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Consolidated Financial Statements of Tucows Inc.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of Tucows Inc.:

Opinion on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We have audited Tucows Inc.'s and subsidiaries' (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2019, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2019, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes (collectively, the consolidated financial statements), and our report dated March 4, 2020 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

The Company acquired Ascio Technologies, Inc. ("Ascio") during 2019, and management excluded from its assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2019, Ascio's internal control over financial reporting associated with total assets of \$44 million and total revenues of \$17 million included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of the Company also excluded an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting of Ascio.

Basis for Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting in Item 9A of the Form 10-K for the fiscal year-ended December 31, 2019. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the 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 audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Vaughan, Canada

March 4, 2020

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of Tucows Inc.:

Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Tucows, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes (collectively, the consolidated financial statements). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2019, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2019, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated March 4, 2020 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 842, *Leases* ("ASC 842") on January 1, 2019 using the modified retrospective method by recognizing the cumulative effect of initially applying ASC 842 as an adjustment to the opening balance sheet as at January 1, 2019.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("ASC 606") on January 1, 2018 using the modified retrospective method by recognizing the cumulative effect of initially applying ASC 606 as an adjustment to the opening balance sheet as at January 1, 2018.

Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the 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 audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. 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.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2000.

Vaughan, Canada

March 4, 2020

Tucows Inc.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018*
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,393	\$ 12,637
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$131 as of December 31, 2019 and \$132 as of December 31, 2018	14,564	10,837
Inventory	3,457	3,775
Prepaid expenses and deposits	13,478	15,472
Derivative instrument asset, current portion (note 7)	731	-
Prepaid domain name registry and ancillary services fees, current portion (note 11 (b))	91,252	87,782
Income taxes recoverable	1,800	1,423
Total current assets	<u>145,675</u>	<u>131,926</u>
Prepaid domain name registry and ancillary services fees, long-term portion (note 11 (b))	17,915	18,745
Property and equipment (note 4)	82,121	48,065
Right of use operating lease asset	11,335	-
Contract costs (note 11 (a))	1,400	1,390
Intangible assets (note 5)	57,654	49,395
Goodwill (note 5)	109,818	90,054
Total assets	<u>\$ 425,918</u>	<u>\$ 339,575</u>
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 6,671	\$ 8,445
Accrued liabilities	9,373	5,899
Customer deposits	14,074	11,919
Derivative instrument liability (note 7)	-	1,276
Deferred rent, current portion	-	21
Operating lease liability, current portion (note 12)	1,413	-
Loan payable, current portion (note 8)	-	18,400
Deferred revenue, current portion (note 10)	123,101	116,734
Accreditation fees payable, current portion	952	985
Income taxes payable	1,324	1,668
Total current liabilities	<u>156,908</u>	<u>165,347</u>
Deferred revenue, long-term portion (note 10)	26,202	26,960
Accreditation fees payable, long-term portion	216	250
Deferred rent, long-term portion	-	116
Operating lease liability, long-term portion (note 12)	9,424	-
Loan payable, long-term portion (note 8)	113,503	46,201
Deferred tax liability (note 9)	25,471	20,925
Stockholders' equity (note 13)		
Preferred stock - no par value, 1,250,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding	-	-
Common stock - no par value, 250,000,000 shares authorized; 10,585,159 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2019 and 10,627,988 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2018	16,633	15,823
Additional paid-in capital	880	3,953
Retained earnings	76,208	60,810
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (note 7)	473	(810)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>94,194</u>	<u>79,776</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 425,918</u>	<u>\$ 339,575</u>
Commitments and contingencies (note 18)		
Subsequent events (note 20)		

*The Company has initially applied ASC 2016-02 (Topic 842) on January 1, 2019 using the modified retrospective method (note 2 (v)). Under this method, the comparative information is not restated.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

Tucows Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)

	Year ended December 31,		
	2019	2018*	2017*
Net revenues (note 10)	\$ 337,145	\$ 346,013	\$ 329,421
Cost of revenues (note 10)			
Cost of revenues	217,579	232,103	230,600
Network expenses	9,190	9,846	9,324
Depreciation of property and equipment (note 4)	8,475	5,298	3,142
Amortization of intangible assets (note 5)	1,124	1,996	1,834
Total cost of revenues	<u>236,368</u>	<u>249,243</u>	<u>244,900</u>
Gross profit	100,777	96,770	84,521
Expenses:			
Sales and marketing	34,270	33,063	29,423
Technical operations and development	9,717	8,748	7,258
General and administrative	17,880	17,710	13,594
Depreciation of property and equipment (note 4)	486	424	585
Loss on disposition of property and equipment	73	-	-
Amortization of intangible assets (note 5)	9,209	7,247	6,566
Impairment of indefinite life intangible assets (note 5)	-	-	111
Loss (gain) on currency forward contracts (note 7)	(198)	254	(98)
Total expenses	<u>71,437</u>	<u>67,446</u>	<u>57,439</u>
Income from operations	29,340	29,324	27,082
Other income (expenses):			
Interest expense, net	(4,769)	(3,687)	(3,567)
Other income, net (note 16)	-	518	560
Total other income (expenses)	<u>(4,769)</u>	<u>(3,169)</u>	<u>(3,007)</u>
Income before provision for income taxes	24,571	26,155	24,075
Provision for income taxes (note 9)	9,173	9,020	1,748
Net income before redeemable non-controlling interest	15,398	17,135	22,327
Redeemable non-controlling interest	-	(26)	(387)
Net income attributable to redeemable non-controlling interest	<u>-</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>387</u>
Net income for the period	15,398	17,135	22,327
Other comprehensive income, net of tax			
Unrealized income (loss) on hedging activities (note 7)	1,101	(1,022)	550
Net amount reclassified to earnings (note 7)	182	212	(650)
Other comprehensive income (loss) net of tax (expense) recovery of (\$411), \$259 and \$56 for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017 (note 7)	<u>1,283</u>	<u>(810)</u>	<u>(100)</u>
Comprehensive income, net of tax for the period	<u>\$ 16,681</u>	<u>\$ 16,325</u>	<u>\$ 22,227</u>
Basic earnings per common share (note 17)	<u>\$ 1.45</u>	<u>\$ 1.62</u>	<u>\$ 2.12</u>
Shares used in computing basic earnings per common share (note 17)	<u>10,623,799</u>	<u>10,604,722</u>	<u>10,537,356</u>
Diluted earnings per common share (note 17)	<u>\$ 1.43</u>	<u>\$ 1.59</u>	<u>\$ 2.07</u>
Shares used in computing diluted earnings per common share (note 17)	<u>10,772,812</u>	<u>10,794,170</u>	<u>10,793,622</u>

*The Company has initially applied ASC 2014-09 (Topic 606) on January 1, 2018 and ASC 2016-02 (Topic 842) on January 1, 2019 (note 2 (v)). Both accounting standards were adopted using the modified retrospective method, under this method the comparative periods were not restated.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

Tucows Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity

(Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Common stock		Additional paid in capital	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	Total stockholders' equity
	Number	Amount				
Balances, December 31, 2016*	10,461,574	\$ 14,460	\$ 2,858	\$ 20,400	\$ 100	\$ 37,818
Exercise of stock options	172,759	908	(686)	-	-	222
Shares deducted from exercise of stock options for payment of withholding taxes and exercise consideration	(50,454)	-	(1,462)	-	-	(1,462)
Stock-based compensation (note 14)	-	-	1,457	-	-	1,457
Net income	-	-	-	22,327	-	22,327
Accretion of redeemable non-controlling interest in Ting Virginia, LLC.	-	-	-	(51)	-	(51)
Other comprehensive income (loss) (note 7)	-	-	-	-	(100)	(100)
Balances, December 31, 2017*	10,583,879	15,368	2,167	42,676	-	60,211
Adoption of Topic 606 (note 2(v))	-	-	-	1,063	-	1,063
Adjusted, January 1, 2018	10,583,879	15,368	2,167	43,739	-	61,274
Exercise of stock options	63,886	455	(343)	-	-	112
Shares deducted from exercise of stock options for payment of withholding taxes and exercise consideration	(19,777)	-	(445)	-	-	(445)
Stock-based compensation (note 14)	-	-	2,574	-	-	2,574
Net income	-	-	-	17,135	-	17,135
Accretion of redeemable non-controlling interest in Ting Virginia, LLC.	-	-	-	(64)	-	(64)
Other comprehensive income (loss) (note 7)	-	-	-	-	(810)	(810)
Balances, December 31, 2018*	10,627,988	15,823	3,953	60,810	(810)	79,776
Exercise of stock options	80,319	967	(572)	-	-	395
Shares deducted from exercise of stock options for payment of withholding taxes and exercise consideration	(21,332)	-	(548)	-	-	(548)
Repurchase and retirement of shares (note 13(a))	(101,816)	(157)	(4,829)	-	-	(4,986)
Stock-based compensation (note 14)	-	-	2,876	-	-	2,876
Net income	-	-	-	15,398	-	15,398
Other comprehensive income (loss) (note 7)	-	-	-	-	1,283	1,283
Balances, December 31, 2019**	10,585,159	\$ 16,633	\$ 880	\$ 76,208	\$ 473	\$ 94,194

*The Company has initially applied ASC 2014-09 (Topic 606) on January 1, 2018 and ASC 2016-02 (Topic 842) on January 1, 2019 (note 2(v)). Both accounting standards were adopted using the modified retrospective method, under this method the comparative periods were not restated.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

Tucows Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Year ended December 31,		
	2019	2018*	2017*
Cash provided by:			
Operating activities:			
Net income for the period	\$ 15,398	\$ 17,135	\$ 22,327
Items not involving cash:			
Depreciation of property and equipment	8,961	5,722	3,727
Loss on write off of property and equipment	142	-	17
Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs	297	281	273
Amortization of intangible assets	10,333	9,243	8,400
Net amortization contract costs	(10)	14	-
Impairment of indefinite life intangible asset	-	-	111
Deferred income taxes (recovery)	1,285	1,038	(3,337)
Excess tax benefits on share-based compensation expense	(634)	(697)	(2,796)
Amortization of deferred rent	-	(14)	6
Net Right of use operating assets/Operating lease liability	(32)	-	-
Loss on disposal of domain names	115	341	291
Other income	-	(429)	(515)
Loss (gain) on change in the fair value of forward contracts	(313)	207	17
Stock-based compensation	2,876	2,574	1,457
Change in non-cash operating working capital:			
Accounts receivable	(3,015)	1,539	1,010
Inventory	318	(831)	(1,733)
Prepaid expenses and deposits	2,904	(1,286)	(1,642)
Prepaid domain name registry and ancillary services fees	7,678	20,476	4,030
Income taxes recoverable	(89)	2,691	(426)
Accounts payable	(1,222)	171	(3,826)
Accrued liabilities	2,329	(513)	(1,275)
Customer deposits	27	(3,336)	1,085
Deferred revenue	(6,900)	(16,888)	4,933
Accreditation fees payable	(67)	(229)	(238)
Net cash provided by operating activities	40,381	37,209	31,896
Financing activities:			
Proceeds received on exercise of stock options	395	112	222
Payment of tax obligations resulting from net exercise of stock options	(548)	(445)	(1,462)
Repurchase of common stock	(4,986)	-	-
Proceeds received on loan payable	57,371	7,000	86,998
Repayment of loan payable	(8,130)	(19,596)	(19,976)
Payment of loan payable costs	(641)	(8)	(620)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	43,461	(12,937)	65,162
Investing activities:			
Additions to property and equipment	(44,070)	(27,919)	(12,935)
Acquisition of a portion of the minority interest in Ting Virginia, LLC (note 3(a))	-	(1,200)	(2,000)
Acquisition of Enom Incorporated, net of cash (note 3(b))	-	-	(76,237)
Acquisition of Ascio Technologies, net of cash of \$1,437 (note 3(c))	(28,450)	-	-
Acquisition of intangible assets	(3,566)	(565)	(2,942)
Net cash used in investing activities	(76,086)	(29,684)	(94,114)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	7,756	(5,412)	2,944
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	12,637	18,049	15,105
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 20,393	\$ 12,637	\$ 18,049
Supplemental cash flow information:			
Interest paid	\$ 4,785	\$ 3,712	\$ 3,587
Income taxes paid, net	\$ 7,941	\$ 6,799	\$ 7,815
Supplementary disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:			
Property and equipment acquired during the period not yet paid for	\$ 548	\$ 1,462	\$ 214

*The Company has initially applied ASC 2014-09 (Topic 606) on January 1, 2018 and ASC 2016-02 (Topic 842) on January 1, 2019. Both accounting standards were adopted using the modified retrospective method, under this method the comparative periods were not restated.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

Tucows Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)

1. Organization of the Company:

Tucows Inc. (the “Company”) provides simple useful services that help people unlock the power of the Internet. The Company provides US consumers and small businesses with mobile phone services nationally and high-speed fixed Internet access in selected towns. The Company is also a global distributor of Internet services, including domain name registration, digital certificates, and email. It provides these services primarily through a global Internet-based distribution network of Internet Service Providers, web hosting companies and other providers of Internet services to end-users.

