# **Section 1: 10-Q (10-Q)**

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 10-Q

X QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2018 OR TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from to Commission file number: 001-33105 The Meet Group, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

> Delaware 86-0879433

(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) incorporation or organization)

**100 Union Square Drive** New Hope, Pennsylvania

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number: (215) 862-1162

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

Yes ⊠ No □

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes ⊠ No □

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Large accelerated filer □	Accelerated filer $\boxtimes$
Non-accelerated filer $\square$ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company $\square$
	Emerging growth company □

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for comply with any new or revised financial accounting standards

n Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).	
Outstanding as of July 30, 2018	
73,143,845 shares	_
	Outstanding as of July 30, 2018

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# PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 1. Financial Statements

# THE MEET GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	(Unaudited) June 30, 2018	I	December 31, 2017
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,922,457	\$	24,158,444
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$637,802 and \$527,958 at June 30, 2018 and December 31,			
2017, respectively	23,866,941		26,443,675
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	 5,253,503		3,245,174
Total current assets	50,042,901		53,847,293
Restricted cash	500,000		894,551
Goodwill	149,227,248		150,694,135
Property and equipment, net	3,632,350		4,524,118
Intangible assets, net	42,342,822		48,719,428
Deferred taxes	16,115,201		15,521,214
Other assets	 1,878,851		1,144,032
Total assets	\$ 263,739,373	\$	275,344,771
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable	\$ 5,325,941	\$	6,277,846
Accrued liabilities	17,812,588		19,866,438
Current portion of long-term debt	15,000,000		15,000,000
Current portion of capital lease obligations	187,606		254,399
Deferred revenue	5,006,501		4,433,450
Total current liabilities	43,332,636		45,832,133
Long-term capital lease obligations, less current portion, net	110,056		192,137
Long-term debt, less current portion, net	33,301,419		40,637,106
Long-term derivative liability	2,126,536		2,995,657
Other liabilities	114,340		147,178
Total liabilities	78,984,987		89,804,211
Commitments and contingencies (see Note 7)			
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:			
Preferred stock, \$.001 par value; authorized - 5,000,000 shares; 0 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017	_		_
Common stock, \$.001 par value; authorized - 100,000,000 shares; 73,121,962 and 71,915,018 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively	73,118		71,918
Additional paid-in capital	412,213,959		408,029,068
Accumulated deficit	(225,867,346)		(221,435,888)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,665,345)		(1,124,538)
Total stockholders' equity	 184,754,386		185,540,560

# THE MEET GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017 (UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,				
		2018		2017		2018		2017
Revenues	\$	42,801,745	\$	31,329,468	\$	80,439,538	\$	51,388,265
Operating costs and expenses:								
Sales and marketing		7,753,486		4,599,842		14,801,479		9,705,350
Product development and content		24,411,288		16,526,905		46,512,825		24,984,399
General and administrative		5,154,103		5,160,799		10,623,281		8,023,226
Depreciation and amortization		3,505,180		2,965,175		7,134,783		4,650,014
Acquisition and restructuring		1,036,602		3,769,425		4,386,553		5,269,854
Total operating costs and expenses		41,860,659		33,022,146		83,458,921		52,632,843
Income (loss) from operations		941,086		(1,692,678)		(3,019,383)		(1,244,578)
Other income (expense):								
Interest income		2,742		1,400		9,950		3,970
Interest expense		(671,294)		(175,254)		(1,278,980)		(177,586)
Gain (loss) on foreign currency transactions		4,216		(9,229)		107,259		(11,429)
Other		28,571		_		21,627		
Total other expense		(635,765)		(183,083)		(1,140,144)		(185,045)
Income (loss) before income tax benefit		305,321		(1,875,761)		(4,159,527)		(1,429,623)
Income tax benefit (expense)		(540,593)		2,732,356		(288,406)		2,732,064
Net income (loss)	\$	(235,272)	\$	856,595	\$	(4,447,933)	\$	1,302,441
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per common stockholder:								
Basic net income (loss) per common stockholder	\$		\$	0.01	\$	(0.06)	\$	0.02
Diluted net income (loss) per common stockholder	\$		\$	0.01	\$	(0.06)	\$	0.02
Weighted average shares outstanding:								
Basic		72,753,487		70,122,234		72,369,619		65,632,962
Diluted		72,753,487		74,885,903		72,369,619		70,569,243
Comprehensive income (loss):								
Net income (loss)	\$	(235,272)	\$	856,595	\$	(4,447,933)	\$	1,302,441
Other comprehensive income (loss):								
Reclassification of gains on derivative financial instruments, net of tax benefit of \$832,995, \$—, \$508,691 and \$—		(1,831,921)		_		(1,053,778)		_
Unrealized gains on derivative financial instruments, net of ta expense of \$834,099, \$—, \$416,203 and \$—	X	1,858,182				1,097,056		
Foreign currency translation adjustment		(952,438)				(584,085)		
Other comprehensive income (loss)		(926,177)				(540,807)	_	
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Comprehensive income (loss)	\$	(1,161,449)	\$	856,595	\$	(4,988,740)	\$	1,302,441

# THE MEET GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 (UNAUDITED) AND THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Common Stock Additional			Accumulated Other	Total	
	Shares	Amount	Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Comprehensive Loss	Stockholders' Equity
Balance-December 31, 2016	58,945,607	\$58,949	\$351,873,801	\$(156,844,161)	\$ —	\$ 195,088,589
Vesting of stock options for compensation	_	_	8,467,278	_	_	8,467,278
Exercise of stock options	2,080,648	2,081	2,814,654	_	_	2,816,735
Exercise of warrants	675,000	675	2,395,575	_	_	2,396,250
Issuance of common stock	9,200,000	9,200	42,986,171	<u> </u>	<del>_</del>	42,995,371
Issuance of common stock for vested RSAs	1,013,763	1,013	(1,013)	_	_	_
RSAs withheld to cover taxes	_	_	(507,398)	<del>_</del>	<del>_</del>	(507,398)
Other comprehensive income (loss)					(1,124,538)	(1,124,538)
Net income (loss)	_	_	<del>_</del>	(64,591,727)	<del>_</del>	(64,591,727)
Balance-December 31, 2017	71,915,018	\$71,918	\$408,029,068	\$(221,435,888)	\$ (1,124,538)	\$ 185,540,560
Adoption of ASC Topic 606 (Note 1)	_	_	_	16,475	_	16,475
Vesting of stock options for compensation	_	_	4,259,795	_	_	4,259,795
Exercise of stock options	131,051	131	232,285	_	_	232,416
Issuance of common stock for vested RSAs	1,075,893	1,069	(1,069)	_	_	_
RSAs withheld to cover taxes	_	_	(306,120)	_	<del>_</del>	(306,120)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	_	_		_	(540,807)	(540,807)
Net income (loss)				(4,447,933)		(4,447,933)
Balance-June 30, 2018	73,121,962	\$73,118	\$412,213,959	\$(225,867,346)	\$ (1,665,345)	\$ 184,754,386

# THE MEET GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017 (UNAUDITED)

	Six Months Ended June 30			ed June 30,
		2018		2017
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	\$	(4,447,933)	\$	1,302,441
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		7,134,783		4,650,014
Stock-based compensation expense		4,259,795		3,502,350
Deferred taxes		(441,417)		(444,230)
(Gain) loss on foreign currency transactions		(107,259)		11,429
Bad debt expense		290,426		26,000
Amortization of loan origination costs		164,313		34,342
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		2,141,980		5,862,051
Prepaid expenses, other current assets and other assets		(2,426,711)		1,610,514
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		2,344,109		161,914
Deferred revenue	_	686,332		(54,560)
Net cash provided by operating activities		9,598,418		16,662,265
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchase of property and equipment		(256,391)		(595,126)
Acquisition of business, net of cash and restricted cash acquired				(65,802,792)
Net cash used in investing activities		(256,391)		(66,397,918)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		232,416		2,778,176
Proceeds from issuance of common stock				42,995,371
Proceeds from exercise of warrants		_		2,396,250
Payments of capital leases		(142,043)		(139,541)
Proceeds from long-term debt		_		15,000,000
Payments for restricted stock awards withheld for taxes		(306,120)		(507,398)
Payments of contingent consideration		(5,000,000)		_
Payments on long-term debt		(7,500,000)		(1,875,000)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities		(12,715,747)		60,647,858
Change in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash prior to effects of foreign currency exchange rate		(3,373,720)		10,912,205
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate (translation)		(256,818)		(11,429)
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash		(3,630,538)		10,900,776
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period		25,052,995		22,246,015
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	\$	21,422,457	\$	33,146,791
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:				
Cash paid for interest	\$	1,110,448	\$	140,911

# THE MEET GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1— Description of Business, Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Meet Group, Inc. (the "Company," "The Meet Group," "us," or "we") is a portfolio of mobile social entertainment apps designed to meet the universal need for human connection. We leverage a powerful live-streaming video platform, empowering our global community to forge meaningful connections. Our primary apps are MeetMe®, LOVOO®, Skout®, and Tagged®.

We operate location-based social networks for meeting new people, primarily on mobile platforms, including on iPhone, Android, iPad and other tablets, that facilitate interactions among users and encourage users to connect, communicate and engage with each other. In 2017, we laid the foundation for and launched live video, which we believe is the most compelling product we have ever offered. We have historically generated revenue primarily through advertising; today, however, live video and other forms of user-pay monetization, including subscriptions and in-app purchases, are becoming an increasingly larger component of total revenue. We believe revenues from video are more sustainable, can grow faster, and are more aligned with the quality of the user experience than revenues from advertising.

We launched live video monetization on two of our apps in 2017 and have seen strong early interest from our users, including increasing engagement and revenue. We also added two additional apps to The Meet Group portfolio. On April 3, 2017, we completed our acquisition of Ifwe Inc. ("if(we)"), a leading global mobile network for meeting new people, and on October 19, 2017, we completed our acquisition of Lovoo GmbH ("Lovoo"), a leading dating app provider in Germany. We believe these acquisitions, in addition to our acquisition of Skout, Inc. ("Skout") on October 3, 2016, provide significant scale for the future global growth of our social entertainment platform, and we are hard at work today integrating our video technology into our two newest apps.

We also offer online marketing capabilities, which enable marketers to display their advertisements in different formats and in different locations. We offer significant scale to our advertising partners, with hundreds of millions of daily impressions across our active global user base, and sophisticated data science for highly effective hyper-targeting. We work with our advertisers and advertising networks to maximize the effectiveness of their campaigns by optimizing advertisement formats and placements.

Just as Facebook has established itself as the social network of friends and family, and LinkedIn as the social network of colleagues and business professionals, The Meet Group is creating the social entertainment network not of the people you know, but of the people you want to know. Nimble, fast-moving and already in more than 100 countries, we are challenging the dominant player in our space, Match Group, Inc., and differentiating ourselves with live video, which is not offered by many of our direct competitors. Modeled after the video products offered by Chinese dating app providers, but enhanced in order to appeal to western audiences, our live video product is aimed at the nexus of entertainment and community, where we believe our apps exhibit natural strength.

Our vision extends beyond dating and entertainment. We focus on building quality products to satisfy the universal need for human connection among all people, everywhere — not just paying subscribers. We believe meeting new people is a basic human need, especially for users aged 18-34, when so many long-lasting relationships are made. We use advanced technology to engineer serendipitous connections among people who otherwise might never have met - a sort of digital coffeehouse where everyone belongs. Over the years, The Meet Group's apps have originated untold numbers of chats, shares, good friendships, dates, romantic relationships - even marriages.

We believe that we have significant growth opportunities enabled through our social entertainment platform. We believe our scale provides unique advantages to grow video monetization, while also establishing a high density of users within the geographic regions we serve. As The Meet Group's networks grow and the number of users in a location increases, we believe that users who are seeking to meet new people will incrementally benefit from the quantity of relevant connections.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ("GAAP"). The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of all subsidiaries and affiliates in which the Company holds a controlling financial interest as of the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements.

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of The Meet Group and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### **Unaudited Interim Financial Information**

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company and reflect all normal, recurring adjustments that, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair presentation of the interim financial information. The results of operations for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any subsequent quarter or for the year ending December 31, 2018. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted under the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes included herein should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2018.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates and assumptions are required in the determination of business combinations, revenue recognition, accounts receivable valuation, the fair value of financial instruments, the valuation of long-lived assets, valuation of deferred tax assets, income taxes, contingencies, goodwill and intangible assets and stock-based compensation. Some of these judgments can be subjective and complex and, consequently, actual results may differ from these estimates. The Company's estimates often are based on complex judgments, probabilities and assumptions that it believes to be reasonable but that are inherently uncertain and unpredictable. For any given individual estimate or assumption made by the Company, there may also be other estimates or assumptions that are reasonable.

The Company regularly evaluates its estimates and assumptions using historical experience and other factors, including the economic environment. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with precision, the Company's estimates and assumptions may prove to be incomplete or inaccurate, or unanticipated events and circumstances may occur that might cause it to change those estimates and assumptions. Market conditions, such as illiquid credit markets, volatile equity markets, dramatic fluctuations in foreign currency rates and economic downturns, can increase the uncertainty already inherent in its estimates and assumptions. The Company adjusts its estimates and assumptions when facts and circumstances indicate the need for change. Those changes generally will be reflected in the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements on a prospective basis unless they are required to be treated retrospectively under the relevant accounting standard. It is possible that other professionals, applying reasonable judgment to the same facts and circumstances, could develop and support a range of alternative estimated amounts. The Company is also subject to other risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ from estimated amounts, such as changes in competition, litigation, legislation and regulations.

