exhibits and schedules to this agreement have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. The Company will furnish copies of such exhibits and schedules to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

# **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.

BALLANTYNE STRONG, INC.

By:/s/ MARK D. ROBERSON

By:/s/TODD R. MAJOR

Mark D. Roberson, Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Todd R. Major, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: March 10, 2021 Date: March 10, 2021

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Mark D. Roberson and Todd R. Major, and each of them, his attorneys-in-fact, each with the power of substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign this Annual Report on Form 10-K and any and all amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them or his or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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.

By: /s/D. KYLE CERMINARA

D. Kyle Cerminara

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Date: March 10, 2021

By: /s/ WILLIAM J. GERBER

William J. Gerber

Director

Date: March 10, 2021

By: /s/ CHARLES T. LANKTREE

Charles T. Lanktree

Director

Date: March 10, 2021

By: /s/ROBERT J. ROSCHMAN

Robert J. Roschman

Director

Date: March 10, 2021

By: /s/NDAMUKONG SUH

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Director

Date: March 10, 2021

# DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURITIES OF BALLANTYNE STRONG, INC. REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

The following summarizes the terms and provisions of the securities of Ballantyne Strong, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"). The common stock of the Company is registered under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The following summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, each as amended, which the Company has previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and applicable Delaware law.

# **Authorized Capital**

The Company's authorized capital stock consists of 25,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), and 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Preferred Stock").

Under Delaware law, stockholders generally are not personally liable for a corporation's acts or debts.

# **Exchange and Trading Symbol**

The Common Stock is listed for trading on the NYSE American under the trading symbol "BTN."

#### **Rights and Preferences**

All outstanding shares of Common Stock are duly authorized, fully paid and nonassessable. Holders of shares of Common Stock have no conversion, preemptive or subscription rights, and there are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the Common Stock. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of Common Stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of Preferred Stock that the Company may designate and issue in the future.

In the event of the Company's liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of Common Stock are entitled to share ratably in the assets legally available for distribution to stockholders after the payment of all of the Company's known debts and liabilities and after adequate provision has been made for each class of stock having preference over the Common Stock, if any.

# **Voting Rights**

Holders of Common Stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters to be voted on by the stockholders. There is no cumulative voting with respect to the election of directors. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of Common Stock. Except as otherwise required by law, all other matters brought to a vote of the holders of Common Stock are determined by a majority of the votes cast and, except as may be provided with respect to any other outstanding class or series of the Company's stock, the holders of shares of Common Stock possess the exclusive voting power.

# **Dividends**

Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any then outstanding shares of Preferred Stock, the holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by the Company's Board of Directors out of legally available funds.

# **Preferred Stock**

The Board of Directors of the Company is authorized, subject to any limitations prescribed by applicable law and without further approval or action by the holders of Common Stock, to issue shares of Preferred Stock in one or more series. The Board of Directors may fix the designation, powers, preferences and rights of the shares of each such series and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption, liquidation preferences and sinking fund terms. The Company has no outstanding shares of Preferred Stock.

The rights of the holders of Common Stock will generally be subject to the prior rights of the holders of any outstanding shares of Preferred Stock with respect to dividends, liquidation preferences and other matters.

# Anti-Takeover Effects of Provisions of Delaware Law and the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

# Delaware Anti-Takeover Law

The Company is subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("Section 203"). Section 203 generally prohibits a public Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder unless:

- prior to the date of the transaction, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the number of shares outstanding (but not the outstanding voting stock owned by the interested stockholder) those shares owned by (i) persons who are directors and also officers and (ii) employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
- at or subsequent to such time the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock which is not owned by the interested stockholder.

Section 203 defines a "business combination" to generally include:

- any merger or consolidation of the corporation or any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary of the corporation with the interested stockholder;
- any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition (in one transaction or a series of transactions), except proportionately as a stockholder of such corporation, to or with the interested stockholder of assets of the corporation or of any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary of the corporation which assets have an aggregate market value equal to 10% or more of either the aggregate market value of all the assets of the corporation determined on a consolidated basis or the aggregate market value of all the outstanding stock of the corporation;
- subject to certain exceptions, any transaction which results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation or by any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary of the corporation of any stock of the corporation or of such subsidiary to the interested stockholder;
- subject to certain exceptions, any transaction involving the corporation or any direct or indirect majority
  - owned subsidiary of the corporation that has the effect, directly or indirectly, of increasing the interested stockholder's proportionate share of the stock of any class or series of securities, or securities convertible into the stock of any class or series, of the corporation or of any such subsidiary; and
- any receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit, directly or indirectly (except proportionately as a stockholder of such corporation), of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through the corporation or any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary.