2. Significant Accounting Policies:

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) and are stated in U.S. dollars, except where otherwise noted.

(a) Basis of presentation

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated on consolidation.

(b) Use of estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, management evaluates its estimates, including those related to amounts recognized for carrying values of revenues, bad debts, inventory obsolescence which requires estimates of sales forecasts and other marketplace considerations, internal use software which requires estimates of whether the costs incurred meet the criteria for capitalization based on the stage of the projects, goodwill and intangible assets which require estimates of future cash flows and discount rates, lease liability which requires estimates of incremental borrowing rate and the expectation of exercising lease renewal periods, income taxes, contingencies and litigation, and estimates of credit spreads for determination of the fair value of derivative instruments. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances at the time they are made. Under different assumptions or conditions, the actual results will differ, potentially materially, from those previously estimated. Many of the conditions impacting these assumptions and estimates are outside of the Company’s control.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

All highly liquid investments, with an original term to maturity of three months or less are classified as cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost which approximates market value.

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(d) Inventory

Inventory primarily consists of mobile devices, mobile sim cards and related accessories, and Internet optical network terminals and are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is determined based on actual cost of the mobile device, accessory shipped or optical network terminals.

The net realizable value of inventory is analyzed on a regular basis. This analysis includes assessing obsolescence, sales forecasts, product life cycle, marketplace and other considerations. If assessments regarding the above factors adversely change, we may be required to write down the value of inventory.

(e) Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis so as to depreciate the cost of depreciable assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Asset	Rate
Computer equipment	30%
Computer software	33 1/3 - 100%
Furniture and equipment	20%
Vehicles and tools	20%
Fiber network (years)	15
Customer equipment and installations (years)	3
Leasehold improvements	Over term of lease
Assets under construction	N/A
Capitalized internal use software (years)	3 - 7

The Company reviews the carrying values of its property and equipment for potential impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to result from the use of the group of assets and their eventual disposition is less than their carrying amount, they are considered to be impaired. The amount of the impairment loss recognized is measured as the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset, with fair value being determined based upon discounted cash flows or appraised values, depending on the nature of the assets.

Additions to the fiber network are recorded at cost, including all material, labor, vehicle and installation and construction costs and certain indirect costs associated with the construction of cable transmission and distribution facilities. While the Company's capitalization is based on specific activities, once capitalized, costs are tracked by fixed asset category at the fiber network level and not on a specific asset basis. For assets that are retired, the estimated historical cost and related accumulated depreciation is removed.

Additions to land are recorded at cost, and include any direct costs associated with the purchase, as well as any direct costs incurred to bring it to the condition necessary for its intended use, such as legal fees associated with the acquisition and the cost of permanent improvements. Land is not depreciated.

We capitalize costs for software to be used internally when we enter the application development stage. This occurs when we complete the preliminary project stage, management authorizes and commits to funding the project, and it is feasible that the project will be completed and the software will perform the intended function. We cease to capitalize costs related to a software project when it enters the post implementation and operation stage.

Costs capitalized during the application development stage consist of payroll and related costs for employees who are directly associated with, and who devote time directly to, a project to develop software for internal use. We do not capitalize any general and administrative or overhead costs or costs incurred during the application development stage related to training or data conversion costs. Costs related to upgrades and enhancements to internal-use software, if those upgrades and enhancements result in additional functionality, are capitalized. If upgrades and enhancements do not result in additional functionality, those costs are expensed as incurred.

The capitalized software development costs are generally to be amortized using the straight-line method over a 3 to 7-year period. In determining and reassessing the estimated useful life over which the cost incurred for the software should be amortized, we consider the effects of obsolescence, technology, competition and other economic factors.

(f) Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses derivative financial instruments to manage foreign currency exchange risk. The Company accounts for these instruments in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 815, "Derivatives and Hedging" ("Topic 815"), which requires that every derivative instrument be recorded on the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value as of the reporting date. Topic 815 also requires that changes in our derivative financial instruments' fair values be recognized in earnings, unless specific hedge accounting and documentation criteria are met (i.e. the instruments are accounted for as hedges). The Company recorded the effective portions of the gain or loss on derivative financial instruments that were designated as cash flow hedges in accumulated other comprehensive income in our accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

For certain contracts, the Company has not complied with the documentation standards required for its forward foreign exchange contracts to be accounted for as hedges and has, therefore, accounted for such forward foreign exchange contracts at their fair values with the changes in fair value recorded in net income.

The fair value of the forward exchange contracts is determined using an estimated credit adjusted mark-to-market valuation which takes into consideration the Company's and the counterparty's credit risk. The valuation technique used to measure the fair values of the derivative instruments is a discounted cash flow technique, with all significant inputs derived from or corroborated by observable market data, as no quoted market prices exist for the derivative instruments. The discounted cash flow techniques use observable market inputs, such as foreign currency spot and forward rates.

(g) Goodwill and Other Intangible assets

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price over the fair values assigned to the net assets acquired in business combinations. The Company does not amortize goodwill. Impairment testing for goodwill is performed annually in the fourth quarter of each year or more frequently if impairment indicators are present. Impairment testing is performed at the operating segment level. The Company has determined that it has two operating segments, Domain Services and Network Access services.

The Company performs a qualitative assessment to determine whether there are events or circumstances which would lead to a determination that it is more likely than not that goodwill has been impaired. If, after this qualitative assessment, the Company determines that it is not more likely than not that goodwill has been impaired, then no further quantitative testing is necessary. In performance of the qualitative test, an evaluation is made of the impact of various factors to the expected future cash flows attributable to its operating segments and to the assumed discount rate which would be used to present value those cash flows. Consideration is given to factors such as, macro-economic and industry and market conditions including the capital markets and the competitive environment amongst others. In the event that the qualitative tests indicate that there may be impairment, quantitative impairment testing is required.

If required to perform the quantitative test, the Company uses a discounted cash flow or income approach in which future expected cash flows at the operating segment level are converted to present value using factors that consider the timing and risk of the future cash flows. The estimate of cash flows used is prepared on an unleveraged debt-free basis. The discount rate reflects a market-derived weighted average cost of capital. The Company believes that this approach is appropriate because it provides a fair value estimate based upon the Company's expected long-term operating and cash flow performance for its operating segment. The projections are based upon the Company's best estimates of projected economic and market conditions over the related period including growth rates, estimates of future expected changes in operating margins and cash expenditures.

Other significant estimates and assumptions include terminal value growth rates, terminal value margin rates, future capital expenditures and changes in future working capital. If assumptions and estimates used to allocate the purchase price or used to assess impairment prove to be inaccurate, future asset impairment charges could be required.

Intangibles Assets Not Subject to Amortization

Intangible assets not subject to amortization consist of surname domain names and direct navigation domain names. While the domain names are renewed annually, through payment of a renewal fee to the applicable registry, the Company has the exclusive right to renew these names at its option. Renewals occur routinely and at a nominal cost. Moreover, the Company has determined that there are currently no legal, regulatory, contractual, economic or other factors that limit the useful life of these domain names on an aggregate basis and accordingly treat the portfolio of domain names as indefinite life intangible assets. The Company re-evaluates the useful life determination for domain names in the portfolio each year to determine whether events and circumstances continue to support an indefinite useful life.

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The Company reviews individual domain names in the portfolio for potential impairment throughout the fiscal year in determining whether a particular name should be renewed. Impairment is recognized for names that are not renewed.

Intangible Assets Subject to Amortization

Intangible assets subject to amortization, consist of brand, customer relationships, technology and network rights and are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

	(in years)
Technology	2
Brand	7
Customer relationships	3 - 7
Network rights	15

The Company continually evaluates whether events or circumstances have occurred that indicate the remaining estimated useful lives of its intangible assets subject to amortization may warrant revision or that the remaining balance of such assets may not be recoverable. The Company uses an estimate of the related undiscounted cash flows over the remaining life of the asset in measuring whether the asset is recoverable.

(h) Revenue recognition

See “Note 10 – Revenue” for a description of the Company’s Revenue recognition policy and a further description of the principal activities – separated by reportable segments – from which the Company generates its revenue.

(i) Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue primarily relates to the unearned portion of revenues received in advance related to the unexpired term of registration fees from domain name registrations and other domain related Internet services, on both a wholesale and retail basis, net of external commissions.

(j) Contract Costs

See “Note 11 – Costs to obtain and fulfill a contract” for a description of the Company’s Contract Cost recognition policy.

(k) Leases

See note 2(v) for the Company’s adoption of ASC 842 on January 1, 2019.

Under ASC 842, we determine if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Our lease agreements generally contain lease and non-lease components. Payments under our lease arrangements are primarily fixed. Non-lease components primarily include payments for maintenance and utilities. We combine fixed payments for non-lease components with lease payments and account for them together as a single lease component which increases the amount of our lease assets and liabilities.

Certain lease agreements contain variable payments, which are expensed as incurred and not included in the lease assets and liabilities. These amounts include payments affected by payments contingent the number of Ting internet subscribers connected to a leased fiber network, and payments for maintenance and utilities.

We have elected to consider leases with a term of 12 months or less as short-term, and as such have not been recognized on the balance sheet. We recognize lease expense for short-term leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Lease assets and liabilities are recognized at the present value of the future lease payments at the lease commencement date. The interest rate used to determine the present value of the future lease payments is our incremental borrowing rate, because the interest rate implicit in our leases is not readily determinable. Our incremental borrowing rate is estimated to approximate the interest rate on a collateralized basis with similar terms and payments, and in economic environments where the leased asset is located. Our lease terms include periods under options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that we will exercise that option. We generally use the base, non-cancelable, lease term when determining the lease assets and liabilities. Lease assets also include any prepaid lease payments.

Operating lease assets and liabilities are included on our Consolidated Balance Sheet beginning January 1, 2019.

Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(l) Accreditation fees payable

In accordance with ICANN rules, the Company has elected to pay ICANN fees incurred on the registration of Generic Top-Level Domains on an annual basis. Accordingly, accreditation fees that relate to registrations completed prior to ICANN rendering a bill are accrued and reflected as accreditation fees payable.

(m) Prepaid domain name registry fees

Prepaid domain name registry and other Internet services fees represent amounts paid to registries, and country code domain name operators for updating and maintaining the registries, as well as to suppliers of other Internet services. Domain name registry and other Internet services fees are recognized on a straight-line basis over the life of the contracted registration term.

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(n) Translation of foreign currency transactions

The Company's functional currency is the United States dollar. Monetary assets and liabilities of the Company and of its wholly owned subsidiaries that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated into United States dollars at the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet dates. Non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the historical exchange rates. Transactions included in operations are translated at the rate at the date of the transactions.

(o) Income taxes

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 carry forwards. 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 net income in the year that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is recorded if it is not "more likely than not" that some portion of or all of a deferred tax asset will be realized.

The Company recognizes the impact of an uncertain income tax position at the largest amount that is more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon audit by the relevant taxing authority and includes consideration of interest and penalties. An uncertain income tax position will not be recognized if it has less than a 50% likelihood of being sustained. The liability for unrecognized tax benefits is classified as non-current unless the liability is expected to be settled in cash within 12 months of the reporting date.

(p) Stock-based compensation

Stock-based compensation expense recognized during the period is based on the value of the portion of stock-based payment awards that is ultimately expected to vest, reduced for estimated forfeitures.