# **Revenue Recognition**

On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASC Topic 606 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers," ("ASC 606") using the cumulative effect method (modified retrospective method) and applied to those contracts with customers which were not completed as of January 1, 2018. Results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2018 are presented under ASC 606, while prior period amounts are unadjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with the Company's historic accounting under ASC Topic 605, "Revenue Recognition" ("ASC 605").

The Company recorded a net reduction to opening deferred revenue and a corresponding increase to retained earnings of \$0.02 million as of January 1, 2018 due to the cumulative impact of adopting ASC 606. The impact was related to MeetMe+ subscriptions, which were previously recognized using the revenue policy for credits under ASC 605. Under ASC 606, MeetMe+ subscription revenue will be recognized over the subscription period using a mid-month convention beginning on January 1, 2018. See Note 12—Revenue for further detail on revenue recognition.

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

The fair values of the Company's financial instruments reflect the amounts that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price).

The carrying amounts of the Company's financial instruments of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and deferred revenue approximate fair value due to their short maturities. Certain derivatives are carried at fair value as disclosed in Note 3— Fair Value Measurements. The Company has evaluated the estimated fair value

of financial instruments using available market information and management's estimates. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies could have a significant effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

In addition, the Company carries its contingent consideration liabilities related to acquisitions at fair value. In accordance with the three-tier fair value hierarchy, the Company determined the fair value of its contingent consideration liabilities using the income approach with assumed discount rates and payment probabilities. The income approach uses Level 3, or unobservable, inputs as defined under the accounting guidance for fair value measurements. At December 31, 2017, the Company's contingent consideration liability had a fair value of \$5.0 million. The Company paid the full amount of the contingent consideration in April 2018. See Note 2— Acquisitions for more information regarding the Company's contingent consideration liability.

As part of the Lovoo Acquisition the Company amended and restated its term loan and revolving credit facility. The Company carries a term loan facility with an outstanding balance at June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 of \$48.8 million and \$56.3 million, respectively. The outstanding balance as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 approximates fair value due to the variable market interest rates and relatively short maturity associated with the Term Loan Facility. See Note 6— Long-Term Debt for more information regarding the Company's credit facilities.

The Company leases certain fixed assets under capital leases that expire through 2021. The capital leases are for the Company's data centers, printers and other furniture in the Company's German offices. The outstanding balance as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 approximates fair value due to the relatively short maturities associated with these capital leases.

# **Foreign Currency**

The functional currency of our foreign subsidiaries is the local currency. The financial statements of these subsidiaries are translated to U.S. dollars using period-end rates of exchange for assets and liabilities and average quarterly rates of exchange for revenues and expenses. Translation gains (losses) are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) as a component of stockholders' equity. Net gains and losses resulting from foreign exchange transactions are included in other income (expense).

# Net Income (Loss) per Share

Basic net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares and common stock equivalents outstanding, calculated under the treasury stock method for options, unvested restricted stock awards, unvested in-the-money performance share units and warrants using the average market prices during the period.

The following table shows the computation of basic and diluted net income (loss) per share for the following:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended J			d June 30,	
		2018		2017		2018		2017
Numerator:								
Net income (loss)	\$	(235,272)	\$	856,595	\$	(4,447,933)	\$	1,302,441
Denominator:								
Weighted-average shares outstanding—basic		72,753,487		70,122,234		72,369,619		65,632,962
Effect of dilutive securities				4,763,669		<u> </u>		4,936,281
Weighted-average shares outstanding—diluted		72,753,487		74,885,903		72,369,619		70,569,243
Basic income (loss) per share	\$	_	\$	0.01	\$	(0.06)	\$	0.02
Diluted income (loss) per share	\$	_	\$	0.01	\$	(0.06)	\$	0.02

The following table summarizes the number of dilutive securities, which may dilute future earnings per share, outstanding for each of the periods presented, but not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months l	Ended June 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2018	2017	2018	2017		
Stock options	5,081,890	4,013,425	5,081,890	3,840,813		
Unvested restricted stock awards	3,805,547	_	3,805,547	_		
Unvested performance stock awards	1,046,350	_	1,046,350	_		
Total	9,933,787	4,013,425	9,933,787	3,840,813		

#### Significant Customers and Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and accounts receivable. The Company invests its excess cash in high-quality, liquid money market funds maintained by major U.S. banks and financial institutions. The Company has not experienced any losses on its cash equivalents, including restricted cash or money market funds.

The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and generally does not require collateral. The Company has no recent history of significant losses from uncollectible accounts. During the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, two and three customers, all of which were advertising aggregators (which represent thousands of advertisers) and customer payment processors, comprised approximately 49% and 46% of total revenues, respectively. Three and five customers, which were advertising aggregators and customer payment processors, comprised approximately 51% and 61% of accounts receivable as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

The Company does not expect its current or future credit risk exposure to have a significant impact on its operations, however, there can be no assurance that the Company's business will not experience any adverse impact from credit risk in the future.

#### Reclassifications

In the statement of comprehensive income (loss) for the six months ended June 30, 2018, approximately \$1.7 million related to the three months ended March 31, 2018 was reclassified from unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments to foreign currency translation adjustment. This reclassification had no impact on net other comprehensive income (loss) for the three and six month periods ended ended June 30, 2018 or accumulated comprehensive loss as of June 30, 2018.

# **Recent Issued Accounting Standards**

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842). The new standard establishes a right-of-use (ROU) model that requires a lessee to record an ROU asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the income statement. ASU No. 2016-2 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and annual and interim periods thereafter, with early adoption permitted. A modified retrospective transition approach is required for lessees for capital and operating leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements, with certain practical expedients available. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of this new standard will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, providing additional guidance on several cash flow classification issues, with the goal of the update to reduce the current and potential future diversity in practice. The amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The adoption of ASU No. 2016-15 did not have any impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-02, *Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income*. The amendment allows an entity to elect to reclassify the stranded tax effects resulting from the change in income tax rate from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings. The amendments in this update are effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of this new standard will have on its consolidated financial statements.

#### **Note 2— Acquisitions**

#### Lovoo

On October 19, 2017, the Company acquired from Bawogo Ventures GmbH & Co. KG, a limited partnership organized under the laws of Germany, all of the outstanding shares of Lovoo, a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of Germany (the "Lovoo Acquisition"), for total consideration of \$86.1 million including working capital. The Company does not expect goodwill to be deductible for tax purposes.

Included in the total consideration of \$86.1 million was a \$5.0 million contingent consideration in the form of an earn-out which was subject to certain conditions set forth in the Purchase Agreement, including the successful achievement of an Adjusted EBITDA target by Lovoo for the year ended December 31, 2017. Based on the probability of achieving the financial targets, the Company determined that the fair value of the contingent consideration at the closing date was \$5.0 million. The Company paid the full amount of the contingent consideration in April 2018.

The Company incurred a total of \$1.4 million in transaction costs in connection with the Lovoo Acquisition, which were expensed as incurred in the consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2017.

The acquisition-date fair value of the consideration transferred is as follows:

	At October 19, 2017
Cash consideration (1)	\$ 65,000,000
Contingent consideration	5,000,000
Net working capital adjustment	16,148,750
Total consideration	\$ 86,148,750

(1) Cash consideration includes a \$6.5 million and a \$4.0 million escrow payment to be paid out 24 months and 36 months, respectively, from the date of the transaction.

The following is a preliminary purchase price allocation as of the October 19, 2017 acquisition date:

	At O	ctober 19, 2017
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	20,717,202
Accounts receivable		3,677,708
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		843,930
Property and equipment		1,014,716
Intangible assets		16,970,000
Accounts payable		(1,100,837)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		(4,652,757)
Deferred revenue		(1,594,641)
Deferred tax liability		(3,862,337)
Capital leases		(542,112)
Net assets acquired	\$	31,470,872
Goodwill		54,677,878
Total consideration	\$	86,148,750

The fair values of the Lovoo trademarks were determined using an income approach, the fair value of software acquired, which represents the primary platform on which the Lovoo apps operate, was determined using a cost approach and the fair value of customer relationships was determined using an excess earnings approach. These values are subject to change based on the final assessment of the deferred taxes acquired. The amounts assigned to the identifiable intangible assets are as follows:

	Fair Value	Weighted Average Amortization Period (Years)
Trademark	\$ 12,090,000	10.0
Software	1,335,000	2.0
Customer relationships	3,545,000	8.7
Total identifiable intangible assets	\$ 16,970,000	9.1

#### **Note 3—Fair Value Measurements**

Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement* ("ASC 820") establishes a fair value hierarchy for instruments measured at fair value that distinguishes between assumptions based on market data (observable inputs) and the Company's own assumptions (unobservable inputs). Observable inputs are inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Company's assumptions about the inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, and are developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

ASC 820 identifies fair value as the exchange price, or 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. As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, ASC 820 establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy that distinguishes among the following:

Level 1—Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2—Valuations based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active and models for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3—Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

To the extent that the valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Company in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

# **Derivative Financial Instruments**

Currently, the Company uses an interest rate swap, interest rate cap and a cross currency swap to manage its interest rate risk. The valuation of these instruments is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves and implied volatilities. The fair values of the interest rate swap and the cross currency swap are determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash receipts (or payments) and the discounted expected variable cash payments (or receipts). The variable cash payments (or receipts) are based on an expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observable market interest rate curves.

The fair value of the interest rate cap is determined using the market standard methodology of discounting the future expected cash receipts that would occur if variable interest rates rise above the strike rate of the cap. The variable interest rates used in the calculation of projected receipts on the cap are based on an expectation of future interest rates derived from observable market interest rate curves and volatilities.

To comply with the provisions of ASC 820, the Company incorporates credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both its nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. In adjusting the fair value of the Company's derivative contracts for the effect of nonperformance risk, the Company has considered the impact of netting and any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral postings, thresholds, mutual puts and guarantees. In accordance with the FASB's fair value measurement guidance in ASU 2011-04, the Company made an accounting policy election to measure the credit risk of its derivative financial instruments that are subject to master netting agreements on a net basis by counterparty portfolio.

Although the Company has determined that the majority of the inputs used to value its derivatives fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the credit valuation adjustments associated with its derivatives utilize Level 3 inputs, such as estimates of current credit spreads to evaluate the likelihood of default by the Company and its counterparties. The Company has determined that the significance of the impact of the credit valuation adjustments made to its derivative contracts, which determination was based on the fair value of each individual contract, was not significant to the overall valuation. As a result, all of the Company's derivatives held as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 were classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. See Note 11— Derivatives and Hedging Activities for further discussion on derivative financial instruments.

#### **Recurring Fair Value Measurements**

Items measured at fair value on a recurring basis include money market mutual funds, restricted cash, derivatives and hedging instruments and contingent consideration. During the periods presented, the Company has not changed the manner in which it values assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value using Level 3 inputs. The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about each major category of the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Items (Level 1)	Si	gnificant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)		Total
June 30, 2018						'	
Assets							
Money market	\$ 1,390,083	\$	_	\$	_	\$	1,390,083
Restricted cash	500,000						500,000
Derivative asset	 _		1,097,223				1,097,223
Total assets	\$ 1,890,083	\$	1,097,223	\$		\$	2,987,306
Liabilities							
Derivative liability	\$ _	\$	2,126,536	\$	_	\$	2,126,536
Total liabilities	\$ _	\$	2,126,536	\$		\$	2,126,536
December 31, 2017							
Assets							
Money market	\$ 1,390,714	\$	_	\$	<del></del>	\$	1,390,714
Restricted cash	894,551		<del>-</del>		_		894,551
Derivative asset			739,606				739,606
Total assets	\$ 2,285,265	\$	739,606	\$	_	\$	3,024,871
Liabilities							
Contingent consideration	\$ _	\$	_	\$	5,000,000	\$	5,000,000
Derivative liability	<u> </u>		3,067,572		<u> </u>		3,067,572
Total liabilities	\$ 	\$	3,067,572	\$	5,000,000	\$	8,067,572
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The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Company's contingent consideration liability, which represents a recurring measurement that is classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, wherein fair value is estimated using significant unobservable inputs:

	 Contingent Consideration
Balance as of December 31, 2017	\$ 5,000,000
Payments	 (5,000,000)
Balance as of June 30, 2018	\$ 

The contingent consideration is recorded in accrued expenses on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2017. The contingent consideration liability was paid in April 2018.

The Company recognizes transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers within the levels of the fair value hierarchy during the six months ended June 30, 2018 and the year ended December 31, 2017.