In general, Section 203 defines an interested stockholder as any entity or person that (i) is the owner of 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation, or (ii) is an affiliate or associate of the corporation and was the owner of 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation at any time within the three-year period immediately prior to the date on which it is sought to be determined whether such person is an interested stockholder, and the affiliates and associates of such person.

# Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

The Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws include anti-takeover provisions that:

- authorize the Board of Directors, without further action by the stockholders, to issue shares of Preferred Stock in one or more series, and with respect to each series, to fix the number of shares constituting that series, and establish the rights and terms of that series;
- establish advance notice procedures for stockholders to submit nominations of candidates for election to the Board of Directors to be brought before a stockholders meeting;
- allow the Company's directors to establish the size of the Board of Directors and fill vacancies on the Board created by an increase in the number of directors (subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock to elect additional directors under specified circumstances);

- require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the voting power of all of the thenoutstanding shares of capital stock of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors in order to remove a director or the entire Board of Directors for cause;
- do not provide stockholders cumulative voting rights with respect to director elections; and
- provide that the Company's Bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors without stockholder approval; provided, however, that the stockholders may amend the Bylaws only with the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.

Provisions of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws may delay or discourage transactions involving an actual or potential change in the Company's control or change in the Company's Board of Directors or management, including transactions in which stockholders might otherwise receive a premium for their shares or transactions that the Company's stockholders might otherwise deem to be in their best interests. Therefore, these provisions could adversely affect the price of the Common Stock.

#### **Authorized and Unissued Shares**

The Company's authorized and unissued shares of Common Stock are available for future issuance without stockholder approval except as may otherwise be required by applicable stock exchange rules or Delaware law. The Company may issue additional shares for a variety of purposes, including future offerings to raise additional capital, to fund acquisitions and as employee and consultant compensation. The existence of authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock could render more difficult, or discourage an attempt, to obtain control of the Company by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise.

The issuance of shares of Preferred Stock by the Company could have certain anti-takeover effects under certain circumstances, and could enable the Board of Directors to render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of the Company by means of a merger, tender offer, or other business combination transaction directed at the Company by, among other things, placing shares of Preferred Stock with investors who might align themselves with the Board of Directors.

# **Subsidiaries of the Registrant**

Entity Name	Organized Under Laws of		
Strong Westrex, Inc.	Nebraska		
Strong Technical Services, Inc.	Nebraska		
Strong/MDI Screen Systems, Inc.	Canada		
SDM Holdco, Inc.	Delaware		
StrongVest Global Advisors, LLC	Delaware		
Strong Digital Media, LLC	Delaware		

# Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Ballantyne Strong, Inc. Charlotte, North Carolina

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-3 (File No. 333-238757) and Form S-8 (File No. 333-03849, No. 333-116739, No. 333-139177, No. 333-153408, No. 333-218770, No. 333-169115, No. 333-196019, No. 333-207921, and No. 333-235552) of Ballantyne Strong, Inc. (the "Company") of our report dated March 10, 2021, relating to the Company's consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.

/s/ HASKELL & WHITE LLP

HASKELL & WHITE LLP

Irvine, California March 10, 2021

# **CERTIFICATION**

# I, Mark D. Roberson, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 of Ballantyne Strong, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying 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 registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures, and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By:/s/ MARK D. ROBERSON

Mark D. Roberson Chief Executive Officer

# **CERTIFICATION**

# I, Todd R. Major, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 of Ballantyne Strong, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying 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 registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures, and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By:/s/TODD R. MAJOR

Todd R. Major Chief Financial Officer

# CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

The undersigned, Mark D. Roberson, Chief Executive Officer of Ballantyne Strong, Inc. (the "Company"), has executed this certification in connection with the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 (the "Report").

The undersigned hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to his knowledge 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certification as of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

# /s/ MARK D. ROBERSON

Mark D. Roberson Chief Executive Officer

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

# CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

The undersigned, Todd R. Major, Chief Financial Officer of Ballantyne Strong, Inc. (the "Company"), has executed this certification in connection with the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 (the "Report").

The undersigned hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to his knowledge 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this certification as of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

# /s/ TODD R. MAJOR

Todd R. Major Chief Financial Officer

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