(q) Earnings per common share

Basic earnings per common share has been calculated on the basis of net income for the year divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each year. Diluted earnings per share gives effect to all dilutive potential common shares outstanding at the end of the year assuming that they had been issued, converted or exercised at the later of the beginning of the year or their date of issuance. In computing diluted earnings per share, the treasury stock method is used to determine the number of shares assumed to be purchased from the conversion of common share equivalents or the proceeds of the exercise of options.

(r) Concentration of credit risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash equivalents, accounts receivable and forward foreign exchange contracts. Cash equivalents consist of deposits with major commercial banks, the maturities of which are three months or less from the date of purchase. With respect to accounts receivable, the Company performs periodic credit evaluations of the financial condition of its customers and typically does not require collateral from them. The counterparty to any forward foreign exchange contracts is a major commercial bank which management believes does not represent a significant credit risk. Management assesses the need for allowances for potential credit losses by considering the credit risk of specific customers, historical trends and other information.

(s) Fair value measurement

Fair value of financial assets and liabilities is defined as an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. The three-tier hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value, which prioritizes the inputs used in the methodologies of measuring fair value for assets and liabilities, is as follows:

- Level 1—Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2—Observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities
- Level 3—No observable pricing inputs in the market

Financial assets and financial liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurements. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurements requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of the assets and liabilities being measured and their placement within the fair value hierarchy.

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accreditation fees payable, customer deposits and accrued liabilities (level 2 measurements) approximate their carrying values due to the relatively short periods to maturity of the instruments.

The fair value of the derivative financial instruments is determined using an estimated credit-adjusted mark-to-market valuation (a level 2 measurement) which takes into consideration the Company and the counterparty credit risk.

(t) Investments

The Company accounts for investment in entities over which it has the ability to exert significant influence, but does not control and is not the primary beneficiary of, using the equity method of accounting. The Company includes the proportionate share of earnings (loss) of the equity method investees in Other Income in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income. The proportional shares of affiliate earnings or losses accounted for under the equity method of accounting were not material for all periods presented.

(u) Segment reporting

The Company operates in two operating segments, Domain Services and Network Access Services.

The Company's Domain Services revenues are attributed to the country in which the contract originates. Revenues from domain names issued under the OpenSRS brand from the Ontario, Canada location are attributed to Canada because it is impracticable to determine the country of the customer. Revenues from domain names issued under the eNom brand from the Washington state location are attributable to the United States because it is impracticable to determine the country of the customer. The Company's Network Access Services which consist primarily of mobile telephony services, and the provisioning of high speed Internet access and consulting services, are generated primarily through its business operations in the United States.

The Company's assets are primarily located in Canada, the United States and Europe.

(v) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Recent Accounting Pronouncements Adopted

ASU 2016-02: Adoption of Leases (Topic 842)

The Company adopted ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842) ("ASU 2016-02") as of January 1, 2019.

The Company has elected to apply ASU 2016-02 using the modified retrospective approach with the transition relief provided by ASC 2018-11, which allows the Company to use January 1, 2019 as the date of initial application. As a result, all comparative periods have not been restated and continue to be reported under Topic 840.

The Company elected the practical expedient to use hindsight when considering the likelihood that lessee options to extend or terminate a lease or purchase the underlying asset will be exercised, and in assessing the impairment of right-of-use assets.

The Company elected the practical expedient to separate non-lease components from the associated lease components for its existing datacenter, corporate offices and fiber-optic cable leases at transition.

As a result of adopting ASU 2016-02, the most significant effects were the recognition of a right-of-use ("ROU") asset and lease liability related to operating leases of approximately \$8.8 million and approximately \$8.3 million, respectively at January 1, 2019. The difference between the ROU asset and lease liability of \$0.5 million was due to the net reclassification of previously deferred rent and prepaid expenses of approximately \$0.1 million and approximately \$0.6 million, respectively to the ROU asset. There was no impact on opening retained earnings on adoption. The adoption of ASU 2016-02 did not have a significant impact on our consolidated statements of comprehensive income or our consolidated statements of cash flows.

ASU 2014-09: Adoption of Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)

On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASU 2014-09 using the modified retrospective method by recognizing the cumulative effect of initially applying ASU 2014-09 as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity as at January 1, 2018. The results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2018 are presented under ASU 2014-09, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with our historic accounting policy, under Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 605, Revenue Recognition (ASC Topic 605). The adoption of ASU 2014-09 did not affect the Company’s cash flows from operating, investing, or financing activities. Furthermore, the impact on timing of revenue recognition was not material as the treatment of revenue for services rendered over time is consistent under ASU 2014-09 and ASC Topic 605. The details of the significant changes and quantitative impact of the changes are set out below. For a more comprehensive description of how the Company recognizes revenue under the new revenue standard in accordance with its performance obligations, see Note 10 – Revenue for more information.

The Company previously recognized commission fees related to Ting Mobile, Ting Internet, eNom domain registration and eNom domain related value-added service contracts as selling expenses when they were incurred. Under ASU 2014-09, when these commission fees are deemed incremental and are expected to be recovered, the Company capitalizes as an asset such commission fees as costs of obtaining a contract. These commission fees are amortized into income consistently with the pattern of transfer of the good or service to which the asset relates. The amortization of deferred costs of acquisition are amortized into Sales and marketing expense. The estimation of the amortization period for the costs to obtain a contract requires judgement.

Under ASU 2014-09, the Company has applied the following practical expedients:

- a) When the amortization period for costs incurred to obtain a contract with a customer is less than one year, the Company has elected to apply a practical expedient to expense the costs as incurred; and
- b) For mobile and internet access services, where the performance obligation is part of contracts that have an original expected duration of one year or less (typically one month), the Company has elected to apply a practical expedient to not disclose revenues expected to be recognized in the future related performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied).

On January 1, 2018 as a result of adopting ASU 2014-09, the Company recorded a contract cost asset of \$1.4 million with a corresponding increase to opening retained earnings and deferred tax liability of \$1.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, due to the deferral of costs of obtaining contracts.

ASU 2017-12: Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815)

In August 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued ASU No. 2017-12, *Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities* (“ASU 2017-12”), which better aligns an entity’s risk management activities and financial reporting for hedging relationship through changes to both the designation and measurement guidance for qualifying hedging relationships and presentation of hedge results. The new standard expands and refines hedge accounting for both nonfinancial and financial risk components and aligns the recognition and presentation of the effects of the hedging instrument and hedged item in the financial statements. The Company adopted the targeted improvements to ASU 2017-12 on January 1, 2019 using a modified retrospective approach to existing hedging relationships. The new guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-15, *Intangibles—Goodwill and Other—Internal-Use Software* (Subtopic 350-40): Customer’s Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement (“ASU 2018-15”). ASU 2018-15 helps entities evaluate the accounting for fees paid by a customer in a cloud computing arrangement (hosting arrangement) by providing guidance on accounting for implementation costs when the cloud computing arrangement does not include a license and is accounted for as a service contract. The amendments in ASU 2018-15 require an entity (customer) in a hosting arrangement to assess which implementation costs to capitalize vs expense as it relates to a service contract. The amendments also require the entity (customer) to expense the capitalized implementation costs of a hosting arrangement that is a service contract over the term of the hosting arrangement. ASU 2018-15 will be effective for the Company for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company does not believe there will be a material impact as a result of adopting this standard.

3. Acquisitions:

(a) Blue Ridge Websoft

On February 27, 2015, Ting Fiber, Inc. (“Ting”), one of the Company’s wholly owned subsidiaries, acquired a 70% ownership interest in Ting Virginia, LLC and its subsidiaries, Blue Ridge Websoft, LLC (doing business as Blue Ridge Internet Works), Fiber Roads, LLC and Navigator Network Services, LLC for consideration of approximately \$3.5 million.

On February 1, 2017, under the terms of a call option in the agreement, Ting acquired an additional 20% interest in Ting Virginia, LLC from the selling shareholders (the “Minority Shareholders”) for consideration of \$2.0 million.

On February 13, 2018, the Company entered into an agreement with the Minority Shareholders pursuant to which the Minority Shareholders could immediately exercise their put option to sell their remaining 10% ownership interest in Ting Virginia, LLC for \$1.2 million to the Company. The put option was exercised on February 13, 2018 and the Company paid \$1.2 million for the remaining 10% ownership interest and Ting Virginia, LLC became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

(b) eNom, Incorporated

On January 20, 2017, the Company entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement with its indirect wholly owned subsidiary, Tucows (Emerald), LLC, Rightside Group, Ltd., and Rightside Operating Co., pursuant to which Tucows (Emerald), LLC purchased from Rightside Operating Co. all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of eNom, Incorporated, a domain name registrar business. The purchase price was \$77.8 million, which represented the agreed upon purchase of \$83.5 million less an amount of \$5.7 million related to the working capital deficiency acquired.

As required by ASC 805, Business Combinations, the Company has recorded deferred revenue at fair value at the acquisition date, which was determined by estimating the costs associated with customer support services and prepaid domain name registration fees to fulfill the contractual obligations over the remaining life of the contract at the acquisition date plus a normal profit margin.

The goodwill related to this acquisition is primarily attributable to synergies expected to arise from the acquisition and is not deductible for tax purposes.

In connection with this acquisition, the Company incurred total acquisition related costs of \$0.3 million included in General & Administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for Fiscal 2017.

The amortization for the brands, technology and customer relationships are 7, 2 and 7 years, respectively.

The Company has prepared a final purchase price allocation of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed of eNom based on management’s best estimates of fair value. The final purchase price reflects the final appraisals, valuations and analyses of the fair value of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities.

The following table shows the final allocation of the purchase price for eNom to the acquired identifiable assets and liabilities assumed (*thousands of U.S. dollars*):

Goodwill	\$	69,048
Cash		1,594
Brand		12,400
Developed technology		3,900
Customer relationships		28,000
Prepaid domain registry fees		70,644
Other assets		10,171
Total assets		<u>195,757</u>
Deferred Revenue		(77,799)
Deferred Tax Liabilities		(24,223)
Other liabilities		(15,903)
Total liabilities		<u>(117,925)</u>
Consideration Paid	\$	<u>77,832</u>

(c) Ascio

On March 18, 2019, the Company entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with its indirect wholly owned subsidiary, Ting Fiber, Inc., and NetNames European Holdings ApS, CSC Administrative Services Limited UK, and Corporation Service Company (“CSC”), pursuant to which Ting Fiber, Inc. purchased from CSC all of the equity of Ascio Technologies, Inc. (“Ascio”), a domain registrar business, and all of CSC’s assets related to that business. The final purchase price was \$29.9 million, which represented the agreed upon purchase of \$29.44 million plus an amount of \$0.45 million related to the estimated working capital deficiency acquired.

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As required by ASC 805, Business Combinations, the Company has recorded deferred revenue at fair value at the acquisition date, which was determined by estimating the costs associated with customer support services and prepaid domain name registration fees to fulfill the contractual obligations over the remaining life of the contract at the acquisition date plus a normal profit margin.

Goodwill	\$	19,765
Cash		1,437
Brand		2,090
Developed technology		2,440
Customer relationships		10,610
Prepaid domain registry fees		10,318
Other assets		2,218
Total assets		48,878
Deferred Revenue		(12,510)
Deferred Tax Liabilities		(2,852)
Other liabilities		(3,630)
Total liabilities		(18,992)
Consideration Paid	\$	29,886

All definite life intangible assets acquired, including brand, developed technology and customer relationships will be amortized over 7 years.

The goodwill related this acquisition is primarily attributable to synergies expected to arise from the acquisition and is deductible for US tax purposes but non-deductible for Danish tax purposes.

In connection with this acquisition, the Company incurred total acquisition related costs of \$0.5 million of which \$0.3 million were included in General & Administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income during Fiscal 2019.

The following table presents selected unaudited pro forma information for the Company assuming the acquisition of Ascio had occurred as of January 1, 2018. This pro forma information does not purport to represent what the Company's actual results would have been if the acquisition had occurred as of the date indicated or what results would be for any future periods.