# Note 4— Intangible Assets and Goodwill

Intangible assets consist of the following:

	June 30, 2018							
	Gross Carrying Accumulated Amount Amortization							
Trademarks and domain names	\$ 34,879,427	\$	(11,246,720)	\$	23,632,707			
Customer relationships	13,972,303		(5,569,574)		8,402,729			
Software	18,748,921		(8,441,535)		10,307,386			
Total	\$ 67,600,651	\$	(25,257,829)	\$	42,342,822			

		December 31, 2017								
	Gross Carrying Amount		ring Accumulated Amortization		]	Net Carrying Amount				
Trademarks and domain names	\$	35,204,638	\$	(8,952,725)	\$	26,251,913				
Customer relationships		14,067,457		(3,677,895)		10,389,562				
Software		18,784,755		(6,706,802)		12,077,953				
Total	\$	68,056,850	\$	(19,337,422)	\$	48,719,428				

Amortization expense was approximately \$3.0 million and \$2.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 and \$6.0 million and \$3.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Annual future amortization expense for the Company's intangible assets is as follows:

Year ending December 31,	Amortization Expense
Remaining in 2018	\$ 5,529,149
2019	9,536,157
2020	7,580,775
2021	6,565,356
2022	3,974,978
Thereafter	9,156,407
Total	\$ 42,342,822

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the six months ended June 30, 2018 are as follows:

	June 30, 2018
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$ 150,694,135
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(1,466,887)
Balance at June 30, 2018	\$ 149,227,248

# Note 5— Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	June 30, 2018	D	December 31, 2017
Servers, computer equipment and software	\$ 14,231,248	\$	14,044,505
Office furniture and equipment	553,013		521,233
Leasehold improvements	668,315		663,356
	15,452,576		15,229,094
Less accumulated depreciation	(11,820,226)		(10,704,976)
Property and equipment - net	\$ 3,632,350	\$	4,524,118

Property and equipment depreciation expense was approximately \$0.6 million for each of the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 and \$1.1 million and \$1.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

# Note 6— Long-Term Debt

#### **Credit Facilities**

On September 18, 2017, in connection with the Lovoo Acquisition, as discussed in Note 2— Acquisitions, the Company entered into an amended and restated credit agreement (the "Amended and Restated Credit Agreement") with the several banks and other financial institutions party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent (the "Agent"), amending and restating the Credit Agreement, dated March 3, 2017. The Amended and Restated Credit Agreement provides for a \$20.0 million revolving credit facility (the "New Revolving Credit Facility") and a \$60.0 million delayed draw term loan facility (the "New Term Loan Facility," and together with the "New Revolving Credit Facility", the "New Credit Facilities"). On October 18, 2017, the Company drew down \$60.0 million from its New Term Loan Facility in connection with the Lovoo Acquisition. Fees and direct costs incurred for the New Credit Facilities were \$0.6 million and are offset against long-term debt on the accompanying balance sheet as of June 30, 2018. On March 7, 2018, the Company entered into an amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, that among other things, amends the definition of "Applicable Rate" and "EBITDA" and makes certain changes to the financial covenants. On July 27, 2018, the Company entered into an amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement that amends the Company's obligation to use certain of its excess cash flow to prepay its obligations under the Credit Agreement by limiting the applicable period for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 to the period commencing October 31, 2017 and ended December 31, 2017.

The Company intends to use the proceeds of the New Revolving Credit Facility to finance working capital needs and for general corporate purposes. Amounts under the New Revolving Credit Facility may be borrowed, repaid and re-borrowed from time to time until the maturity date of the Credit Agreement on September 18, 2020. The New Term Loan Facility is subject to quarterly payments of principal in an amount equal to \$3,750,000 commencing December 31, 2017 and continuing through maturity. At the Company's election, loans made under the New Credit Facilities will bear interest at either (i) a base rate ("Base Rate") plus an applicable margin or (ii) a London interbank offered rate ("LIBO Rate") plus an applicable margin, subject to adjustment if an event of default under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement has occurred and is continuing. The Base Rate means the highest of (a) the Agent's "prime rate," (b) the federal funds effective rate plus 0.50% and (c) the LIBO Rate for an interest period of one month plus 1%. The Company's present and future domestic subsidiaries (the "Guarantors") will guarantee the obligations of the Company and its subsidiaries under the New Credit Facilities are secured by all of the assets of the Company and the Guarantors, subject to certain exceptions and exclusions as set forth in the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and other loan documents.

The New Term Loan Facility consisted of the following:

	Jι	ine 30, 2018	Dece	ember 31, 2017
Principal	\$	48,750,000	\$	56,250,000
Less: Debt discount, net		(448,581)		(612,894)
Net carrying amount	\$	48,301,419	\$	55,637,106
Less: current portion		15,000,000		15,000,000
Long-term debt, net	\$	33,301,419	\$	40,637,106

The weighted average interest rate at June 30, 2018 was 5.26%. As of June 30, 2018, the Company did not have an outstanding balance on its Revolving Credit Facility.

On March 3, 2017, in connection with the acquisition of if(we) (the "if(we) Acquisition"), the Company entered into a credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with the several banks and other financial institutions party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., the Agent. The Credit Agreement provided for a \$15.0 million revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") and a \$15.0 million term loan facility (the "Term Loan Facility," and together with the "Revolving Credit Facility," the "Credit Facilities"). On April 3, 2017, the Company drew down \$15.0 million from its Term Loan Facility in connection with the if(we) Acquisition. On September 18, 2017, the Company paid in full the outstanding balance on the Term Loan Facility.

# Note 7— Commitments and Contingencies

# **Capital Leases**

The Company leases certain fixed assets under capital leases that expire at various times through 2021. The capital leases are for the Company's data centers, printers and other furniture in the Company's German offices. Principal and interest are payable monthly at interest rates ranging from 3.9% to 7.8% per annum, rates varying based on the type of leased asset. The Company did not enter into any new capital lease agreements during the six months ended June 30, 2018.

#### **Operating Leases**

The Company leases its operating facilities in the U.S. under certain noncancelable operating leases that expire through 2022. The Company also leases operating facilities in Germany under certain noncancelable operating leases that expire through 2020. These leases are renewable at the Company's option. The German subsidiary of the Company also stores a majority of its user and business data in the Google Cloud Platform under a noncancelable minimum commitment agreement that expires through 2023.

A summary of minimum future rental payments required under capital and operating leases as of June 30, 2018 are as follows:

For the Years Ending December 31,	Capital Leases	Operating Leases	Cloud Data Storage
Remaining in 2018	\$ 117,315	\$ 2,259,011	\$ 63,165
2019	148,183	2,451,287	478,506
2020	39,655	967,326	682,329
2021	4,904	612,619	1,014,517
2022		283,302	1,115,969
Thereafter	 	_	1,227,566
Total minimum lease payments	\$ 310,057	\$ 6,573,545	\$ 4,582,052
Less: amount representing interest	 12,395		 _
Total present value of minimum payments	297,662		
Less: current portion of capital lease obligations	 187,606		
Long-term capital lease obligations	\$ 110,056		

Rent expense for the operating leases was approximately \$1.0 million and \$1.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 and \$2.1 million and \$2.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

#### **New Term Loan Facility**

A summary of minimum future principal payments under our New Term Loan Facility as of June 30, 2018 are as follows:

For the Years Ending December 31,		Loan Facility(1)
Remaining in 2018	\$	7,500,000
2019		15,000,000
2020		26,250,000
Total minimum loan payments	\$	48,750,000

(1) Interest rates on the New Term Loan Facility are variable in nature, however, the Company is party to a fixed-pay amortizing interest rate swap having a remaining notional amount of \$33.8 million and a non-amortizing interest rate cap with a notional amount of \$15.0 million. If interest rates were to remain at the June 30, 2018 level, we would receive interest payments of \$0.03 million in 2018, \$0.04 million in 2019 and \$0.01 million in 2020 of net settlements on the fixed-pay amortizing interest rate swap.

#### Litigation

From time to time, we are party to certain legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course and are incidental to our business. We operate our business online, which is subject to extensive regulation by federal and state governments.

On September 29, 2015, the Company filed suit in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, against Beanstock Media, Inc. ("Beanstock") and Adaptive Medias, Inc. ("Adaptive") for collection of approximately \$10 million, in the aggregate, due under the Media Publisher Agreement (the "Web Agreement") entered into on September 25, 2013 and the Advertising Agreement (the "Mobile Agreement") entered into on December 23, 2014.

Pursuant to the Web Agreement, Beanstock had the exclusive right and obligation to fill all of the Company's remnant desktop in-page display advertising inventory on www.meetme.com (the "Site"), excluding, (i) any inventory sold to a third party under an insertion order that was campaign or advertiser specific, (ii) any inventory the Company reserved in existing and future agreements with third parties for barter transactions and as additional consideration as part of larger business development transactions, and (iii) any inventory reserved for premium advertising for the Site. Pursuant to the Mobile Agreement, Beanstock had the right and obligation to fill substantially all of the Company's advertising inventory on its MeetMe mobile app for iOS and Android, as well as the Site when accessed using a mobile device and as optimized for mobile devices (collectively, the "App"). The Mobile Agreement did not apply to interstitially placed advertisements, advertisements on versions of the App specific to the iPad and other Apple tablet devices, other mobile apps or in-app products or features on the App, including, without limitation, offer wall features and the Company's Social Theater business.

On September 28, 2015, Adaptive filed suit in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, against the Company, Beanstock, et al., alleging, in pertinent part, that the Company "aided and abetted" an individual who was an officer and director of Adaptive to breach his fiduciary duty to Adaptive with respect to Adaptive joining the Mobile Agreement. Adaptive's complaint sought from the Company \$600,000 plus unspecified punitive damages. On January 20, 2016, the Company received notice from the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware, that a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case against Beanstock had been filed on October 7, 2015. Both of the state court actions were stayed by the courts as a result of the bankruptcy filing against Beanstock. Adaptive's suit against the Company remained stayed until Adaptive indicated that it no longer wanted to pursue the matter and, on or about November 20, 2017, filed a voluntary request for dismissal without prejudice of the action and all claims against the parties, including the Company, which dismissal was entered by the Court on the same day. The Company was not required to take any action or pay any sum in connection with the dismissal. Adaptive's suit against the Company is, therefore, resolved.

Future events or circumstances, currently unknown to management, will determine whether the resolution of pending or threatened litigation or claims will ultimately have a material effect on our consolidated financial position, liquidity or results of operations in any future reporting periods.

#### **Retirement Plan**

The Company maintains The Meet Group, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), which is a savings and investment plan intended to be qualified under the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan covers the majority of the employees of the Company. In January 2014, the Company began providing matching contributions to the Plan, based on a participant's contribution. The

Company's 401(k) match expense totaled \$0.4 million and \$0.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The expense is included in sales and marketing, product development and content, and general and administrative expenses in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income.

#### Note 8— Stockholders' Equity

#### **Preferred Stock**

The total number of shares of preferred stock, \$.001 par value, that the Company is authorized to issue is 5,000,000.

The Board of Directors may, without further action by the stockholders, issue a series of preferred stock and fix the rights and preferences of those shares, including the dividend rights, dividend rates, conversion rights, exchange rights, voting rights, terms of redemption, redemption price or prices, liquidation preferences, the number of shares constituting any series and the designation of such series.

As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 there were no shares of preferred stock issued and outstanding.

#### **Common Stock**

The total number of shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value, that the Company is authorized to issue is 100,000,000.

The Company issued shares of common stock of 1,075,893 and 1,013,763 related to restricted stock awards during the six months ended June 30, 2018 and the year ended December 31, 2017, respectively. The Company issued 131,051 shares related to stock option exercises during the six months ended June 30, 2018. The Company issued 2,080,648 shares related to exercises of stock options and 675,000 related to the exercise of warrants in the year ended December 31, 2017.

#### **Stock-Based Compensation**

The fair values of share-based payments are estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, based on weighted average assumptions. Expected volatility is based on historical volatility of the Company's common stock. The risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect over the expected term at the time of grant. Compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of the award. The Company uses the simplified method to determine the expected option term since the Company's stock option exercise experience does not provide a reasonable basis upon which to estimate the expected option term.

The Company began granting restricted stock awards ("RSAs") to its employees in April 2013. The cost of the RSAs is determined using the fair value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Stock-based compensation expense for RSAs is amortized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period. RSAs generally vest over a three-year period with 33% vesting at the end of one year and the remaining vesting annually thereafter.

The Company began granting performance shares ("PSUs") to certain employees in April 2018. Performance shares are based on a relative Total Shareholder Return ("TSR") metric over a performance period spanning three years from the grant date of the performance share award. PSU awards will vest at the end of the performance period and will be paid immediately in shares of common stock. PSU awards are forfeited if the participant is no longer employed on the third anniversary of the grant date except in the event of an involuntary termination, death, disability or change in control. The Company estimated the fair value of the PSU awards using a Monte-Carlo simulation model utilizing several key assumptions including expected Company and Russell 2000 Peer Group share price volatility, correlation coefficients between peers, the risk-free rate of return, the expected dividend yield and other award design features.

The assumptions used in calculating the fair value of stock-based awards represent the Company's best estimates, but these estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management judgment. As a result, if factors change and the Company uses different assumptions, the Company's stock-based compensation expense could be materially different in the future.

Stock-based compensation expense includes incremental stock-based compensation expense and is allocated on the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income as follows:

	 Three Months	Ende	ed June 30,	 Six Months E	Ended	ided June 30,	
	2018		2017	2018		2017	
Sales and marketing	\$ 112,222	\$	101,035	\$ 230,769	\$	202,304	
Product development and content	1,161,863		1,428,743	2,275,930		1,930,043	
General and administrative	816,785		838,414	1,753,096		1,370,003	
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 2,090,870	\$	2,368,192	\$ 4,259,795	\$	3,502,350	

As of June 30, 2018, there was approximately \$2.8 million, \$11.2 million and \$1.7 million of total unrecognized compensation cost which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average vesting period of approximately of 1.7 years, 2.2 years and 2.8 years relating to stock options, RSAs and PSUs, respectively.