	Unaudited	
	Twelve months ended December 31,	
	2019	2018
Net revenues	\$ 341,860	\$ 365,963
Net income	15,466	14,404
Basic earnings per common share	1.46	1.36
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.44	\$ 1.33

The amount of revenue recognized since the acquisition date included in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income statement for Fiscal 2019 is \$17.4 million.

The net income recognized since the acquisition date included in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income for Fiscal 2019 are losses of \$1.7 million.

4. Property and Equipment:

Property and equipment consist of the following (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Computer equipment	\$ 18,027	\$ 13,566
Computer software	2,336	1,496
Capitalized internal use software	1,270	-
Furniture and equipment	1,394	1,364
Vehicles and tools	2,656	2,323
Fiber network	40,645	30,215
Customer equipment and installations	8,586	4,939
Land	1,511	823
Assets under construction	30,352	10,030
Leasehold improvements	542	229
	107,319	64,985
Less:		
Accumulated depreciation	25,198	16,920
	\$ 82,121	\$ 48,065

Depreciation of property and equipment (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

Year Ended December 31,	Year Ended December 31,	Year Ended December 31,
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	2019	2018	2017
Depreciation of property and equipment	\$ 8,961	\$ 5,722	\$ 3,727

During the year ended December 31, 2019, property, plant and equipment with a net book value of \$0.1 million was written off. During the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, property, plant and equipment with a net book value of \$nil, and \$nil respectively were written off.

5. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed in our acquisitions.

The Company's Goodwill balance is \$109.8 million as of December 31, 2019 and \$90.1 million as of December 31, 2018. The Company's goodwill relates 98% (\$107.7 million) to its Domain Services operating segment and 2% (\$2.1 million) to its Network Access Services operating segment.

Goodwill is not amortized, but is subject to an annual impairment test. The Company performed an impairment analysis as outlined in "Note 2(g) – Significant Accounting Policies" and there were no indications of impairment for Fiscal 2019 and Fiscal 2018.

Other Intangible Assets:

Intangible assets consist of acquired brand, technology, customer relationships, surname domain names, direct navigation domain names and network rights. The Company considers its intangible assets consisting of surname domain names and direct navigation domain names as indefinite life intangible assets. The Company has the exclusive right to these domain names as long as the annual renewal fees are paid to the applicable registry. Renewals occur routinely and at a nominal cost. The indefinite life intangible assets are not amortized, but are subject to impairment assessments performed throughout the year. During Fiscal 2019, we assessed that certain domain names that were originally acquired in the June 2006 acquisition of Mailbank.com Inc. that were up for renewal, should not be renewed. During the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, domain names with a book value of \$nil, were not renewed and were recorded as an impairment of indefinite life intangible assets. During the year ended December 31, 2017 domain names, with a book value of \$0.1 million, were not renewed and were recorded as impairments of indefinite life intangible assets.

Intangible assets, comprising brand, technology, customer relationships and network rights are being amortized on a straight-line basis over periods of two to fifteen years.

On November 16, 2018, the Company acquired the right from The People's Operator USA, LLC ("TPO") to mass migrate TPO MVNO customers based in the United States, for consideration of \$0.4 million. These assets have been assigned to Customer Relationships and are being amortized over 3 years.

In the third quarter of 2019, the Company acquired the mobile customer base of FreedomPop and Unreal Mobile brands from STS Media Inc., operating on the Sprint network. The migration of these customers occurred over a 60-day period, ending in September 2019 with subscribers having the option to accept the Ting offering or cancel or port their service elsewhere. The final purchase price was \$3.5 million. These assets have been assigned to Customer Relationships and are being amortized over 3 years.

Acquired intangible assets consist of the following (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

Amortization period	Surname domain names	Direct navigation domain names	Brand	Customer relationships	Technology	Network rights	Total
	indefinite life	indefinite life	7 years	3 - 7 years	2 - 7 years	15 years	
Balances, December 31, 2017	\$ 11,257	\$ 1,505	\$ 10,793	\$ 32,185	\$ 2,113	\$ 561	\$ 58,414
Acquisition of customer relationships	-	-	-	565	-	-	565
Additions to/(disposals from) domain portfolio, net	(81)	(260)	-	-	-	-	(341)
Amortization expense	-	-	(1,789)	(5,458)	(1,950)	(46)	(9,243)
Balances December 31, 2018	\$ 11,176	\$ 1,245	\$ 9,004	\$ 27,292	\$ 163	\$ 515	\$ 49,395
Ascio Technologies Inc. acquisition	-	-	2,090	10,610	2,440	-	15,140
FreedomPop acquisition	-	-	-	3,475	-	-	3,475
Acquisition of customer relationships	-	-	-	91	-	-	91
Additions to/(disposals from) domain portfolio, net	(12)	(102)	-	-	-	-	(114)
Amortization expense	-	-	(2,003)	(7,197)	(1,087)	(46)	(10,333)
Balances December 31, 2019	\$ 11,164	\$ 1,143	\$ 9,091	\$ 34,271	\$ 1,516	\$ 469	\$ 57,654

The following table shows the estimated amortization expense for each of the next 5 years, assuming no further additions to acquired intangible assets are made (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	Year ending December 31,
2020	\$ 9,416
2021	10,455
2022	10,455
2023	9,386
2024	2,796
Thereafter	2,839
Total	\$ 45,347

6. Fair Value Measurement:

For financial assets and liabilities recorded in our financial statements at fair value we utilize a valuation hierarchy for disclosure of the inputs to valuation used to measure fair value. This hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs are quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets or inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly through market corroboration, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs based on the Company's own assumptions used to measure assets and liabilities at fair value. A financial asset or liability's classification within the hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following table provides a summary of the fair values of the Company's derivative instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as at December 31, 2019 (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	December 31, 2019			Assets (Liabilities) at Fair value
	Fair Value Measurement Using			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Derivative instrument asset	\$ -	\$ 731	\$ -	\$ 731
Total Assets	\$ -	\$ 731	\$ -	\$ 731

The following table provides a summary of the fair values of the Company's derivative instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as at December 31, 2018 (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	December 31, 2018			Assets (Liabilities) at Fair value
	Fair Value Measurement Using			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Derivative instrument liability	\$ -	\$ (1,276)	\$ -	\$ (1,276)
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ (1,276)	\$ -	\$ (1,276)

7. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities:

Foreign currency forward contracts

Since October 2012, the Company has employed a hedging program with a Canadian chartered bank to limit the potential foreign exchange fluctuations incurred on its future cash flows related to a portion of payroll, taxes, rent and payments to Canadian domain name registry suppliers that are denominated in Canadian dollars and are expected to be paid by its Canadian operating subsidiary. As part of its risk management strategy, the Company uses derivative instruments to hedge a portion of the foreign exchange risk associated with these costs. The Company does not use these forward contracts for trading or speculative purposes. These forward contracts typically mature between one and eighteen months.

The Company has designated certain of these transactions as cash flow hedges of forecasted transactions under ASC Topic 815. For certain contracts, as the critical terms of the hedging instrument, and of the entire hedged forecasted transaction, are the same, in accordance with ASC Topic 815, the Company has been able to conclude that changes in fair value and cash flows attributable to the risk of being hedged are expected to completely offset at inception and on an ongoing basis. Accordingly, unrealized gains or losses on the effective portion of these contracts have been included within other comprehensive income. The fair value of the contracts, as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, is recorded as derivative instrument assets or liabilities. For certain contracts where the hedged transactions are no longer probable to occur, the loss on the associated forward contract is recognized in earnings.

As of December 31, 2019, the notional amount of forward contracts that the Company held to sell U.S. dollars in exchange for Canadian dollars was \$30.5 million, of which \$26.1 million met the requirements of ASC Topic 815 and were designated as hedges.

As of December 31, 2018 the notional amount of forward contracts that the Company held to sell U.S. dollars in exchange for Canadian dollars was \$40.5 million, of which \$36.5 million met the requirements of ASC Topic 815 and were designated as hedges.

As of December 31, 2019, we had the following outstanding forward contracts to trade U.S. dollars in exchange for Canadian dollars:

Maturity date (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)	Notional amount of U.S. dollars	Weighted average exchange rate of U.S. dollars	Fair value
January - March 2020	10,729	1.3296	259
April - June 2020	9,654	1.3296	232
July - September 2020	5,300	1.3296	127
October - December 2020	4,803	1.3296	113
	<u>\$ 30,486</u>	1.3296	<u>\$ 731</u>

Fair value of derivative instruments and effect of derivative instruments on financial performance

The effect of these derivative instruments on our consolidated financial statements as of, and for the year ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, were as follows (amounts presented do not include any income tax effects).

Fair value of derivative instruments in the consolidated balance sheets (see “Note 6 – Fair Value Measurement”)

Derivatives (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)	Balance Sheet Location	As of December 31, 2019 Fair Value Asset	As of December 31, 2018 Fair Value Liability
Foreign Currency forward contracts designated as cash flow hedges (net)	Derivative instruments	\$ 626	\$ (1,069)
Foreign Currency forward contracts not designated as cash flow hedges (net)	Derivative instruments	105	(207)
Total foreign currency forward contracts (net)	Derivative instruments	\$ 731	\$ (1,276)

Movement in AOCI balance for the year ended December 31, 2019 (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Gains and losses on cash flow hedges	Tax impact	Total AOCI
Opening AOCI balance - December 31, 2018	\$ (1,069)	\$ 259	\$ (810)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	1,454	(353)	1,101
Amount reclassified from AOCI	240	(58)	182
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the year ended December 31, 2019	1,694	(411)	1,283
Ending AOCI Balance - December 31, 2019	\$ 625	\$ (152)	\$ 473

Movement in AOCI balance for the year ended December 31, 2018 (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Gains and losses on cash flow hedges	Tax impact	Total AOCI
Opening AOCI balance - December 31, 2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	(1,350)	328	(1,022)
Amount reclassified from AOCI	281	(69)	212
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the year ended December 31, 2018	(1,069)	259	(810)
Ending AOCI Balance - December 31, 2018	\$ (1,069)	\$ 259	\$ (810)

Movement in AOCI balance for the year ended December 31, 2017 (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Gains and losses on cash flow hedges	Tax impact	Total AOCI
Opening AOCI balance - December 31, 2016	\$ 156	\$ (56)	\$ 100
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	863	(313)	550
Amount reclassified from AOCI	(1,019)	369	(650)
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the year ended December 31, 2017	(156)	56	(100)
Ending AOCI Balance - December 31, 2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Effects of derivative instruments on income and other comprehensive income (OCI) (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)

Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationship	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI, net of tax, on Derivative	Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income
		Operating expenses	\$ (197)
Foreign currency forward contracts for the year ended December 31, 2019	\$ 1,283	Cost of revenues	\$ (43)
		Operating expenses	\$ (245)
Foreign currency forward contracts for the year ended December 31, 2018	\$ (810)	Cost of revenues	\$ (36)
		Operating expenses	\$ 879
Foreign currency forward contracts for the year ended December 31, 2017	\$ (100)	Cost of revenues	\$ 140

We have entered into certain forward exchange contracts that do not comply with the requirements of hedge accounting to meet a portion of our future Canadian dollar requirements through December 2019. During Fiscal 2019, the Company recorded a net gain of \$0.3 million on the change in fair value of outstanding contracts as well as a \$0.1 million realized loss on matured contracts. In Fiscal 2018 the Company recorded a net loss of \$0.2 million for the change in fair value of outstanding contracts and a loss of less than \$0.1 million of settlements of contracts not designated as hedges. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company recorded a gain of \$0.1 million on matured contracts, with no contracts outstanding at December 31, 2017.

8. Loan Payable:

Amended 2019 Credit Facility

On June 14, 2019, the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Tucows.com Co., Ting Fiber, Inc., Ting Inc., Tucows (Delaware) Inc. and Tucows (Emerald), LLC entered into an Amended and Restated Senior Secured Credit Agreement (the “Amended 2019 Credit Facility”) with Royal Bank (“RBC”), as administrative agent, and lenders party thereto (collectively with RBC, the “Lenders”) under which the Company has access to an aggregate of up to \$240 million in funds, which consists of \$180 million guaranteed credit facility and a \$60 million accordion facility. The Amended 2019 Credit Facility replaced the Company’s 2017 Amended Credit Facility.

In connection with the Amended 2019 Credit Facility, the Company incurred \$0.3 million of fees paid to the Lenders and \$0.2 million of legal fees related to the debt issuance. Of these fees, \$0.4 million are debt issuance costs, which have been reflected as a reduction to the carrying amount of the loan payable and will be amortized over the term of the credit facility agreement and \$0.1 million have been recorded in General and administrative expenses.

The obligations of the Company under the Amended 2019 Credit Agreement are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the personal property and assets of the Company and has a four-year term, maturing on June 13, 2023.

2017 Amended Credit Facility

Prior to entering into the Amended 2019 Credit Facility, the Company had entered into a secured Credit Agreement (as amended, the “2017 Amended Credit Facility”) on January 20, 2017 with Bank of Montreal (“BMO”), RBC and Bank of Nova Scotia (collectively, the “Previous Lenders”) under which the Company had access to an aggregate of up to \$140 million in funds.

On March 18, 2019, the Company entered into the Second Amendment to the 2017 Credit Facility to provide the Previous Lenders’ consent for the acquisition of Ascio (discussed in “Note 3 (c) – Acquisitions”), advance the acquisition funding and to reallocate borrowing limits between loan facilities. We incurred costs associated with the Second Amendment to the 2017 Credit Facility of \$0.2 million, which were recorded as debt issuance costs.

The obligations of the Company under the 2017 Amended Credit Facility were secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the personal property and assets of the Company and had a four-year term.

Credit Facility Terms

The Amended 2019 Credit Facility is revolving with interest only payments with no scheduled repayments during the term.

The Amended 2019 Credit Facility contains customary representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants, and events of default. The Amended 2019 Credit Facility requires that the Company to comply with the following financial covenants: (i) at all times, a Total Funded Debt to Adjusted EBITDA Ratio (as defined in the Amended 2019 Credit Agreement) of 3.50:1; and (ii) with respect to each fiscal quarter, an Interest Coverage Ratio (as defined in the Amended 2019 Credit Agreement) of not less than 3.00:1. Further, the Company's maximum annual Capital Expenditures cannot exceed 110% of the forecasted capital expenditures of its annual business plan. In addition, share repurchases require the Lenders' consent if the Company's Total Funded Debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio exceeds 2.00:1. As at and for the period ending December 31, 2019, the Company was in compliance with these covenants and as at and for the period ending December 31, 2018, the Company was in compliance with the covenants under the 2017 Amended Credit Facility.

Borrowings under the Amended 2019 Credit Facility will accrue interest and standby fees based on the Company's Total Funded Debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio and the availability type as follows:

Availability type or fee	If Total Funded Debt to EBITDA is:			
	Less than 1.00	Greater than or equal to 1.00 and less than 2.00	Greater than or equal to 2.00 and less than 2.50	Greater than or equal to 2.50
Canadian dollar borrowings based on Bankers' Acceptance or U.S. dollar borrowings based on LIBOR (Margin)	1.50%	1.85%	2.35%	2.85%
Canadian or U.S. dollar borrowings based on Prime Rate or U.S. dollar borrowings based on Base Rate (Margin)	0.25%	0.60%	1.10%	1.60%
Standby fees	0.30%	0.37%	0.47%	0.57%

The following table summarizes the Company's borrowings under the credit facilities (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	<u>December 31, 2019</u>	<u>December 31, 2018</u>
Revolver	114,400	-
Facility A	-	1,000
Facility B	-	6,000
Facility C	-	3,232
Facility D	-	54,924
Less: unamortized debt discount and issuance costs	(897)	(555)
Total loan payable	113,503	64,601
Less: loan payable, current portion	-	(18,400)
Loan payable, long-term portion	113,503	46,201

The following table summarizes our scheduled principal repayments as of December 31, 2019 (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

2020	-
2021	-
2022	-
2023	114,400
	<u>\$ 114,400</u>

Other Credit Facilities

Prior to the Company entering into the Amended 2019 Credit Facility and the 2017 Amended Credit Facility, the Company had credit agreements (collectively the "Prior Credit Facilities") with BMO, which provided the Company with access to a treasury risk management facility and a credit card facility. All remaining credit facilities under the Prior Credit Facilities have been terminated.

9. Income Taxes:

The provision for income taxes differs from the amount computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate of 21% for the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 and 35% for the year ended December 31, 2017, to income before provision for income taxes as a result of the following (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	Year ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Income for the year before provision for income taxes	\$ 24,571	\$ 26,155	\$ 24,075
Computed federal tax expense	5,160	5,492	8,185
Increase (reduction) in income tax expense resulting from:			
State income taxes	526	846	657
Effect of the decrease in Federal tax rate on deferred taxes	-	-	(10,036)
Change in Valuation allowance	5,277	2,811	1,276
Non-creditable Foreign Tax	515	-	2,903
Excess tax benefits on share-based compensation expense	(634)	(697)	(2,796)
Permanent differences	(103)	159	1,636
Effect of deferred tax in foreign branch	(840)	-	-
Others	(728)	409	(77)
Provision for income taxes	\$ 9,173	\$ 9,020	\$ 1,748

On December 22, 2017, the U.S. Government enacted comprehensive tax legislation commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Tax Act). The Tax Act makes broad and complex changes to the U.S. tax code, including, but not limited to: (1) reducing the U.S. federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%; (2) changing rules related to uses and limitations of net operating loss carry forwards created in tax years beginning after December 31, 2017; (3) bonus depreciation allows for full expensing of qualified property; (4) creating a new limitation on deductible interest expense; (5) eliminating the corporate alternative minimum tax; and (6) new tax rules related to foreign operations.

In Fiscal 2019, the Company was able to utilize the bonus depreciation with respect to its continued investment in the Ting Internet business. The impact of this, together with the reduction in tax rate to 21%, make it unlikely we will ultimately be able to fully claim the Fiscal 2019 foreign taxes paid in future years. In addition, the Company generated net operating losses of \$0.3 million which it does not expect to be able to utilize in the future. As such, we have taken a valuation allowance on foreign tax credits not utilized for 2019 income tax purposes and net operating losses not expected to be utilized in the future, the net negative effect of which is a \$5.3 million addition to income tax expense.

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In Fiscal 2017, we reflected a net \$5.8 million non-cash tax benefit through income from continuing operations for the re-measurement impact related to the changes in tax laws included in the Tax Act. The primary driver of this re-measurement was the result of the reduction in the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% which resulted in our recognizing, based on the rates at which they are expected to reverse in the future, a \$10.0 million non-cash tax benefit through income from continuing operations for the re-measurement of our deferred tax assets and liabilities. This amount was partially offset by our recording a valuation allowance of \$1.3 million related to prior year Foreign Tax Credits that we have determined are no longer more likely than not to be used as the tax rate in the jurisdiction where these Foreign Tax Credits were generated is higher than the 21% corporate tax rate. In addition, the impact of the prepaid registry fee deduction, more fully described below, together with the reduction in the tax rate to 21% made it unlikely we would be able to claim the Fiscal 2017 foreign taxes paid in future years and as such opted to utilize the foreign taxes paid as a deduction for 2017 income tax purposes, the net negative effect of which was a \$2.9 million addition to income tax expense.

On December 22, 2017, the SEC issued guidance to address the application of GAAP in situations when a registrant does not have the necessary information available, prepared or analyzed (including computations) in reasonable detail to complete the accounting for certain income tax effects of the Tax Act. The completion of our 2017 income tax returns, future guidance and additional information and interpretations with the respect to the Tax Act resulted in insignificant adjustments related to provisional impact estimates from Fiscal 2017.

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The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2019, and 2018 are presented below (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	<u>December 31, 2019</u>	<u>December 31, 2018</u>
Deferred tax assets (liabilities):		
Deferred tax assets:		
Deferred revenue	\$ 6,301	\$ 6,497
Foreign tax credits and general business credits	9,004	3,864
Net operating losses	1,341	1,892
Accruals, including foreign exchange and other	1,490	1,955
Sub-total Deferred tax assets	<u>18,136</u>	<u>14,208</u>
Valuation allowance	(9,365)	(4,087)
Total deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 8,771</u>	<u>\$ 10,121</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Prepaid registry fees and expenses	\$ (16,237)	\$ (15,950)
Amortization	(6,925)	(5,871)
Limited life intangible assets	(5,958)	(6,115)
Indefinite life intangible assets	(3,110)	(3,110)
Foreign branch deferred tax liability	(2,012)	-
Total deferred tax liability	<u>\$ (34,242)</u>	<u>\$ (31,046)</u>
Net deferred tax asset (liability)	<u>\$ (25,471)</u>	<u>\$ (20,925)</u>

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management 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 during the years in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers projected future taxable income, uncertainties related to the industry in which the Company operates, and tax planning strategies in making this assessment.

We believe it is more likely than not that our remaining deferred tax assets, net of the valuation allowance, will be realized based on current income tax laws, including those modified by the Tax Act, and expectations of future taxable income stemming from forecasted profits from ongoing operations and from the reversal of existing deferred tax liabilities.

The Company had nil total gross unrecognized tax benefits as of both December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018. The Company had \$15 (in thousands of U.S. dollars) total gross unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2017.

The Company recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in tax expense. The Company did not have any interest and penalties accrued as of December 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018.

The following is a reconciliation of Tucows' change in uncertain tax position (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	<u>December 31, 2019</u>	<u>December 31, 2018</u>
Total Gross Unrecognized Tax Benefits		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 15
Change in uncertain tax benefits	-	(15)
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

In connection with the eNom acquisition in 2017, we acquired deferred tax liabilities primarily composed of prepaid registry fees. As a result, we aligned our tax methodology pertaining to the deductibility of prepaid registry fees for our other subsidiaries. In the first quarter of 2019, we determined that we were in technical violation with respect to the administrative application of the accounting method change relating to the deductibility of prepaid registry fees for these additional subsidiaries. In February 2019, the Company filed an application for relief ("9100 Relief") to correct the issue. In November 2019, the Company was granted 9100 Relief and was given 30 days to file the appropriate forms based on prescribed instructions. The Company filed the forms in December and now awaits the final IRS response and acceptance of the change in accounting method. Management is of the view that it is more likely than not that the IRS will accept the 9100 Relief and filing of the prescribed forms. As such, no additional tax uncertainties or related interest or penalties have been recorded as at December 31, 2019.

10. Revenue:

Significant accounting policy

The Company's revenues are derived from (a) the provisioning of mobile and fiber Internet services; and from (b) domain name registration contracts, other domain related value-added services, domain sale contracts, and other advertising revenue. Amounts received in advance of meeting the revenue recognition criteria described below are recorded as deferred revenue. All products are generally sold without the right of return or refund.

Revenue is measured based on consideration specified in a contract with a customer and excludes any sales incentives and amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Company recognizes revenue when it satisfies a performance obligation by transferring control over a product or service to a customer.

Nature of goods and services

The following is a description of principal activities – separated by reportable segments – from which the Company generates its revenue. For more detailed information about reportable segments. See note 19 – Segment reporting for more information.

(a) Network Access Services

The Company generates Network Access Services revenues primarily through the provisioning of mobile services ("Ting Mobile"). Other sources of revenue include the provisioning of fixed high-speed Internet access ("Ting Internet") as well as billing solutions to Internet Service Providers ("ISPs").

Ting Mobile wireless usage contracts grant customers access to standard talk, text and data mobile services. Ting Mobile contracts are billed based on the actual amount of monthly services utilized by each customer during their billing cycle and charged to customers on a postpaid basis. Voice minutes, text messages and megabytes of data are each billed separately based on a tiered pricing program. The Company recognizes revenue for Ting Mobile usage based on the actual amount of monthly services utilized by each customer.

Ting Internet contracts provide customers Internet access at their home or business through the installation and use of our fiber optic network. Ting Internet contracts are generally prepaid and grant customers with unlimited bandwidth based on a fixed price per month basis. Because consideration is collected before the service period, revenue is initially deferred and recognized as the Company performs its obligation to provide Internet access. Though the Company does not consider the installation of fixed Internet access to be a distinct performance obligation, the fees related to installation are immaterial and therefore revenue is recognized as billed.