# **Stock Compensation Plans**

#### 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan

On June 1, 2018, the Company's stockholders approved the 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2018 Plan"), providing for the issuance of up to 8.8 million shares of the Company's common stock, including approximately 0.3 million shares previously approved by the Company's stockholders under the Company's Amended and Restated 2012 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2012 Plan"), less one share of common stock for every one share of common stock that was subject to an option granted after April 9, 2018 but before June 1, 2018 under the 2012 Plan, plus an additional number of shares of common stock equal to the number of options previously granted under the 2012 Plan and the Amended and Restated 2006 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2006 Stock Plan") that either terminate, expire, or are forfeited after April 9, 2018 and any restricted stock awards that either terminate, expire, or are forfeited equal to the number of awards granted under the 2012 Plan and 2006 Stock Plan multiplied by the fungible ratio of 1.4. As of June 30, 2018, there were approximately 7.1 million shares of common stock available for grant.

#### Restricted Stock Awards Under 2018 Plan

A summary of RSA activity under the 2018 Plan during the six months ended June 30, 2018 is as follows:

RSAs	Number of RSAs	Weight Avera Stock P	ge	
Outstanding at December 31, 2017	_	\$	_	
Granted	1,522,034		4.18	
Vested	_		_	
Forfeited or expired			_	
Outstanding and unvested at June 30, 2018	1,522,034	\$	4.18	

Shares are forfeited if not vested within three years from the date of grant and vest in three equal annual increments. The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense related to RSAs of approximately \$0.1 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively.

#### Amended and Restated 2012 Omnibus Incentive Plan

On December 16, 2016, the Company's stockholders approved the 2012 Plan, providing for the issuance of up to 10.5 million shares of the Company's common stock, including approximately 2.1 million shares previously approved by the Company's stockholders under the Company's 2006 Stock Plan, less one share of common stock for every one share of common stock that was subject to an option or other award granted after December 31, 2011 under the 2006 Stock Plan, plus an additional number of shares of common stock equal to the number of shares previously granted under the 2006 Stock Plan that either terminate, expire, or are forfeited after December 31, 2011. As of June 1, 2018, grants are no longer issued from the 2012 Plan.

A summary of stock option activity under the 2012 Plan during the six months ended June 30, 2018 is as follows:

Options	Number of Stock Options	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate trinsic Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2017	3,724,892	\$ 3.07		
Granted	<del></del>			
Exercised	(131,051)	1.77		
Forfeited or expired	(95,867)	3.49		
Outstanding at June 30, 2018	3,497,974	\$ 3.11	7.3	\$ 5,301,183
Exercisable at June 30, 2018	2,695,101	\$ 2.75	6.9	\$ 4,895,933

The total intrinsic values of options exercised were \$0.2 million during each of the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense related to options of approximately \$0.4 million and \$0.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 and \$0.8 million and \$1.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The fair value of each stock option is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

	Six Months Ended June 30		
	2018	2017	
Risk-free interest rate	%	1.89%	
Expected term (in years)	0	6.0	
Expected dividend yield	_	_	
Expected volatility	—%	83%	

Restricted Stock Awards Under 2012 Omnibus Incentive Plan

A summary of RSA activity under the 2012 Plan during the six months ended June 30, 2018 is as follows:

RSAs	Number of RSAs	Weighted- Average Stock Price
Outstanding at December 31, 2017	2,292,308	\$ 3.77
Granted	449,500	2.17
Vested	(954,529)	3.72
Forfeited or expired	(209,600)	2.99
Outstanding and unvested at June 30, 2018	1,577,679	\$ 3.45

Shares are forfeited if not vested within three years from the date of grant and vest in three equal annual increments. The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense related to RSAs of approximately \$1.1 million and \$1.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 and \$2.2 million and \$1.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

# Performance Share Awards Under 2012 Omnibus Incentive Plan

The Company granted 615,500 PSUs during the six months ended June 30, 2018 based on a relative TSR metric over a performance period spanning three years from the grant date of the PSU. PSUs will vest at the end of the performance period and will be paid immediately in shares of common stock. PSUs are forfeited if the participant is no longer employed on the third anniversary of the grant date except in the event of an involuntary termination, death, disability or change in control.

PSU share payouts range from a threshold of 0% to a maximum of 170% based on the relative ranking of the Company's TSR as compared to the TSR of the companies in the Russell 2000 Peer Group. The PSU award stipulates certain limitations to the payout in the event the payout reaches a defined ceiling level or the Company's TSR is negative. The estimated fair value of the PSU awards at the date of grant was \$1.8 million. The Company estimated the fair value of the PSU awards using a Monte-Carlo simulation model utilizing several key assumptions including expected Company and Russell 2000 Peer Group share price volatility, correlation coefficients between peers, the risk-free rate of return, the expected dividend yield and other award design features.

A summary of performance share awards under the 2012 Plan during the six months ended June 30, 2018 is as follows:

PSUs	Number of PSUs	Weighted- Average Stock Price
Outstanding at December 31, 2017		\$
Granted	615,500	2.94
Vested	_	_
Forfeited or expired	_	_
Outstanding at June 30, 2018	615,500	\$ 2.94

The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense related to PSUs of approximately \$0.1 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively.

#### 2006 Stock Incentive Plan

On June 27, 2007, the Company's stockholders approved the 2006 Stock Plan, providing for the issuance of up to 3.7 million shares of common stock plus an additional number of shares of common stock equal to the number of shares previously granted under the 1998 Stock Option Plan that either terminate, expire, or lapse after the date of the Board of Directors' approval of the 2006 Stock Plan. All options granted and outstanding have been fully expensed prior to 2016.

A summary of stock option activity under the 2006 Stock Plan during the six months ended June 30, 2018 is as follows:

Options	Number of Stock Options	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2017	1,194,081	\$ 4.08		
Granted				
Exercised	_	<del>_</del>		
Forfeited or expired	(96,000)	5.06		
Outstanding at June 30, 2018	1,098,081	\$ 3.99	3.3	\$ 564,307
Exercisable at June 30, 2018	1,053,902	\$ 4.00	3.4	\$ 529,848

The total intrinsic values of options exercised were \$6.3 million during the six months ended June 30, 2017. No options were exercised during the six months ended June 30, 2018.

#### Amended and Restated 2016 Inducement Omnibus Incentive Plan

On October 3, 2016, in connection with the closing of the acquisition of Skout, the Company's Board of Directors adopted the 2016 Inducement Omnibus Incentive Plan in accordance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5635(c)(4). At the closing of the acquisition of Skout, the Company granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of up to 355,000 shares of its common stock to 25 former Skout employees as an inducement material to becoming non-executive employees of the Company. On February 27, 2017, the Company amended and restated the 2016 Inducement Omnibus Incentive Plan (as so amended and restated, the "2016 Stock Plan") and authorized an additional 2,000,000 shares of common stock under the 2016 Stock Plan. At the closing of the if(we) Acquisition, the Company granted options to purchase an aggregate of up to 75,000 shares of its common stock and restricted stock awards representing an aggregate of 717,500 shares of common stock to 83 former if(we) employees as an inducement material to becoming non-executive employees of the Company. At the closing of the Lovoo Acquisition, the Company granted restricted stock awards representing an aggregate of 531,500 shares of common stock to 96 former Lovoo employees as an inducement material to becoming non-executive employees of the Company.

# Options Under The 2016 Stock Plan

A summary of stock option activity under the 2016 Stock Plan during the six months ended June 30, 2018 is as follows:

Options	Number of Stock Options	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2017	734,168	\$ 5.18		
Granted	_			
Exercised	_	_		
Forfeited or expired	(248,332)	5.16		
Outstanding at June 30, 2018	485,836	\$ 5.19	8.6	\$ —
Exercisable at June 30, 2018	272,502	\$ 5.27	8.6	\$ —

The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense related to options of approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 and \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The fair value of each stock option is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

	Six Months E	Ended June 30,
	2018	2017
Risk-free interest rate	<del></del> %	1.89%
Expected term (in years)	0	6.0
Expected dividend yield	_	<del>_</del>
Expected volatility	%	84%

A summary of RSA activity under the 2016 Stock Plan during the six months ended June 30, 2018 is as follows:

RSAs	Number of RSAs	Weighted- Average Stock Price
Outstanding at December 31, 2017	1,242,250	\$ 4.62
Granted	<u> </u>	_
Vested	(240,540)	5.36
Forfeited or expired	(295,877)	5.39
Outstanding and unvested at June 30, 2018	705,833	\$ 4.05

Shares are forfeited if not vested within three years from the date of grant, and vest in three equal annual increments. The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense related to RSAs of approximately \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 and \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

#### **Note 9— Warrant Transactions**

In March 2006, the Company issued warrants to purchase 1,000,000 shares of common stock, which were subsequently modified on February 19, 2010. In March, April and May 2017, F. StephenAllen exercised their remaining 425,000 warrants with an exercise price of \$3.55 resulting in the Company issuing 425,000 shares of common stock. In June 2017, OTA LLC exercised their remaining 250,000 warrants with an exercise price of \$3.55 resulting in the Company issuing 250,000 shares of common stock. As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there were no warrants issued and outstanding.

#### Note 10—Income Taxes

The Company recorded a net income tax expense of approximately \$0.5 million and a net income tax benefit of approximately \$2.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The net income tax expense recorded during the three months ended June 30, 2018 is primarily related a decrease in the annual effective tax rate ("AETR") in the three months ended June 30, 2018 and discrete tax expense related to a shortfall on stock-based compensation.

The Company recorded a net income tax expense of approximately \$0.3 million and a net income tax benefit of approximately \$2.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The net income tax benefit recorded during the six months ended June 30, 2018 is primarily related a decrease in the AETR in the six months ended June 30, 2018 and discrete tax expense related to a shortfall on stock-based compensation.

For the six months ended June 30, 2018, the Company's effective tax rate ("AETR") from operations is 1.0%, compared to 41.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2017. The difference between the Company's effective tax rate and the current U.S. statutory rate of 21% is primarily related to permanent addback items and the difference in tax rates between the U.S. and Germany. The difference in the effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2018 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2017 is a result of permanent differences as well as the change in the federal tax rate from 35% to 21% and the inclusion of Lovoo.

As of each reporting date, management considers new evidence, both positive and negative, that could affect its view of the future realization of deferred tax assets (primarily federal and state net operating losses ("NOLs"). As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company has a valuation allowance related to acquired state NOLs that the Company believes it is not more likely than not will be realized.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, the Company had no material changes in uncertain tax positions.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Act") was enacted on December 22, 2017. The Act reduces the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, requires companies to pay a one-time transition tax on the accumulated earnings of certain

foreign subsidiaries and creates new taxes on certain foreign-sourced earnings. As of December 31, 2017, the Company made a reasonable estimate of the one-time transition tax on accumulated foreign earnings as well as the impact of the Act on its existing deferred tax balances. As discussed below, the Company has not completed its accounting for the tax effects of the Act as of June 30, 2018.

The one-time transition tax is based on the Company's total post-acquisition earnings and profits ("E&P") of its German subsidiaries in October 2017, for which the accrual of U.S. income taxes had previously been deferred. The Company recorded a provisional amount for its one-time transition tax liability at December 31, 2017 which was considered immaterial, and has not adjusted this amount as of June 30, 2018. The Company has not yet completed its calculation of the total foreign E&P for these foreign subsidiaries. Further, the transition tax is impacted in part by the amount of those earnings held in cash and other specified assets. Accordingly, the Company's estimate of the one-time transition tax may change when it finalizes the calculation of the foreign E&P previously deferred from U.S. federal taxation and finalizes the amounts held in cash or other specified assets.

As of December 31, 2017, the Company re-measured certain deferred tax assets and liabilities based on the rates at which they are expected to reverse in the future, which is expected to be 21%. A provisional tax expense of \$7.7 million was recorded, and no adjustment was recorded to this estimate in during the six months ended June 30, 2018. The Company is still analyzing certain aspects of the Act and refining its calculations, which could potentially affect the measurement of these balances.

The global intangible low-taxed income ("GILTI") provisions of the Act impose a tax on the GILTI earned by certain foreign subsidiaries. The FASB Staff Q&A, Topic 740, No. 5, Accounting for Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income, states that an entity can make an accounting policy election to either recognize deferred taxes for temporary basis differences expected to reverse as GILTI in future years or provide for the tax expense related to GILTI in the year the tax is incurred. No estimate was recorded for GILTI as of December 31, 2017. The Company recorded a provision for tax expense resulting from GILTI provisions and future income subject to the GILTI provisions of approximately \$0.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018.

# Note 11— Derivatives and Hedging Activities

# Risk Management Objective of Using Derivatives

The Company is exposed to certain risk arising from both its business operations and economic conditions. The Company principally manages its exposures to a wide variety of business and operational risks through management of its core business activities. The Company manages economic risks, including interest rate, liquidity, and credit risk primarily by managing the amount, sources, and duration of its assets and liabilities and the use of derivative financial instruments. Specifically, the Company enters into derivative financial instruments to manage exposures that arise from business activities that result in the receipt or payment of future known and uncertain cash amounts, the value of which are determined by interest rates. The Company's derivative financial instruments are used to manage differences in the amount, timing, and duration of the Company's known or expected cash receipts and its known or expected cash payments principally related to the Company's borrowings.