Both Ting Mobile and Ting Internet access services are primarily contracted through the Ting website, for one month at a time and contain no commitment to renew the contract following each customer's monthly billing cycle. The Company's billing cycle for all Ting Mobile and Ting Internet customers is computed based on the customer's activation date. In order to recognize revenue as the Company satisfies its obligations, we compute the amount of revenues earned but not billed from the end of each billing cycle to the end of each reporting period. In addition, revenues associated with the sale of wireless devices and accessories and Internet hardware to subscribers are recognized when title and risk of loss is transferred to the subscriber and shipment has occurred. Incentive marketing credits given to customers are recorded as a reduction of revenue.

Our Roam Mobility brands also offers standard talk, text and data mobile services. Roam customers prepay for their usage through the Roam Mobility website. When prepayments are received the amount is deferred, and subsequently recognized as the Company satisfies its obligation to provide mobile services. In addition, revenues associated with the sale of SIM cards are recognized when title and risk of loss is transferred to the subscriber and shipment has occurred. Incentive marketing credits given to customers are recorded as a reduction of revenue.

In those cases, where payment is not received at the time of sale, revenue is not recognized at contract inception unless the collection of the related accounts receivable is reasonably assured. The Company records costs that reflect expected refunds, rebates and credit card charge-backs as a reduction of revenues at the time of the sale based on historical experiences and current expectations.

(b) Domain Services

Domain registration contracts, which can be purchased for terms of one to ten years, provide our resellers and retail registrant customers with the exclusive right to a personalized internet address from which to build an online presence. The Company enters into domain registration contracts in connection with each new, renewed and transferred-in domain registration. At the inception of the contract, the Company charges and collects the registration fee for the entire registration period. Though fees are collected upfront, revenue from domain registrations are recognized rateably over the registration period as domain registration contracts contain a 'right to access' license of IP, which is a distinct performance obligation measured over time. The registration period begins once the Company has confirmed that the requested domain name has been appropriately recorded in the registry under contractual performance standards.

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Domain related value-added services like digital certifications, WHOIS privacy, website hosting and hosted email provide our resellers and retail registrant customers with tools and additional functionality to be used in conjunction with domain registrations. All domain related value-added services are considered distinct performance obligations which transfer the promised service to the customer over the contracted term. Fees charged to customers for domain related value-added services are collected at the inception of the contract, and revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis over the contracted term, consistent with the satisfaction of the performance obligations.

The Company is an ICANN accredited registrar. Thus, the Company is the primary obligor with our reseller and retail registrant customers and is responsible for the fulfillment of our registrar services to those parties. As a result, the Company reports revenue in the amount of the fees we receive directly from our reseller and retail registrant customers. Our reseller customers maintain the primary obligor relationship with their retail customers, establish pricing and retain credit risk to those customers. Accordingly, the Company does not recognize any revenue related to transactions between our reseller customers and their ultimate retail customers.

The Company also sells the rights to the Company's portfolio domains or names acquired through the Company's domain expiry stream. Revenue generated from sale of domain name contracts, containing a distinct performance obligation to transfer the domain name rights under the Company's control, is generally recognized once the rights have been transferred and payment has been received in full.

Advertising revenue is derived through domain parking monetization, whereby the Company contracts with third-party Internet advertising publishers to direct web traffic from the Company's domain expiry stream domains and Internet portfolio domains to advertising websites. Compensation from Internet advertising publishers is calculated variably on a cost-per-action basis based on the number of advertising links that have been visited in a given month. Given that the variable consideration is calculated and paid on a monthly basis, no estimation of variable consideration is required.

Disaggregation of Revenue

The following is a summary of the Company's revenue earned from each significant revenue stream (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>
Network Access Services:			
Mobile Services	\$ 84,657	\$ 89,340	\$ 83,885
Other Services	11,006	7,984	5,567
Total Network Access Services	<u>95,663</u>	<u>97,324</u>	<u>89,452</u>
Domain Services:			
Wholesale			
Domain Services	182,957	189,434	183,731
Value Added Services	18,922	17,756	17,832
Total Wholesale	<u>201,879</u>	<u>207,190</u>	<u>201,563</u>
Retail			
Portfolio	4,817	6,975	6,757
Total Domain Services	<u>241,482</u>	<u>248,689</u>	<u>239,969</u>
	<u>\$ 337,145</u>	<u>\$ 346,013</u>	<u>\$ 329,421</u>

(*)As a result of the bulk transfers of 2.89 million domain names to Namecheap throughout 2018, recognized revenue for the year ended December 31, 2018 includes \$16.9 million, related to previously deferred revenue, a portion of which would have otherwise been recognized after December 31, 2018.

During the years ended December 31, 2019, December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 no customer accounted for more than 10% of total revenue and no customer accounted for more than 10% of accounts receivable.

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The following is a summary of the Company's cost of revenue from each significant revenue stream (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	2019	2018*	2017
Network Access Services:			
Mobile Services	\$ 44,415	\$ 46,061	\$ 45,335
Other Services	3,928	3,994	3,305
Total Network Access Services	<u>48,343</u>	<u>50,055</u>	<u>48,640</u>
Domain Services:			
Wholesale			
Domain Services	148,530	160,216	161,013
Value Added Services	2,986	3,154	2,450
Total Wholesale	<u>151,516</u>	<u>163,370</u>	<u>163,463</u>
Retail			
Portfolio	17,093	17,725	17,346
Total Domain Services	<u>627</u>	<u>953</u>	<u>1,151</u>
	<u>169,236</u>	<u>182,048</u>	<u>181,960</u>
Network Expenses:			
Network, other costs	9,190	9,846	9,324
Network, depreciation and amortization costs	9,599	7,294	4,976
	<u>18,789</u>	<u>17,140</u>	<u>14,300</u>
	<u>\$ 236,368</u>	<u>\$ 249,243</u>	<u>\$ 244,900</u>

(*)As a result of the bulk transfers of 2.89 million domain names to Namecheap throughout 2018, recognized Cost of revenue for the year ended December 31, 2018 includes \$16.8 million, related to previously deferred prepaid registry fees, a portion of which would have otherwise been recognized after December 31, 2018.

Contract Balances

The following table provides information about contract liabilities (deferred revenue) from contracts with customers. The Company accounts for contract assets and liabilities on a contract-by-contract basis, with each contract presented as either a net contract asset or a net contract liability accordingly.

Given that Company's long-term contracts with customers are billed in advance of service, the Company's contract liabilities relate to amounts recorded as deferred revenues. The Company does not have material streams of contracted revenue that have not been billed.

Deferred revenue primarily relates to the portion of the transaction price received in advance related to the unexpired term of domain name registrations and other domain related value-added services, on both a wholesale and retail basis, net of external commissions.

The opening balance of deferred revenue was \$143.7 million as of January 1, 2019. Significant changes in deferred revenue were as follows (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	Year ended December 31, 2019
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 143,694
Acquired in a business combination ¹	12,510
Deferred revenue	232,647
Recognized revenue	(239,548)
Balance, end of period	<u>\$ 149,303</u>

⁽¹⁾The Company acquired Ascio on March 18, 2019. As part of the transition, the Company acquired active domain name contracts for terms ranging from 1 - 10 years, for which the registration fees have already been collected from customers. As required by ASC 805, Business Combinations, the Company has recorded deferred revenue at fair value at the acquisition date, which was determined by estimating the costs associated with customer support services and prepaid domain name registration fees to fulfill the contractual obligations over the remaining life of the contract at the acquisition date plus a normal profit margin.

Remaining Performance Obligations:

As the Company fulfills its performance obligations, the following table includes revenues expected to be recognized in the future related performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) as at December 31, 2019 (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

For mobile and internet access services, where the performance obligation is part of contracts that have an original expected duration of one year or less (typically one month), the Company has elected to apply a practical expedient to not disclose revenues expected to be recognized in the future related performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) (Dollar amounts in thousands of US dollars).

	Year ended December 31, 2019
2020	\$ 121,921
2021	12,886
2022	5,456
2023	3,389
2024	2,090
Thereafter	3,098
Total	<u>\$ 148,840</u>

11. Costs to obtain and fulfill a contract

(a) Deferred costs of acquisition

We recognize an asset for the incremental costs of obtaining a contract with a customer if we expect the period of benefit of those costs to be longer than one year and those costs are expected to be recoverable under the term of the contract. We have identified certain sales incentive programs that meet the requirements to be capitalized, and therefore, capitalized them as contract costs in the amount of \$1.4 million at December 31, 2019.

Capitalized contract acquisition costs are amortized into operating expense based on the transfer of goods or services to which the assets relate which typically range from two – ten years. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company capitalized \$0.9 million and also amortized \$0.9 million of contract costs, respectively. There was no impairment loss recognized in relation to the costs capitalized during the year ended December 31, 2019. The breakdown of the movement in the contract costs balance for the year ended December 31, 2019 is as follows (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	Year ended December 31, 2019
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 1,390
Capitalization of costs	924
Amortization of costs	(914)
Balance, end of period	<u>\$ 1,400</u>

When the amortization period for costs incurred to obtain a contract with a customer is less than one year, we have elected to apply a practical expedient to expense the costs as incurred. These costs include our internal sales compensation program and certain partner sales incentive programs.

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(b) Deferred costs of fulfillment

Deferred costs to fulfill contracts generally consist of domain registration costs which have been paid to a domain registry, and are capitalized as Prepaid domain name registry and ancillary services fees. These costs are deferred and amortized over the life of the domain which generally ranges from one to ten years. For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company capitalized \$161.4 million and also amortized \$169.1 million of contract costs. We also acquired \$10.3 million of prepaid domain name registry and ancillary service fees in the Ascio acquisition, which took place on March 18, 2019. There was no impairment loss recognized in relation to the costs capitalized during the year ended December 31, 2019. Amortization expense is primarily included in cost of revenue. The breakdown of the movement in the prepaid domain name registry and ancillary services fees balance for the year ended December 31, 2019 is as follows (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars).

	Year ended December 31, 2019
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 106,527
Acquired in a business combination ¹	10,318
Deferral of costs	161,385
Recognized costs	(169,063)
Balance, end of period	<u>\$ 109,167</u>

¹The Company acquired Ascio on March 18, 2019. As part of the transition, the Company acquired active domain name contracts with a terms ranging from 1 - 10 years, for which fees to suppliers were paid in advance.

12. Leases

We lease datacenters, corporate offices and fiber-optic cables under operating leases. The Company does not have any leases classified as finance leases.

Our leases have remaining lease terms of 1 year to 19 years, some of which may include options to extend the leases for up to 5 years, and some of which may include options to terminate the leases within 1 year.

The components of lease expense were as follows (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	For the twelve months ended December 31, 2019
Operating Lease Cost (leases with a total term greater than 12 months)	\$ 3,057
Short-term Lease Cost (leases with a total term of 12 months or less)	1,040
Variable Lease Cost	657
Total Lease Cost	<u>\$ 4,754</u>

Lease Cost is presented in general and administrative expenses and network expenses within our consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income.

Information related to leases was as follows (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	For the twelve months ended December 31, 2019
<i>Supplemental cashflow information:</i>	
Operating Lease - Operating Cash Flows (Fixed Payments)	\$ 3,130
Operating Lease - Operating Cash Flows (Liability Reduction)	\$ 2,665
New ROU Assets - Operating Leases	\$ 5,392

	December 31, 2019	(Transition) January 1, 2019
<i>Supplemental balance sheet information related to leases:</i>		
Weighted Average Discount Rate	5.20%	5.04%
Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term	8.62 yrs	5.62 yrs

Maturity of lease liability as of December 31, 2019 (Dollar amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars):

	December 31, 2019
2020	\$ 1,910
2021	1,783
2022	1,704
2023	1,667
2024	1,380
Thereafter	5,162
Total future lease payments	<u>13,606</u>
Less interest	2,769
Total	<u>\$ 10,837</u>

Operating lease payments include payments under the non-cancellable term and approximately \$0.6 million related to options to extend lease terms that are reasonably certain of being exercised.

As of December 31, 2019, we have entered into lease agreements for total payments of \$0.9 million that have not yet commenced, and therefore are not included in the lease liability.