Certain of the Company's foreign operations expose the Company to fluctuations of foreign exchange rates. These fluctuations may impact the value of the Company's cash receipts and payments in terms of the Company's functional currency. The Company enters into derivative financial instruments to protect the value or fix the amount of certain liabilities in terms of its functional currency, the U.S. dollar.

#### **Cash Flow Hedges of Interest Rate Risk**

The Company's objectives in using interest rate derivatives are to add stability to interest expense and to manage its exposure to interest rate movements. To accomplish this objective, the Company primarily uses interest rate swaps and caps as part of its interest rate risk management strategy. Interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges involve the receipt of variable amounts from a counterparty in exchange for the Company making fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying notional amount. Interest rate caps designated as cash flow hedges involve the receipt of variable amounts from a counterparty if interest rates rise above the strike rate on the contract in exchange for an up-front premium. During 2018, such derivatives were used to hedge the variable cash flows associated with existing variable-rate debt.

For derivatives designated and that qualify as cash flow hedges of interest rate risk, the gain or loss on the derivative is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and subsequently reclassified into interest expense in the same period(s) during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. Gains and losses on the derivative representing hedge components excluded from the assessment of effectiveness are recognized over the life of the hedge on a systematic and rational basis, as documented at hedge inception in accordance with the Company's accounting policy election. The earnings recognition of excluded components is presented in interest expense. Amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) related to derivatives will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on the Company's variable-rate debt. Between June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019, the Company estimates that an additional \$0.1 million will be reclassified as a decrease to interest expense.

As of June 30, 2018, the Company had the following outstanding interest rate derivatives that were designated as cash flow hedges of interest rate risk:

	Number of	At Inception	At June 30, 2018
Interest Rate Derivative	Instruments	Notional	Notional
Interest rate swaps	1	\$45,000,000	\$33,750,000
Interest rate caps	1	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000

# Cash Flow Hedges of Foreign Exchange Risk

The Company is exposed to fluctuations in various foreign currencies against its functional currency, the U.S. dollar. The Company uses foreign currency derivatives including cross-currency interest rate swaps to manage its exposure to fluctuations in the USD-EUR exchange rate. Cross-currency interest rate swaps involve exchanging fixed rate interest payments for fixed rate interest receipts both of which will occur at the USD-EUR forward exchange rates in effect upon entering into the instrument. The Company designates these derivatives as cash flow hedges of foreign exchange risks.

For derivatives designated and that qualify as cash flow hedges of foreign exchange risk, the gain or loss on the derivative is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and subsequently reclassified in the period(s) during which the hedged transaction affects earnings within the same income statement line item as the earnings effect of the hedged transaction. During the next 12 months, the Company estimates that an additional \$0.8 million will be reclassified as a decrease to interest expense.

As of June 30, 2018, the Company had the following outstanding foreign currency derivatives that were used to hedge its foreign exchange risks:

Foreign Currency Derivative	Number of Instruments	<b>Pay Fixed Notional</b>	<b>Receive Fixed Notional</b>
Cross-currency interest rate swap	1	€42,000,517	\$48,750,000
		(amortizing to €39,415,870 as of June 30, 2018)	(amortizing to \$45,750,000 as of June 30, 2018)

The table below presents the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments as well as their classification on the balance sheet as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

		Fair Value of Derivative Instruments							
	Asset Derivatives			atives		Liability Derivatives			
	June 30, December 31, 2018 2017		,		ne 30, 018	De	ecember 31, 2017		
Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value		Fair Value		Fair Value			Fair Value
Interest rate products	Prepaid expenses and other current assets/Accrued liabilities	\$	161,659	\$	243	\$	_	\$	(71,915)
Interest rate products	Other assets		225,848		84,058		_		_
Cross currency contract	Prepaid expenses and other current assets		709,716		655,305		_		_
Cross currency contract	Long-term derivative liability					(2,	126,536)		(2,995,657)
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments		\$	1,097,223	\$	739,606	\$ (2,	126,536)	\$	(3,067,572)

The tables below presents the effect of cash flow hedge accounting on accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

Derivatives in Subtopic 815-20 Hedging Relationships	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivatives						rivatives	
	T	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2018 2017			2018 20		2017	
Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships								
Interest rate products	\$	95,236	\$	_	\$	363,785	\$	_
Cross currency contract		2,597,045		_		1,149,474		_
Total	\$	2,692,281	\$	_	\$	1,513,259	\$	_

Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income	Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income										
	Th	ree Months	End	ed June 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,						
		2018		2017		2018		2017			
Interest expense	\$	17,297	\$		\$	(20,982)	\$	_			
Interest expense		218,805		_		438,305		_			
Gain (loss) on foreign currency transactions		2,428,813		_		1,145,146		_			
Total	\$	2,664,915	\$		\$	1,562,469	\$				

The table below presents the effect of the Company's derivative financial instruments on the income statement for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2018					2018					
	Foreign Interest Currency Expense Adjustment					Interest Expense	Foreign Currency Adjustment				
Total amounts of income and expense line items presented in the statement of financial performance in which the effects of fair value or cash flow hedges are recorded Gain (loss) on cash flow hedging relationships in Subtopic 815-20	\$ (671	,294)	\$	4,216	\$	(1,278,980)	\$	107,259			
Interest contracts											
Amount of gain (loss) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into income	\$ 236	,103	\$	2,428,813	\$	417,324	\$	1,145,146			
Amount of gain (loss) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into income as a result that a forecasted transaction is no longer probable of occurring	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_			

	Three Mo	Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30, 2017					
	Foreign Interest Currency Expense Adjustment				Interest Expense	Foreign Currency Adjustment			
Total amounts of income and expense line items presented in the statement of financial performance in which the effects of fair value or cash flow hedges are recorded	\$ (175,25	4) \$	(9,229)	\$	(177,586)	\$	(11,429)		
Gain or (loss) on cash flow hedging relationships in Subtopic 815-20									
Interest contracts									
Amount of gain or (loss) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income into income	\$ -	- \$	<u> </u>	\$	_	\$	_		
Amount of gain or (loss) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income into income as a result that a forecasted transaction is no longer probable of occurring	\$ -	- \$	_	\$	_	\$			

As of June 30, 2018, the fair value of derivatives in a net liability position, which includes accrued interest but excludes any adjustment for nonperformance risk, related to these agreements was \$1.4 million. As of June 30, 2018, the Company had not posted any collateral related to these agreements. If the Company had breached any of credit-risk related provisions at June 30, 2018, it could have been required to settle its obligations under the agreements at their termination value of \$1.4 million.

#### Note 12— Revenue

The Company recognizes revenue when control of the promised good or service is transferred to the customer in an amount that the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for the good or service.

In accordance with the requirements of ASC 606, the disclosure of the impact of adoption on the Company's consolidated income statement and balance sheet is as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,							
	 ASC 606		ASC 605	Effect of Change			ASC 606		ASC 605	Effect of Change			
Income Statement													
Revenues	\$ 42,801,745	\$	42,800,163	\$	1,582	\$	80,439,538	\$	80,439,039	\$	499		

The following table presents the Company's revenues disaggregated by revenue source for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

	Three Months Ended June 30,						Six Months Ended June 30,							
	201	18	2017(1)			2018	}	2017(1)						
	\$	%		\$	%		\$	%		\$	%			
User pay revenue	\$ 25,570,553	59.7%	\$	8,144,890	26.0%	\$	47,976,083	59.6%	\$	9,760,165	19.0%			
Advertising	17,231,192	40.3%		23,184,578	74.0%		32,463,455	40.4%		41,628,100	81.0%			
Total revenue	\$ 42,801,745	100.0%	\$	31,329,468	100.0%	\$	80,439,538	100.0%	\$	51,388,265	100.0%			

<sup>(1)</sup> Prior period amounts have not been adjusted under the modified retrospective adoption method.

#### User Pay Revenue

User pay revenue is earned from in-app purchase products and subscriptions sold to mobile application and website users. The Company offers in-app products such as Credits, Points, Gold, Diamonds and Icebreakers. Users purchase these products to

exchange for the Company's virtual products. These products allow users to engage with other users on the applications and in live video, and put users in the spotlight, helping them get more attention from the community in order to meet more people faster. Platform users do not own the Credits, Points, Gold, Diamonds or Icebreakers but have a limited right to use the Credits, Points, Gold, Diamonds or Icebreakers on virtual products offered for sale on the Company's platforms. Credits may be gifted to other user accounts in the form of Diamonds, and Diamonds may be redeemed for cash. Except for Diamonds, the Company's in-app products are not transferable, cannot be sold or exchanged outside of the Company's platforms, are not redeemable for any sum of money, and can only be used on the Company's platforms. In-app products are recorded in deferred revenue when purchased and recognized as revenue over time when: (i) the Credits, Points, Gold, Diamonds or Icebreakers are used by the customer; or (ii) the Company determines the likelihood of the Credits, Points, Gold, Diamonds or Icebreakers are used by the customer is remote (breakage) and there is not a legal obligation to remit the unredeemed Credits, Points, Gold, Diamonds or Icebreakers to the relevant jurisdiction. The determination of the breakage rate is based upon Company-specific historical redemption patterns. Breakage is recognized in revenue as the Credits, Points, Gold and Icebreakers are used on a pro rata basis over a three or six-month period (life of the user) beginning at the date of the sale and are included in revenue in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. Breakage recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$1.6 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. For MeetMe+, Tagged, Skout and Lovoo subscription based products, the Company recognizes revenue over the term of the subscription.

Under ASC 606, user pay revenue has a single performance obligation. Subscriptions provide customers with premium access to the application and include credits on MeetMe+ while in app purchases are satisfied by standing ready to allow users to exchange credits for virtual products. The consideration received for these services is fixed at the time of purchase. The customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits of user pay features as the Company performs the services. Revenue is recorded in deferred revenue when purchased by customer and recognized as revenue over time as the performance obligation is satisfied.

The adoption of ASC 606 primarily affected the timing of revenue recognition for MeetMe+ subscriptions, which were historically recognized using the revenue recognition methodology for credits. MeetMe+ subscription revenue will be recognized over the subscription period using a midmonth convention beginning on January 1, 2018. The change in revenue recognition methodology resulted in a cumulative-effect adjustment of \$0.02 million recognized as a credit to retained earnings and a reduction to deferred revenue on January 1, 2018. The adoption of ASC 606 did not have an impact on the: (i) subscription revenue for Tagged, Skout and Lovoo or (ii) in-app purchases revenue for MeetMe, Tagged, Skout and Lovoo.

#### Advertising Revenue

Advertising revenue is comprised of mobile and web advertising. Within each revenue stream, the Company has one performance obligation to publish advertisements as specified by the respective contracts. The amount of consideration that the Company expects to receive for the services is variable based on the volume of advertisement impressions. The Company does not offer any discounts or free impressions and has not historically experienced any collectability issues.

The Company also recognizes revenue from cross-platform/social theater and cost-per-action ("CPA") offers. Each of these revenue streams has one performance obligation. For cross-platform/social theater contracts, the consideration promised is fixed per ad campaign and term, and required services to be delivered. However, the monthly revenue could vary depending on the actual delivery of impressions throughout the contract term. These contracts are typically based on cost per thousand ("CPM") rates and number of impressions served due to traffic volume and the specific ad campaign. For CPA offers, the consideration promised is variable based on a revenue share rate, and/or based on the number of actions delivered per the agreement. As such, the Company recognizes all actual advertising revenues from impressions or actions delivered on a monthly basis rather than estimating revenue at the beginning of the period.

The Company has transactions with several partners that qualify for principal agent considerations. The Company recognizes revenue, net of amounts retained by the third-party partners, pursuant to revenue sharing agreements with advertising networks. The form of the agreements was such that the Company provided services in exchange for a fee. The Company determines only the fee for providing its services to advertising agencies and has no latitude in establishing prices with third party advertisers.

In instances where the Company works directly with an advertiser, revenue is recognized on a gross basis. The Company is the primary obligor in arrangements made with direct advertisers, as there is no third-party facilitating or managing the sales process. The Company is solely responsible for determining price, product or service specifications, and which advertisers to use. The Company assumes all credit risk in the sales arrangements made with direct advertisers.

The Company has determined that the performance obligation under the advertising revenue streams is recognized ratably over time utilizing the "Right to Invoice" practical expedient as customers simultaneously consume and receive benefits of the advertisement impressions.

The adoption of ASC 606 did not result in a transition adjustment on the recognition of advertising revenues as the Company's revenue recognition under ASC 605 is consistent with the guidance under ASC 606.

#### Deferred Revenue

The Company records deferred revenue when the consideration for a good or service is received in advance of its performing the obligation. The deferred revenue balance for the six months ended June 30, 2018 increased \$46.2 million due to subscription and in-app purchases consideration received in advance of providing the good or service to the customers. This amount was offset by \$45.5 million revenue recognized from the deferred revenue balance as of December 31, 2017 due to performance obligations satisfied during the six months ended June 30, 2018.

# ASC 606 Practical Expedient Elections

The Company elected the following practical expedients in applying ASC 606 to its revenue streams:

Portfolio Approach - Contracts within each revenue stream have similar characteristics and the Company expects that the effects on the financial statements would not differ materially from applying this guidance to the individual contracts. As such, the Company applied the portfolio approach to its contracts.

Sales Tax Exclusion from Transaction Price - The Company does not collect sales tax for advertising revenue. Sales taxes are added to the transaction price by the payment processors for subscription and in-app purchases, when applicable. However, these sales taxes are not included in the Company's consideration amount.

Contract Costs - The Company does not incur costs to obtain or fulfill contracts in most revenue streams. There are sales commissions incurred for Social Theater contracts, however these contracts are typically for a period of less than a year. As the costs are expected to be recognized is one year or less, these costs are recorded within sales and marketing expenses rather than being deferred and recognized over the term of the contract.

Right to Invoice - Revenue from advertising contracts is recognized over time based on the Company's performance completed to date. The Company will apply the invoice expedient and recognize revenue in the amount to which the entity has a right to invoice as measured by the amount of impressions or actions delivered within each period.

Unsatisfied Performance Obligations - The Company's disclosures exclude the value of unsatisfied performance obligations for (i) its contracts with an original expected length of one year or less and (ii) contracts for which the Company recognizes revenue at the amount to which it has the right to invoice for performance to date.

# Note 13—Subsequent Events

On July 27, 2018, the Company entered into an amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement that amends the Company's obligation to use certain of its excess cash flow to prepay its obligations under the Credit Agreement by limiting the applicable period for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 to the period commencing October 31, 2017 and ended December 31, 2017. Subsequently, the Company made a one-time principal payment of approximately \$4.3 million.

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

#### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") is set forth below. Certain statements in this report may be considered to be "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In particular, these forward-looking statements include, among others, statements about:

- Liquidity;
- Capital expenditures;
- Opportunities for our business;
- · Growth of our business; and
- Anticipations and expectations regarding mobile usage and monetization.

All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this report, including statements regarding our future financial position, liquidity, business strategy, plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. The words "believe," "may," "estimate," "continue," "anticipate," "intend," "should," "plan," "could," "target," "potential," "is likely," "expect" and similar expressions, as they relate to us, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy and financial needs.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ from those in the forward-looking statements include users' willingness to try new product offerings and engage in our App upgrades and new features, the risk that unanticipated events affect the functionality of our App with popular mobile operating systems, any changes in such operating systems that degrade our App's functionality and other unexpected issues which could adversely affect usage on mobile devices, the risk that the mobile advertising market will not grow, the ongoing existence of such demand and the willingness of our users to complete mobile offers or pay for Credits, Points, Gold and Icebreakers. Any forward-looking statement made by us in this report speaks only as of the date on which it is made. Factors or events that could cause our actual results to differ may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of them. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

You should read the following discussion in conjunction with our audited historical consolidated financial statements. MD&A contains forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates, and beliefs. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include those discussed elsewhere in "Risk Factors," located at Part II, Item 1A of this report and in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. Additional risks that we do not presently know or that we currently believe are immaterial could materially and adversely affect any of our business, financial position, future results or prospects.

MD&A is provided as a supplement to and should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements, and the MD&A included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 ("Annual Report"), as well as our condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in this report.

#### **Company Overview**

The Meet Group, Inc. (the "Company," "The Meet Group," "us," or "we") is a portfolio of mobile social entertainment apps designed to meet the universal need for human connection. We leverage a powerful live-streaming video platform, empowering our global community to forge meaningful connections. Our primary apps are MeetMe®, LOVOO®, Skout®, and Tagged®.

We operate location-based social networks for meeting new people, primarily on mobile platforms, including on iPhone, Android, iPad and other tablets, that facilitate interactions among users and encourage users to connect, communicate and engage with each other. In 2017, we laid the foundation for and launched live video, which we believe is the most compelling product we have ever offered. We have historically generated revenue primarily through advertising; today, however, live video and other forms of user-pay monetization, including subscriptions and in-app purchases, are becoming an increasingly larger component of total revenue. We believe revenues from video are more sustainable, can grow faster, and are more aligned with the quality of the user experience than revenues from advertising.

We launched live video monetization on two of our apps in 2017 and have seen strong early interest from our users, including increasing engagement and revenue. We also added two additional apps to The Meet Group portfolio. On April 3, 2017, we completed our acquisition of Ifwe Inc. ("if(we)"), a leading global mobile network for meeting new people, and on October 19, 2017, we completed our acquisition of Lovoo GmbH ("Lovoo"), a leading dating app provider in Germany. We believe these acquisitions, in addition to our acquisition of Skout, Inc. ("Skout") on October 3, 2016, provide significant scale for the future global growth of our social entertainment platform, and we are hard at work today integrating our video technology into our two newest apps.

We also offer online marketing capabilities, which enable marketers to display their advertisements in different formats and in different locations. We offer significant scale to our advertising partners, with hundreds of millions of daily impressions across our active global user base, and sophisticated data science for highly effective hyper-targeting. We work with our advertisers and advertising networks to maximize the effectiveness of their campaigns by optimizing advertisement formats and placements.

Just as Facebook has established itself as the social network of friends and family, and LinkedIn as the social network of colleagues and business professionals, The Meet Group is creating the social entertainment network not of the people you know, but of the people you want to know. Nimble, fast-moving and already in more than 100 countries, we are challenging the dominant player in our space, Match Group, Inc., and differentiating ourselves with live video, which is not offered by many of our direct competitors. Modeled after the video products offered by Chinese dating app providers, but enhanced in order to appeal to western audiences, our live video product is aimed at the nexus of entertainment and community, where we believe our apps exhibit natural strength.

Our vision extends beyond dating and entertainment. We focus on building quality products to satisfy the universal need for human connection among all people, everywhere — not just paying subscribers. We believe meeting new people is a basic human need, especially for users aged 18-34, when so many long-lasting relationships are made. We use advanced technology to engineer serendipitous connections among people who otherwise might never have met - a sort of digital coffeehouse where everyone belongs. Over the years, The Meet Group's apps have originated untold numbers of chats, shares, good friendships, dates, romantic relationships - even marriages.

We believe that we have significant growth opportunities enabled through our social entertainment platform. We believe our scale provides unique advantages to grow video monetization, while also establishing a high density of users within the geographic regions we serve. As The Meet Group's networks grow and the number of users in a location increases, we believe that users who are seeking to meet new people will incrementally benefit from the quantity of relevant connections.

# **Operating Metrics**

We measure website and application activity in terms of monthly active users ("MAUs") and daily active users ("DAUs"). We define a MAU as a registered user of one of our platforms who has logged in and visited within the last month of measurement. We define a DAU as a registered user of one of our platforms who has logged in and visited within the day of measurement. For the quarters ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, the total MAUs were approximately 15.94 million and 13.87 million, respectively, and total DAUs were approximately 4.75 million and 3.43 million, respectively.

М	Monthly Average for the Quarter Ended June 30,					
	2018	2017				
	15,935,099	13,869,145				
	For the Quarte	er Ended				
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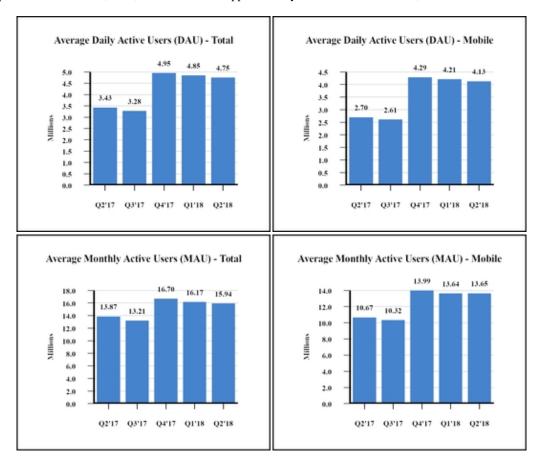
#### Second Quarter of 2018 Highlights

- Total revenue was \$42.8 million for the second quarter of 2018, up 36.6% from \$31.3 million in the second quarter of 2017.
- Net loss for the second quarter of 2018 was \$0.2 million. Adjusted EBITDA was \$7.6 million for the second quarter of 2018. (See the important discussion about the presentation of non-GAAP financial measures, and reconciliation from the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, below.)
- Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$20.9 million at June 30, 2018.

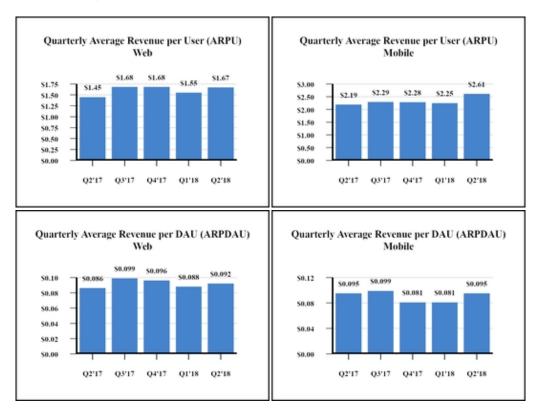
#### **Trends in Our Metrics**

In addition to MAUs and DAUs, we measure activity on the Company's apps in terms of average revenue per user ("ARPU") and average daily revenue per daily active user ("ARPDAU"). We define ARPU as the quarterly revenue per average MAU. We define ARPDAU as the average daily revenue per DAU. We define mobile MAU as a user who accessed our sites by one of our mobile applications or by the mobile optimized version of our websites for MeetMe, Skout and Lovoo, whether on a mobile phone or tablet during the month of measurement. We define a mobile DAU as a user who accessed our sites by one of our mobile applications or by the mobile optimized version of our websites for MeetMe, Skout and Lovoo, whether on a mobile phone or tablet during the day of measurement.

In the quarter ended June 30, 2018, the Company averaged 13.65 million mobile MAUs and 15.94 million total MAUs, compared to 10.67 million mobile MAUs and 13.87 million total MAUs in the quarter ended June 30, 2017, a net increase of 2.98 million or 28% for mobile MAUs and a net increase of 2.07 million or 15% for total MAUs. Mobile DAUs were 4.13 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2018, a 53% increase from 2.70 million in the quarter ended June 30, 2017. For the quarter ended June 30, 2018, the Company averaged 4.75 million total DAUs, compared to 3.43 million total DAUs for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, a net increase of approximately 1.32 million total DAUs, or 38%.



In the quarter ended June 30, 2018, the Company earned an average of \$1.67 ARPU on the web and \$2.61 ARPU on our mobile applications, compared to \$1.45 ARPU on the web and \$2.19 in mobile ARPU for the quarter ended June 30, 2017. In the quarter ended June 30, 2018, the Company earned an average of \$0.092 in web ARPDAU and \$0.095 in mobile ARPDAU, compared to \$0.086 in web ARPDAU and \$0.095 in mobile ARPDAU for the quarter ended June 30, 2017.



#### **Factors Affecting Our Performance**

We believe the following factors affect our performance:

- Number of MAUs and DAUs: We believe our ability to grow web and mobile MAUs and DAUs affects our revenue and financial results by influencing the number of advertisements we are able to show, the value of those advertisements, and the volume of subscriptions and inapp purchases, as well as our expenses and capital expenditures.
- User Engagement: We believe changes in user engagement patterns affect our revenue and financial performance. Specifically, the number of visits and the amount of time spent by each MAU or DAU generates affects the number of advertisements we are able to display and therefore the rate at which we are able to monetize our active user base. In addition, the number of users that make in-app purchases and the amounts that they purchase directly impact our revenue. We continue to create new features and enhance existing features to drive additional engagement. The percent of MAU and DAU that engage with our video products and their conversion to paying users also affects the amount of in-app purchase revenue we are able to earn.
- Advertising Rates: We believe our revenue and financial results are materially dependent on industry trends, and any changes to the revenue we earn per thousand advertising impressions ("CPM") could affect our revenue and financial results. In 2017, we experienced declining advertising rates, which negatively affected out revenue. We expect to continue investing in new types of advertising and new placements. Additionally, we are prioritizing initiatives that generate revenue directly from users, including new in-app purchases products and a premium subscription product, in part to reduce our dependency on advertising revenue.
- User Geography: The geography of our users influences our revenue and financial results because we currently monetize users in distinct geographies at varying average rates. For example, ARPU in the U.S. and Canada is significantly higher than in Latin America.