13. Common Shares

The Company's authorized common share capital is 250 million shares of common stock without nominal or par value. On December 31, 2019, there were 10,585,159 shares of common stock outstanding (2018: 10,627,988).

Repurchase of common shares:

(a) Normal Course Issuer Bids:

On February 12, 2020, the Company announced that its Board of Directors ("Board") has approved a stock buyback program to repurchase up to \$40 million of its common stock in the open market. The \$40 million buyback program commenced on February 13, 2020 and is expected to terminate on February 13, 2021. Please see "Note 20 – Subsequent Events" for more information on the 2020 stock buyback program.

On February 13, 2019, the Company announced that its Board of Directors ("Board") has approved a stock buyback program to repurchase up to \$40 million of its common stock in the open market. The \$40 million buyback program commenced on February 14, 2019 and terminated on February 12, 2020. The Company repurchased 101,816 shares under this program, for a total of \$5.0 million.

On February 14, 2018, the Company announced that its Board approved a stock buyback program to repurchase up to \$40 million of its common stock in the open market. The \$40 million buyback program commenced on February 14, 2018 and terminated on February 13, 2019. No repurchases were made under this program.

On March 1, 2017, the Company announced that its Board had approved a stock buyback program to repurchase of up to \$40 million of the Company's common stock in the open market. The \$40 million buyback program commenced on March 1, 2017 and terminated on February 14, 2018. No repurchases were made under this program.

(b) Net Exercise of Stock Options

Our current equity-based compensation plans include provisions that allow for the "net exercise" of stock options by all plan participants. In a net exercise, any required payroll taxes, federal withholding taxes and exercise price of the shares due from the option holder can be paid for by having the option holder tender back to the Company a number of shares at fair value equal to the amounts due. These transactions are accounted for by the Company as a purchase and retirement of shares and are included in the table on the following page as common stock received in connection with share-based compensation.

The following table summarizes our share repurchase activity for the periods covered below (Dollar amounts in thousands of US dollars, except for share data):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Common stock repurchased on the open market or through tender offer			
Number of shares	101,816	-	-
Aggregate market value of shares (in thousands)	\$ 4,986	\$ -	\$ -
Average price per share	\$ 48.97	\$ -	\$ -
Common stock received in connection with share-based compensation			
Number of shares	21,332	19,777	50,454
Aggregate market value of shares (in thousands)	\$ 1,510	\$ 1,138	\$ 2,602
Average price per share	\$ 70.77	\$ 57.56	\$ 51.58

14. Stock Option Plans:

The Company's 1996 Stock Option Plan (the "1996 Plan") was established for the benefit of the employees, officers, directors and certain consultants of the Company. The maximum number of common shares which may be set aside for issuance under the 1996 Plan was 2,787,500 shares, provided that the Board of the Company has the right, from time to time, to increase such number subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company when required by law or regulatory authority. Generally, options issued under the 1996 Plan vest over a four-year period. The 1996 Plan expired on February 25, 2006; no options were issued from this plan after that date.

On November 22, 2006, the shareholders of the Company approved the Company's 2006 Equity Compensation Plan (the "2006 Plan"), which was amended and restated effective July 29, 2010 and which serves as a successor to the 1996 Plan. The 2006 Plan has been established for the benefit of the employees, officers, directors and certain consultants of the Company. The maximum number of common shares which have been set aside for issuance under the 2006 Plan is 1.25 million shares. On October 8, 2010, the 2006 Plan was amended to increase the number of shares which have been set aside for issuance by an additional 0.475 million shares to 1.725 million shares. In September 2015, the 2006 Plan was amended to increase the number of shares which have been set aside for issuance by an additional 0.75 million shares to 2.475 million shares. Generally, options issued under the 2006 Plan vest over a four-year period and have a term not exceeding seven years, except for automatic formula grants of non-qualified stock options, which vest after one year and have a five-year term. Prior to the September 2015 amendment to the 2006 Plan, automatic formula grants of non-qualified stock options vested immediately upon grant.

Our current equity-based compensation plans include provisions that allow for the "net exercise" of stock options by all plan participants. In a net exercise, any required payroll taxes, federal withholding taxes and exercise price of the shares due from the option holder can be paid for by having the option holder tender back to the Company a number of shares at fair value equal to the amounts due. These transactions are accounted for by the Company as a purchase and retirement of shares.

The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. Because option-pricing models require the use of subjective assumptions, changes in these assumptions can materially affect the fair value of the options. The assumptions presented in the table below represent the weighted average of the applicable assumption used to value stock options at their grant date. The Company calculates expected volatility based on historical volatility of the Company's common shares. The expected term, which represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding, is estimated based on historical exercise experience. The Company evaluated historical exercise behavior when determining the expected term assumptions. The risk-free rate assumed in valuing the options is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for the expected term of the option. The Company determines the expected dividend yield percentage by dividing the expected annual dividend by the market price of Tucows Inc. common shares at the date of grant.

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The fair value of stock options granted during the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017 was estimated using the following weighted average assumptions:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Volatility	36.5%	37.9%	41.6%
Risk-free interest rate	2.0%	2.7%	1.8%
Expected life (in years)	4.50	4.48	4.55
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
The weighted average grant date fair value for options issued, with the exercise price equal to market value on the date of grant	\$ 20.20	\$ 22.22	\$ 20.08

Details of stock option transactions are as follows:

	Twelve months ended December 31, 2019		Twelve months ended December 31, 2018		Twelve months ended December 31, 2017	
	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price per share	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price per share	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price per share
Outstanding, beginning of period	702,337	\$ 43.80	653,571	\$ 36.69	474,501	\$ 12.67
Granted	180,800	60.56	163,366	62.80	370,025	54.10
Exercised	(80,319)	16.90	(63,886)	12.86	(172,759)	7.88
Forfeited	(31,986)	59.35	(50,714)	52.33	(18,196)	37.70
Expired	(16,335)	47.51	-	-	-	-
Outstanding, end of period	754,497	49.94	702,337	43.80	653,571	36.69
Options exercisable, end of period	356,066	\$ 40.64	326,937	\$ 28.91	243,771	\$ 14.79

As of December 31, 2019, the exercise prices, weighted average remaining contractual life of outstanding options and intrinsic values were as follows:

Exercise price	Options outstanding				Options exercisable			
	Number outstanding	Weighted average exercise price per share	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	Aggregate intrinsic value	Number exercisable	Weighted average exercise price per share	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	Aggregate intrinsic value
\$ 8.56 - \$ 8.56	19,535	\$ 8.56	0.4	\$ 1,040	19,535	\$ 8.56	0.4	\$ 1,039
\$10.16 - \$19.95	74,465	16.42	1.7	3,378	73,215	16.36	1.7	3,326
\$21.10 - \$27.53	58,750	23.73	2.1	2,236	48,750	24.27	1.9	1,829
\$35.25 - \$37.35	14,375	35.89	3.4	372	11,875	36.02	3.3	306
\$47.00 - \$47.00	5,000	47.00	4.2	74	2,500	47.00	4.2	37
\$53.20 - \$58.65	340,078	55.53	4.5	2,124	172,802	55.68	4.2	1,053
\$61.33 - \$64.10	242,294	62.99	6.0	-	27,389	64.10	5.4	-
	<u>754,497</u>	\$ 49.94	4.4	\$ 9,224	<u>356,066</u>	\$ 40.64	3.2	\$ 7,590

Total unrecognized compensation cost relating to unvested stock options at December 31, 2019, prior to the consideration of expected forfeitures, is approximately \$6.6 million and is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.3 years.

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017 was \$3.9 million, \$2.9 million and \$7.6 million, respectively. Cash received from the exercise of stock options during the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017 was \$0.4 million, \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million respectively.

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The Company recorded stock-based compensation amounting to \$2.9 million, \$2.6 million and \$1.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017 respectively. Stock-based compensation has been included in operating expenses as follows (Dollar amounts in thousands of US dollars):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Network expenses	\$ 307	\$ 223	\$ 110
Sales and marketing	1,251	1,025	573
Technical operations and development	596	636	360
General and administrative	722	690	414
	<u>\$ 2,876</u>	<u>\$ 2,574</u>	<u>\$ 1,457</u>

15. Foreign Exchange:

A foreign exchange gain amounting to \$0.4 million has been recorded in general and administrative expenses during the year ended December 31, 2019. A foreign exchange loss amounting to \$0.9 million has been recorded in general and administrative expenses during the year ended December 31, 2018. A foreign exchange gain amounting to \$0.7 million has been recorded in general and administrative expenses during the year ended December 31, 2017.

16. Other Income, Net:

In February 2015, we waived our rights under the proposed joint venture to operate the .online registry and instead entered into a Joint Marketing agreement with our venture partners under which our original capital contributions have been returned and a set of go-forward marketing arrangements have been created instead. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company has undertaken to provide certain marketing support for .online registry and has agreed to certain volume commitments during the term of the agreement. The Joint Marketing Agreement is for a term of three years and commenced in November 2015. The Company generated a gain of \$1.5 million for waiving its rights and entering the Joint Marketing Agreement. The gain was being recognized over the term of three years. An amount of \$0.5 million of this gain was recognized for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 respectively. As of December 31, 2018 the gain has been fully recognized.

17. Earnings Per Common Share:

The following table reconciles the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted earnings per common share computation (Dollar amounts in thousands of US dollars, except for share data):

	Year ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per common share:			
Net income for the period	\$ 15,398	\$ 17,135	\$ 22,327
Denominator for basic and diluted earnings per common share:			
Basic weighted average number of common shares outstanding	10,623,799	10,604,722	10,537,356
Effect of outstanding stock options	149,013	189,448	256,266
Diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding	<u>10,772,812</u>	<u>10,794,170</u>	<u>10,793,622</u>
Basic earnings per common share	<u>\$ 1.45</u>	<u>\$ 1.62</u>	<u>\$ 2.12</u>
Diluted earnings per common share	<u>\$ 1.43</u>	<u>\$ 1.59</u>	<u>\$ 2.07</u>

Options to purchase 547,372 common shares were outstanding during 2019 (2018: 451,739; 2017: 341,650) but were not included in the computation of diluted income per common share because the options' exercise price was greater than the average market price of the common shares for the year.

18. Commitments and Contingencies:

(a) The Company has several non-cancelable lease and purchase obligations primarily for general office facilities, service contracts for mobile telephone services and equipment that expire over the next ten years. Future minimum payments under these agreements are as follows (Dollar amounts in thousands of US dollars):

<u>Contractual Obligations for the year ending December 31,</u>	<u>Contractual Lease Obligations (1)</u>	<u>Debt Obligations</u>	<u>Purchase Obligations (2)</u>	<u>Total Obligations</u>
2020	\$ 2,248	\$ -	\$ 29,153	\$ 31,401
2021	1,824	-	12,638	14,462
2022	1,745	-	12,264	14,009
2023	1,708	114,400	13,584	129,692
2024	1,420	-	19,074	20,494
Thereafter	5,584	-	5,250	10,834
	<u>\$ 14,529</u>	<u>\$ 114,400</u>	<u>\$ 91,963</u>	<u>\$ 220,892</u>

(1) Contractual lease obligations include \$0.9 million in lease payments related to Fiber IRU contracts that have not yet commenced in Fiscal 2019.

(2) Purchase obligations include all other legally binding service contracts for mobile telephone services and other operational agreements to be delivered during Fiscal 2020 and subsequent years.

(b) On February 9, 2015 Ting Fiber, Inc. (“Ting”) entered into a lease and network operation agreement with the City of Westminster, Maryland (the “City”) relating to the deployment of a new fiber network throughout the Westminster area (“WFN”).

Under the agreement, the City will finance, construct, and maintain the WFN which will be leased to Ting for a period of ten years. The network will be constructed in phases, the scope and timing of which shall be determined by the City, in cooperation with Ting.

Under the terms of the agreement, Ting may be required to advance funds to the City in the event of a quarterly shortfall between the City’s revenue from leasing the network to Ting and the City’s debt service requirements relating to financing of the network. Ting could be responsible for shortfalls between \$50,000 and \$150,000 per quarter. In Fiscal 2016, the City has entered into financing for the construction of the WFN which allows the City to draw up to \$21.0 million, from their lenders, over the next five years with interest only payments during that period with a loan maturity of 30 years. As of December 31, 2019, the City has drawn \$16.2 million and the City’s revenues from Ting exceed the City’s debt service requirements. The Company does not believe it will be responsible for any shortfall in Fiscal 2020.