- New User Sources: The percentage of our new users that are acquired through inorganic, paid sources impacts our financial performance, specifically with regard to ARPU for web and mobile. Inorganically acquired users tend to have lower engagement rates, tend to generate fewer visits and ad impressions and to be less likely to make in-app purchases. When paid marketing campaigns are ongoing, our overall usage and traffic increases due to the influx of inorganically acquired users, but the rate at which we monetize the average active user overall declines as a result.
- Ad Inventory Management: Our revenue trends are affected by advertisement inventory management changes affecting the number, size, or prominence of advertisements we display. In general, more prominently displayed advertising units generate more revenue per impression. Our Social Theater campaign expenses are materially dependent on the percentage of Social Theater campaigns that run on MeetMe versus the percentage that run on other networks. We work to maximize the share of Social Theater campaigns that run on MeetMe and run campaigns on other networks only when necessary.
- Google Play Store and Apple App Store: Our mobile applications are distributed through the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store. Our business will suffer if we are unable to maintain good relationships with Google and Apple, if their terms and conditions or pricing change to our detriment, if we violate, or either company believes that we have violated, its terms and conditions, or if either of these platforms are unavailable for a prolonged period of time.
- Increased Social Theater Competition: A significant portion of the revenue generated by the Social Theater is derived from advertising campaigns, powered by Social Theater technology, that run on networks other than The Meet Group networks. A recent increase in competitors offering similar technology solutions, and in some cases their own cross-platform distribution networks, has made it more difficult to compete on price and win business. We expect this downward pressure on price to continue and impact our operating results in the future.
- Seasonality: Historically, advertising spending has traditionally been seasonal with a peak in the fourth quarter of each year. With the decline in advertising rates in 2017, we did not experience this seasonality consistent with prior years. We believe that this seasonality in advertising spending affects our quarterly results, which historically have reflected a growth in advertising revenue between the third and fourth quarters and a decline in advertising spending between the fourth and subsequent first and second quarters each year. Growth trends in web and mobile MAUs and DAUs affect our revenue and financial results by influencing the number of advertisements we are able to show, the value of those advertisements, the volume of payments transactions, as well as our expenses and capital expenditures.
- **Business Combinations:** Acquisitions have been an important part of our growth strategy. During the two years in the period ended December 31, 2017, we acquired three companies (Skout, if(we) and Lovoo), representing four significant brands for our portfolio (Skout, Tagged, Hi5 and Lovoo). Our ability to integrate these apps into our portfolio will impact our financial performance. As a consequence of the contributions of these businesses and acquisition-related expenses, our consolidated results of operations may not be comparable between periods.

Growth trends in web and mobile MAUs and DAUs affect our revenue and financial results by influencing the number of advertisements we are able to show, the value of those advertisements, the volume of payments transactions, as well as our expenses and capital expenditures.

Changes in user engagement patterns from web to mobile and international diversification also affect our revenue and financial performance. We believe that overall engagement as measured by the percentage of users who create content (such as video broadcasts, status posts, messages, or photos) or generate feedback increases as our user base grows. We continue to create new and improved features to drive social sharing and increase monetization.

We believe our revenue trends are also affected by advertisement inventory management changes affecting the number, size, or prominence of the advertisements we display and traditional seasonality. Social Theater is a revenue product for the MeetMe platform and on third-party sites. Social Theater growth may be affected by large brand penetration, the ability to grow the advertiser base, and advertiser spending budgets.

# **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our critical accounting policies and estimates are described in Part II, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of our Annual Report, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2018. We believe there have been no new critical accounting policies or material changes to our existing critical accounting policies and estimates during the six months ended June 30, 2018, compared to those discussed in our Annual Report.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

For detailed information regarding recently issued accounting pronouncements and the expected impact on our financial statements, see Note 1—Description of Business, Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in the accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

# **Results of Operations**

# Comparison of the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

The following table sets forth our condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 that is used in the following discussions of our results of operations:

	Three Months	Ende	d June 30,	Change From Prior Year				
	 2018		2017	(\$)	%			
Revenues	\$ 42,801,745	\$	31,329,468	\$ 11,472,277	36.6 %			
Operating costs and expenses:								
Sales and marketing	7,753,486		4,599,842	3,153,644	68.6 %			
Product development and content	24,411,288		16,526,905	7,884,383	47.7 %			
General and administrative	5,154,103		5,160,799	(6,696)	(0.1)%			
Depreciation and amortization	3,505,180		2,965,175	540,005	18.2 %			
Acquisition and restructuring costs	1,036,602		3,769,425	(2,732,823)	(72.5)%			
Total operating costs and expenses	41,860,659		33,022,146	8,838,513	26.8 %			
Income (loss) from operations	941,086		(1,692,678)	2,633,764	155.6 %			
Other income (expense):								
Interest income	2,742		1,400	1,342	95.9 %			
Interest expense	(671,294)		(175,254)	(496,040)	(283.0)%			
Gain (loss) on foreign currency adjustment	4,216		(9,229)	13,445	145.7 %			
Other	28,571			28,571	100.0 %			
Total other expense	(635,765)		(183,083)	(452,682)	(247.3)%			
Income (loss) before income tax benefit (expense)	305,321		(1,875,761)	2,181,082	116.3 %			
Income tax benefit (expense)	(540,593)		2,732,356	(3,272,949)	(119.8)%			
Net income (loss)	\$ (235,272)	\$	856,595	\$ (1,091,867)	(127.5)%			

# Revenues

Our revenues were approximately \$42.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018, an increase of \$11.5 million or 36.6% compared to \$31.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017. The following table presents our revenues disaggregated by revenue source for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

	Three Months Ended June 30,								
	2018				2017				
		\$	%		\$	%			
User pay revenue	\$	25,570,553	59.7%	\$	8,144,890	26.0%			
Advertising		17,231,192	40.3%		23,184,578	74.0%			
Total revenue	\$	42,801,745	100.0%	\$	31,329,468	100.0%			

The increase in revenue is attributable to a \$17.4 million increase in user pay revenue, partially offset by a \$6.0 million decrease in advertising revenue. The increase in user pay revenue is attributed to increased adoption of MeetMe Live and Skout Live. The decrease in ad revenue is primarily due to the decrease in advertising rates.

#### **Operating Costs and Expenses**

Sales and Marketing: Sales and marketing expenses increased approximately \$3.2 million, or 68.6%, to \$7.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 from \$4.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017. The net increase in sales and marketing expenses, including the Lovoo sales and marketing related expense, is due to increased advertising spend of approximately \$2.8 million and increased employee expenses of approximately \$0.4 million. The increase in employee expenses is primarily due to the Lovoo Acquisition.

Product Development and Content: Product development and content expenses increased approximately \$7.9 million, or 47.7%, to \$24.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 from \$16.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017. The net increase in product development and content expense, including the Lovoo product development related expense, is attributable to an increase in mobile content of \$7.5 million attributable to increased adoption of MeetMe Live and Skout Live, professional fees of \$0.9 million and data center and technical operations of \$0.4 million. The increase in expenses is partially offset by a decreases in employee related expenses of \$0.8 million and stock-based compensation of \$0.3 million.

General and Administrative: General and administrative expenses were approximately \$5.2 million for each of the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. The increase in general and administrative expense as a result of the Lovoo Acquisition were offset by a decrease in office related expenses due to the closing of our office in San Francisco, CA.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense: Depreciation and amortization expense was \$3.5 million and \$3.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The increase in depreciation and amortization expense is primarily attributable to the amortization of intangibles related to the Lovoo Acquisition.

Acquisition and Restructuring Costs: Acquisition and restructuring costs were approximately \$1.0 million and \$3.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Acquisition and restructuring costs include the transaction costs, including legal and diligence costs for acquisitions, the accrual of the exit cost of non-cancellable leases and employee exit and relocation costs. Acquisition and restructuring costs for the three months ended June 30, 2017 include transaction costs related to the if(we) Acquisition.

Comparison of Stock-Based Compensation and Income Taxes

## **Stock-Based Compensation**

Stock-based compensation expense, included in the operating expense by category, decreased approximately \$0.3 million to \$2.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 from \$2.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017. Stock-based compensation expense represented 5.0% and 7.2% of operating expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

As of June 30, 2018, there was approximately \$2.8 million, \$11.2 million and \$1.7 million of total unrecognized compensation cost which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average vesting period of approximately of 1.7 years, 2.2 years and 2.8 years relating to stock options, RSAs and PSUs, respectively.

	 Three Months	Ende	d June 30,	Cha	nge from Prior Year
	2018		2017		(\$)
Sales and marketing	\$ 112,222	\$	101,035	\$	11,187
Product development and content	1,161,863		1,428,743		(266,880)
General and administrative	816,785		838,414		(21,629)
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 2,090,870	\$	2,368,192	\$	(277,322)

### **Income Tax Benefit (Expense)**

We recorded a net income tax expense of approximately \$0.5 million and a net income tax benefit of approximately \$2.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Our effective tax rate from operations for the three months ended June 30, 2018 was lower than the effective tax rate for the three months ended June 30, 2017 due to permanent differences, a reduction in the U.S. corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% and the Lovoo Acquisition. The net income tax expense recorded during the three months ended June 30, 2018 is primarily related a decrease in the AETR in the three months ended June 30, 2018 and discrete tax expense related to a shortfall on stock-based compensation.

# Comparison of the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

The following table sets forth our condensed consolidated statements of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 that is used in the following discussions of our results of operations:

	Six Months Ended June 30,				<b>Change From Prior Year</b>		
	2018		2017		(\$)	%	
Revenues	\$ 80,439,538	\$	51,388,265	\$	29,051,273	56.5 %	
Operating costs and expenses:							
Sales and marketing	14,801,479		9,705,350		5,096,129	52.5 %	
Product development and content	46,512,825		24,984,399		21,528,426	86.2 %	
General and administrative	10,623,281		8,023,226		2,600,055	32.4 %	
Depreciation and amortization	7,134,783		4,650,014		2,484,769	53.4 %	
Acquisition and restructuring	4,386,553		5,269,854		(883,301)	(16.8)%	
Total operating costs and expenses	83,458,921		52,632,843		30,826,078	58.6 %	
Income (loss) from operations	(3,019,383)		(1,244,578)		(1,774,805)	(142.6)%	
Other income (expense):							
Interest income	9,950		3,970		5,980	150.6 %	
Interest expense	(1,278,980)		(177,586)		(1,101,394)	(620.2)%	
Gain (loss) on foreign currency transactions	107,259		(11,429)		118,688	1,038.5 %	
Other	21,627				21,627	100.0 %	
Total other expense	 (1,140,144)		(185,045)		(955,099)	(516.1)%	
Income (loss) before income tax benefit	(4,159,527)		(1,429,623)		(2,729,904)	(191.0)%	
Income tax benefit (expense)	(288,406)		2,732,064		(3,020,470)	(110.6)%	
Net income (loss)	\$ (4,447,933)	\$	1,302,441	\$	(5,750,374)	(441.5)%	

## Revenues

Our revenues were approximately \$80.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018, an increase of \$29.1 million or 56.5% compared to \$51.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017. The following table presents our revenues disaggregated by revenue source for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

	Six Months Ended June 30,						
	2018			2017			
	\$	%		\$	%		
User pay revenue	\$ 47,976,083	59.6%	\$	9,760,165	19.0%		
Advertising	32,463,455	40.4%		41,628,100	81.0%		
Total revenue	\$ 80,439,538	100.0%	\$	51,388,265	100.0%		

The increase in revenue is attributable to a \$38.2 million increase in user pay revenue, partially offset by a \$9.2 million decrease in advertising revenue. The increase in revenue is primarily attributable to the if(we) Acquisition and the Lovoo Acquisition, both occurring subsequent to the first quarter of 2017. The increase in user pay revenue is attributed to increased adoption of MeetMe Live and Skout Live. The decrease in ad revenue is primarily due to the decrease in advertising rates.

## **Operating Costs and Expenses**

Sales and Marketing: Sales and marketing expenses increased approximately \$5.1 million, or 52.5%, to \$14.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$9.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017. The net increase in sales and marketing expenses, including if(we) and Lovoo sales and marketing related expense, is due to increased advertising spend of approximately \$4.1 million and increased employee expenses of approximately \$1.0 million. The increase in employee expenses is primarily due to the if(we) Acquisition and the Lovoo Acquisition.

Product Development and Content: Product development and content expenses increased approximately \$21.5 million, or 86.2%, to \$46.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$25.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017. The net increase in product development and content expense, including if(we) and Lovoo product development related expenses, is attributable to increases in mobile content costs of \$13.7 million, employee expenses of \$3.0 million, data center and technical operations of \$2.3 million, professional fees of \$0.9 million, safety and moderation expenses of \$0.5 million and stock-based compensation of \$0.3 million. The increase in employee expenses, data center and technical operations and stock-based compensation costs are attributable to the if(we) Acquisition and Lovoo Acquisition. The increase in mobile content costs is due to the if(we) Acquisition and the Lovoo Acquisition as well as the increased adoption of MeetMe Live and Skout Live.

General and Administrative: General and administrative expenses increased \$2.6 million or 32.4%, to \$10.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$8.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017. The net increase in general and administrative expense, including if(we) and Lovoo general and administrative related expenses, is primarily due to increases in employee expenses of \$0.8 million, stock-based compensation of \$0.4 million, professional fees of \$0.4 million, bad debt expense of \$0.3 million and non-income taxes of \$0.2 million. These increases are attributable primarily to the if(we) Acquisition and the Lovoo Acquisition.

Depreciation and Amortization: Depreciation and amortization expenses increased \$2.5 million or 53.4%, to \$7.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$4.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017. The increase in depreciation and amortization expense is primarily attributable to the amortization of intangibles related to the if(we) Acquisition and the Lovoo Acquisition.

Acquisition and Restructuring: Acquisition and restructuring expenses decreased \$0.9 million or 16.8%, to \$4.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$5.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017. Acquisition and restructuring costs include the employee retention bonuses in connection with the acquisitions, employee related restructuring costs, the accrual of the exit cost of non-cancellable leases and employee exit and relocation costs. Acquisition and restructuring costs for the six months ended June 30, 2017 include transaction costs related to the if(we) Acquisition and the Lovoo Acquisition.