(c) On September 17, 2018 Ting entered into a non-exclusive access and use agreement with SiFi Networks Fullerton, LLC (“SiFi”). The agreement memorializes a long-term (15-year) relationship wherein Ting will be granted the non-exclusive right to act as an Internet service provider for a fiber-optic network to be constructed in the city of Fullerton, California. Under the terms of the agreement, SiFi is fully responsible for constructing, operating and maintaining a wholesale fiber-optic network, as well as the financing of those activities.

Ting will be responsible for paying a fee per subscriber to SiFi. Through a “take or pay” arrangement, Ting has agreed to certain minimum charges based on minimum subscriber rates. These minimum fees are variable based on the percentage completion of the fiber optic network, and thus have not been considered an unconditional purchase obligation for the purposes of the table in Note 18(a).

(d) On November 4, 2019 Ting entered into an access and use agreement with Netly, LLC (“Netly”). The agreement memorializes a long-term (12-year) relationship wherein Ting will be granted the right to act as an Internet service provider for fiber-optic networks to be constructed in and around the cities of Solana Beach, California. Under the terms of the agreement, Ting will have a 3-year “Headstart” period over each completed segment of the network, whereby Ting shall be the exclusive provider of services to subscribers during the “Headstart” period. Netly is fully responsible for constructing, operating and maintaining a wholesale fiber optic network, as well as the financing of those activities.

Ting will be responsible for paying a fee per subscriber to Netly, as well as an unlit door fee for each serviceable address not subscribed. Through a “take or pay” arrangement, Ting has agreed to certain minimum charges based on minimum subscriber rates. These minimum fees are variable based on the percentage completion of the fiber optic network, and thus have not been considered an unconditional purchase obligation for the purposes of the table in Note 18(a).

(e) In the normal course of its operations, the Company becomes involved in various legal claims and lawsuits. The Company intends to vigorously defend these claims. While the final outcome with respect to any actions or claims outstanding or pending as of December 31, 2019 cannot be predicted with certainty, management does not believe that the resolution of these claims, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on the Company’s financial position.

19. Segment Reporting:

(a) We are organized and managed based on two operating segments which are differentiated primarily by their services, the markets they serve and the regulatory environments in which they operate and are described as follows:

1. Network Access Services - This segment derives revenue from the sale of mobile phones, telephony services, high speed Internet access, billing solutions to individuals and small businesses primarily through the Ting website. Revenues are generated in the United States.

2. Domain Services – This segment includes wholesale and retail domain name registration services, value added services and portfolio services. The Company primarily earns revenues from the registration fees charged to resellers in connection with new, renewed and transferred domain name registrations; the sale of retail Internet domain name registration and email services to individuals and small businesses; and by making its portfolio of domain names available for sale or lease. Domain Services revenues are attributed to the country in which the contract originates, primarily Canada and the United States.

The Chief Executive Officer (the “CEO”) is the chief operating decision maker and regularly reviews the operations and performance by segment. The CEO reviews gross profit as (i) a key measure of performance for each segment and (ii) to make decisions about the allocation of resources. Sales and marketing expenses, technical operations and development expenses, general and administrative expenses, depreciation of property and equipment, amortization of intangibles assets, impairment of indefinite life intangible assets, gain on currency forward contracts and other expense net are organized along functional lines and are not included in the measurement of segment profitability. Total assets and total liabilities are centrally managed and are not reviewed at the segment level by the CEO. The Company follows the same accounting policies for the segments as those described in “Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies”, and “Note 10 – Revenue”.

Information by reportable segments (with the exception of disaggregated revenue, which is discussed in “Note 10 – Revenue”), which is regularly reported to the chief operating decision maker is as follows (Dollar amounts in thousands of US dollars):

	<u>Network Access Services</u>	<u>Domain Services</u>	<u>Consolidated Totals</u>
Year Ended December 31, 2019			
Net Revenues	\$ 95,663	\$ 241,482	\$ 337,145
Cost of revenues			
Cost of revenues	48,343	169,236	217,579
Network expenses	2,007	7,183	9,190
Depreciation of property and equipment	6,877	1,598	8,475
Amortization of intangible assets	46	1,078	1,124
Total cost of revenues	<u>57,273</u>	<u>179,095</u>	<u>236,368</u>
Gross Profit	38,390	62,387	100,777
Expenses:			
Sales and marketing			34,270
Technical operations and development			9,717
General and administrative			17,880
Depreciation of property and equipment			486
Loss on disposition of property and equipment			73
Amortization of intangible assets			9,209
Impairment of indefinite life intangible assets			-
Loss (gain) on currency forward contracts			<u>(198)</u>
Income from operations			29,340
Other income (expenses), net			<u>(4,769)</u>
Income before provision for income taxes			<u>\$ 24,571</u>

	Network Access Services	Domain Services	Consolidated Totals
Year Ended December 31, 2018			
Net Revenues	\$ 97,324	\$ 248,689	\$ 346,013
Cost of revenues			
Cost of revenues	50,055	182,048	232,103
Network expenses	2,029	7,817	9,846
Depreciation of property and equipment	4,063	1,235	5,298
Amortization of intangible assets	46	1,950	1,996
Total cost of revenues	56,193	193,050	249,243
Gross Profit	41,131	55,639	96,770
Expenses:			
Sales and marketing			33,063
Technical operations and development			8,748
General and administrative			17,710
Depreciation of property and equipment			424
Amortization of intangible assets			7,247
Loss (gain) on currency forward contracts			254
Income from operations			29,324
Other income (expenses), net			(3,169)
Income before provision for income taxes			\$ 26,155
Year Ended December 31, 2017			
Net Revenues	\$ 89,452	\$ 239,969	\$ 329,421
Cost of revenues			
Cost of revenues	48,640	181,960	230,600
Network expenses	1,861	7,463	9,324
Depreciation of property and equipment	2,201	941	3,142
Amortization of intangible assets	46	1,788	1,834
Total cost of revenues	52,748	192,152	244,900
Gross Profit	36,704	47,817	84,521
Expenses:			
Sales and marketing			29,423
Technical operations and development			7,258
General and administrative			13,594
Depreciation of property and equipment			585
Amortization of intangible assets			6,566
Impairment of indefinite life intangible assets			111
Loss (gain) on currency forward contracts			(98)
Income from operations			27,082
Other income (expenses), net			(3,007)
Income before provision for income taxes			\$ 24,075

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(b) The following is a summary of the Company's cost of revenues from each significant revenue stream (Dollar amounts in thousands of US dollars):

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>
Network Access Services:			
Mobile Services	\$ 44,415	\$ 46,061	\$ 45,335
Other Services	3,928	3,994	3,305
Total Network Access Services	<u>48,343</u>	<u>50,055</u>	<u>48,640</u>
Domain Services:			
Wholesale			
Domain Services	148,530	160,216	161,013
Value Added Services	2,986	3,154	2,450
Total Wholesale	<u>151,516</u>	<u>163,370</u>	<u>163,463</u>
Retail	17,093	17,725	17,346
Portfolio	627	953	1,151
Total Domain Services	<u>169,236</u>	<u>182,048</u>	<u>181,960</u>
Network Expenses:			
Network, other costs	9,190	9,846	9,324
Network, depreciation and amortization costs	9,599	7,294	4,976
Total Network Expenses	<u>18,789</u>	<u>17,140</u>	<u>14,300</u>
	<u>\$ 236,368</u>	<u>\$ 249,243</u>	<u>\$ 244,900</u>

(c) The following is a summary of the Company's property and equipment by geographic region (Dollar amounts in thousands of US dollars):

	<u>December 31, 2019</u>	<u>December 31, 2018*</u>
Canada	\$ 2,319	\$ 1,393
United States	79,758	46,631
Europe	44	41
	<u>\$ 82,121</u>	<u>\$ 48,065</u>

(d) The following is a summary of the Company's amortizable intangible assets by geographic region (Dollar amounts in thousands of US dollars):

	<u>December 31, 2019</u>	<u>December 31, 2018*</u>
Canada	\$ 5,207	\$ 6,553
United States	40,140	30,421
	<u>\$ 45,347</u>	<u>\$ 36,974</u>

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(e) The following is a summary of the Company's deferred tax asset, net of valuation allowance, by geographic region (Dollar amounts in thousands of US dollars):

	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018*
Canada	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -

(f) Valuation and qualifying accounts (Dollar amounts in thousands of US dollars):

Allowance for doubtful accounts	Balance at beginning of period	Charged to costs and expenses	Write-offs during period	Balance at end of period
Year Ended December 31, 2019	\$ 132	\$ (1)	\$ -	\$ 131
Year Ended December 31, 2018	\$ 168	\$ (36)	\$ -	\$ 132

20. Subsequent Events:

- a. On October 31, 2019, the Company entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Cedar Holdings Group, Incorporated ("Cedar"), a fiber Internet provider business based in Durango, Colorado. The transaction closed on January 1, 2020, following receipt of all regulatory approvals. The purchase price was \$14.1 million, less an estimated purchase price adjustment of approximately \$0.1 million relating to a working capital deficit and assessment of the fair value of contingent consideration, for net purchase consideration of \$14.0 million. The cash consideration due at closing of \$9.0 million was financed by an advance on the 2019 Amended Credit Facility. The Company also issued 32,374 of Tucows Inc. shares (\$2.0 million) of Tucows Inc. shares with a two-year restriction period at closing. Included in the agreement is contingent consideration totaling up to \$4.0 million, due on the 24th and 36th month anniversaries of the closing of the transaction dependent upon the achievement of certain milestones as defined in the Share Purchase Agreement. The fair value of the contingent consideration was determined to be \$3.1 million using a discount rate of 11.3%. The Company has prepared a preliminary purchase price allocation of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed of Cedar based on management's best estimates of fair value. The final purchase price allocation may vary based on final appraisals, valuations and analyses of the fair value of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities.

The following table shows the preliminary allocation of the purchase price for Cedar to the acquired identifiable assets, liabilities assumed and goodwill:

Cash Consideration, including working capital adjustment	\$ 8,901
Share-based payment	2,000
Fair value of contingent payments	3,065
Total estimated purchase price	13,966
Cash and Cash Equivalents	66
Accounts Receivables, net	67
Other current assets	195
Property and equipment	4,488
Right of use operating lease	18
Intangible assets	5,570
Total identifiable assets	10,404
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(254)
Deferred tax liability	(2,207)
Operating lease liability	(13)
Total liabilities assumed	(2,474)
Total net assets (liabilities) assumed	7,930
Total goodwill	\$ 6,036

- b. On February 12, 2020, the Company announced that its Board has approved a stock buyback program to repurchase up to \$40 million of its common stock in the open market. Purchases will be made exclusively through the facilities of the NASDAQ Capital Market. The stock buyback program commenced on February 13, 2020 and will terminate on or before February 12, 2021. The previously announced \$40 million buyback program for the period February 14, 2019 to February 13, 2020 was terminated on February 13, 2020. The Company repurchased 101,816 shares under this program, for a total of \$5.0 million. According to the terms of our 2019 Amended Credit Facility, share repurchases require the Lenders' consent if the Company's Total Funded Debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio exceeds 2.00:1.

21. Selected Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited):

	December 31	September 30	June 30	March 31
	(in thousands, except for per share data)			
2019				
Total revenues	\$ 85,946	\$ 88,129	\$ 84,117	\$ 78,953
Gross profit	26,045	27,574	24,507	22,651
Net income	5,778	4,205	2,616	2,799
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.26
Diluted	0.54	0.39	0.24	0.26

2018

Total revenues	\$	85,612	\$	83,519	\$	81,087	\$	95,795
Gross profit		27,731		24,261		22,158		22,619
Net income		4,436		5,346		3,608		3,744
Earnings per share:								
Basic	\$	0.42	\$	0.50	\$	0.34	\$	0.35
Diluted		0.41		0.50		0.33		0.35