# Comparison of Stock-Based Compensation and Income Taxes

# **Stock Based Compensation**

Stock-based compensation expense, included in the operating expense by category, increased approximately \$0.8 million to \$4.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from \$3.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017. Stock-based compensation expense represented 5.1% and 6.7% of operating expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

As of June 30, 2018, there was approximately \$2.8 million, \$11.2 million and \$1.7 million of total unrecognized compensation cost which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average vesting period of approximately of 1.7 years, 2.2 years and 2.8 years relating to stock options, RSAs and PSUs, respectively.

	 Six Months I	Ended	l June 30,	Change from Prior Year
	2018		2017	(\$)
Sales and marketing	\$ 230,769	\$	202,304	\$ 28,465
Product development and content	2,275,930		1,930,043	345,887
General and administrative	1,753,096		1,370,003	383,093
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 4,259,795	\$	3,502,350	\$ 757,445

### **Income Tax Benefit (Expense)**

Income tax benefit was \$0.3 million and \$2.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. For the six months ended June 30, 2018, our AETR from operations is 1.0%, compared to 41.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2017. The difference between our effective tax rate and the current U.S. statutory rate of 21% is primarily related to permanent addback items and the difference in tax rates between the U.S. and Germany. The difference in the effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2018 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2017 is a result of permanent differences as well as the change in the federal tax rate from 35% to 21% and the inclusion of Lovoo.

# **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

		Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2018			2017	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	9,598,418	\$	16,662,265	
Net cash used in investing activities		(256,391)		(66,397,918)	
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities		(12,715,747)		60,647,858	
	\$	(3,373,720)	\$	10,912,205	

Net cash provided by operations was approximately \$9.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 compared to approximately \$16.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017.

For the six months ended June 30, 2018, net cash provided by operations consisted primarily of net loss of approximately \$4.4 million adjusted for certain non-cash expenses of approximately \$7.1 million of depreciation and amortization expense, \$4.3 million related to stock-based compensation expense and \$0.3 million of bad debt expense, offset by approximately \$0.4 million of deferred taxes. Additionally, changes in working capital increased the net cash provided by operations. These changes included decreases in accounts receivable of approximately \$2.1 million resulting from collections, increases of \$2.3 million in accounts payable and increases of \$0.7 million in deferred revenue, offset by an increase of \$2.4 million in prepaid expenses, other current assets and other assets.

Net cash used in investing activities in the six months ended June 30, 2018 was primarily due to approximately \$0.3 million of capital expenditures for computer equipment to increase capacity and improve performance.

Net cash used in financing activities in the six months ended June 30, 2018 of approximately \$12.7 million was due to \$7.5 million payments of debt, a \$5.0 million payment of contingent consideration (see Note 2— Acquisitions for further details), \$0.3 million of payments for restricted stock awards withheld for taxes and \$0.1 million of capital lease payments, partially offset by \$0.2 million of proceeds from the exercise of stock options.

	June 30, 2018	I	December 31, 2017
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,922,457	\$	24,158,444
Total assets	\$ 263,739,373	\$	275,344,771
Percentage of total assets	7.9%		8.8%

Our cash balances are kept liquid to support our growing infrastructure needs for operational expansion. The majority of our cash is concentrated in two large financial institutions.

As of June 30, 2018, we had positive working capital of approximately \$6.7 million.

On March 3, 2017, in connection with the acquisition of if(we), we entered into a Credit Agreement with the several banks and other financial institutions party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., the Agent. The Credit Agreement provided for a Revolving Credit Facility of \$15.0 million and a Term Loan Facility of \$15.0 million. On April 3, 2017, we drew down \$15.0 million from our Term Loan Facility in connection with the if (we) Acquisition. On September 18, 2017, we paid in full the outstanding balance on the Term Loan Facility.

On September 18, 2017, in connection with the Lovoo Acquisition, as discussed in Note 2— Acquisitions, we entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with the several banks and other financial institutions party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as the Agent, amending and restating the Credit Agreement, dated March 3, 2017. The Amended and Restated Credit Agreement provides a New Revolving Credit Facility for \$20.0 million and a New Term Loan Facility of \$60.0 million. On October 18, 2017, the we drew down \$60.0 million from its New Term Loan Facility in connection with the Lovoo Acquisition. Fees and direct costs incurred for the New Credit Facilities were \$0.6 million and are offset against long-term debt on the accompanying balance sheet as of June 30, 2018.

We intend to use the proceeds of the New Revolving Credit Facility to finance working capital needs and for general corporate purposes. Amounts under the New Revolving Credit Facility may be borrowed, repaid and re-borrowed from time to time until the maturity date of the Credit Agreement on September 18, 2020. The New Term Loan Facility is subject to quarterly payments of principal in an amount equal to \$3,750,000 commencing December 31, 2017 and continuing through maturity. At the Company's election, loans made under the New Credit Facilities will bear interest at either (i) Base Rate plus an applicable margin or (ii) LIBO Rate plus an applicable margin, subject to adjustment if an event of default under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement has occurred and is continuing. The Base Rate means the highest of (a) the Agent's "prime rate," (b) the federal funds effective rate plus 0.50% and (c) the LIBO Rate for an interest period of one month plus 1%. The Company's Guarantors will guarantee the obligations of the Company and its subsidiaries under the New Credit Facilities. The obligations of the Company and its subsidiaries under the New Credit Facilities are secured by all of the assets of the Company and the Guarantors, subject to certain exceptions and exclusions as set forth in the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and other loan documents. On March 7, 2018, the Company entered into an amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, that among other things, amends the definition of "Applicable Rate" and "EBITDA" and makes certain changes to the financial covenants. On July 27, 2018, the Company entered into an amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement by limiting the applicable period for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 to the period commencing October 31, 2017 and ended December 31, 2017. See Note 6— Long-Term Debt for details on an amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement.

As of June 30, 2018, we had an outstanding balance of \$48.8 million on our New Term Loan Facility. The weighted average interest rate at June 30, 2018 was 5.26%. Remaining unamortized fees and direct costs incurred for our Credit Facilities were \$0.4 million. As of June 30, 2018, the Company did not have an outstanding balance on its Revolving Credit Facility.

We did not enter into any new capital lease agreements for the six months ended June 30, 2018. As of June 30, 2018, capital leases that were previously assumed in connection with the Lovoo Acquisition had approximately \$0.3 million in principal amount of capital lease indebtedness, all of which are due by 2021.

We have budgeted capital expenditures of approximately \$1.1 million for the remainder of 2018, which we believe will support our growth of domestic and international business through increased capacity, performance improvement and expanded content.

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As of June 30, 2018, we did not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partners, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As such, we are not materially exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

# Non-GAAP - Financial Measure

The following discussion and analysis includes both financial measures in accordance with GAAP, as well as Adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally included or excluded in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. Non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed as supplemental to, and should not be considered as alternatives to, net income, operating income, and cash flow from operating activities, liquidity or any other financial measures. They may not be indicative of our historical operating results nor are they intended to be predictive of potential future results. Investors should not consider non-GAAP financial measures in isolation or as substitutes for performance measures calculated in accordance with GAAP.

We believe that both management and stockholders benefit from referring to Adjusted EBITDA in planning, forecasting, and analyzing future periods. We use this non-GAAP financial measure in evaluating our financial and operational decision making and as a means to evaluate period-to-period comparison.

We define Adjusted EBITDA as earnings (or loss) from operations before interest expense, benefit or provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation, changes in warrant obligations, nonrecurring acquisition, restructuring or other expenses, gain or loss on cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment, gains on sales of assets, bad debt expense outside the normal range, and goodwill and long-lived asset impairment charges, if any. We exclude stock-based compensation because it is non-cash in nature. We believe Adjusted EBITDA is an important measure of our operating performance because it allows management, investors, and analysts to evaluate and assess our core operating results from period to period after removing the impact of acquisition related costs, and other items of a non-operational nature that affect comparability. We recognize that Adjusted EBITDA has inherent limitations because of the excluded items.

We have included a reconciliation of our net income (loss), which is the most comparable financial measure calculated in accordance with GAAP, to Adjusted EBITDA. We believe that providing this non-GAAP financial measure, together with the reconciliation from GAAP, helps investors make comparisons between us and other companies. In making any comparisons to other companies, investors need to be aware that companies use different non-GAAP measures to evaluate their financial performance. Investors should pay close attention to the specific definition being used and to the reconciliation between such measure and the corresponding GAAP measure provided by each company under applicable SEC rules.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss), a GAAP financial measure, to Adjusted EBITDA:

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended J		
ADJUSTED EBITDA	 2018		2017		2018		2017
Net income (loss)	\$ (235,272)	\$	856,595	\$	(4,447,933)	\$	1,302,441
Interest expense	671,294		175,254		1,278,980		177,586
Income tax (benefit) expense	540,593		(2,732,356)		288,406		(2,732,064)
Depreciation and amortization	3,505,180		2,965,175		7,134,783		4,650,014
Stock-based compensation expense	2,090,870		2,368,192		4,259,795		3,502,350
Acquisition and restructuring	1,036,602		3,769,425		4,386,553		5,269,854
(Gain) loss on foreign currency transactions	(4,216)		9,229		(107,259)		11,429
ADJUSTED EBITDA	\$ 7,605,051	\$	7,411,514	\$	12,793,325	\$	12,181,610

# Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

The primary objective of our investment activities is to preserve principal while at the same time maximizing yields without significantly increasing risk. Our cash balance as of June 30, 2018 was held in insured depository accounts, of which \$15.5 million exceeded insurance limits.

#### Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

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

With the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon such evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

# **Changes in Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting**

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2018, noted during the evaluation of controls as of the end of the period covered by this report, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Beginning January 1, 2018, we implemented ASC Topic 606, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers." Although the new revenue standard had an immaterial impact on our ongoing net income, we did implement changes to our processes related to revenue recognition and the control activities within them. These included the development of new policies and updates to existing control activities based on the five-step model provided in the new revenue standard, ongoing contract review requirements, and gathering of information provided for disclosures.

# <u>Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls</u>

A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. The Company's management, including its Principal Executive Officer and its Principal Financial Officer, do not expect that the Company's disclosure controls will prevent or detect all errors and all fraud. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Controls can also be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with associated policies or procedures. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

# **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

From time to time, we are party to certain legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course and are incidental to our business. There are currently no such pending proceedings to which we are a party that our management believes will have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations. However, future events or circumstances, currently unknown to management, will determine whether the resolution of pending or threatened litigation or claims will ultimately have a material effect on our consolidated financial position, liquidity or results of operations in any future reporting periods. See Note 7— Commitments and Contingencies to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contained in this report for information on specific matters.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the SEC on March 16, 2018 includes detailed discussions of our risk factors under the headings "Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors" and "Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors" respectively. You should carefully consider the risk factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as the other information in this report, which could materially harm our business, financial condition, results of operations, or the value of our common shares.

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

Not applicable.

# Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

# Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

# **Item 5. Other Information**

Not applicable.

# **Item 6. EXHIBITS**

		Incorp	orated by Ro	eference	Filed or Furnished
Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description	Form	Date	Number	Herewith
<u>10.1</u>	Form of Employee Performance Share Award Agreement				Filed
<u>31.1</u>	Certification of Principal Executive Officer (Section 302)				Filed
<u>31.2</u>	Certification of Principal Financial Officer (Section 302)				Filed
<u>32.1</u>	Certification of Principal Executive Officer (Section 906)				Furnished*
<u>32.2</u>	Certification of Principal Financial Officer (Section 906)				Furnished*
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document				**
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document				**
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document				**
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document				**
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document				**
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document				**

<sup>\*</sup> This exhibit is being furnished rather than filed and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing, in accordance with Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are the Company's financial statements for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language). The XBRL-related information in Exhibit 101 in this report shall not be deemed "filed" or a part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, and is not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of those sections.

#### **SIGNATURES**

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

THE MEET GROUP, INC.

August 2, 2018 By: /s/Geoffrey Cook

Geoffrey Cook

Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

August 2, 2018 By: /s/ James Bugden

James Bugden

Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

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**Section 2: EX-10.1 (EXHIBIT 10.1)** 

### EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE SHARE AWARD AGREEMENT

This EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE SHARE AWARD AGREEMENT (the "Award Agreement") is entered into as of the date of the grant set forth on the E\*Trade system with respect to this grant (the "Grant Date") between The Meet Group, Inc. (the "Company") and the employee of the Company accepting an award hereunder (the "Grantee").

WHEREAS, the Company has adopted the Amended and Restated 2012 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan");

WHEREAS, the Plan permits the grant of units ("Performance Shares") valued by reference to a designated number of shares of common stock of the Company, which value may be paid to a participant upon achievement of such performance goals as the Committee shall establish, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Company desires to grant Performance Shares to the Grantee, and the Grantee desires to accept such Performance Shares, on the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Performance Shares granted pursuant to this Award Agreement shall vest based on the attainment of performance goals related to total shareholder return ("TSR") and continued employment; and

WHEREAS, the applicable provisions of the Plan, receipt of which the Grantee acknowledges, are incorporated into this Award Agreement by reference, including the definitions of terms contained in the Plan (unless such terms are otherwise defined herein).

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises hereafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Grant of Performance Shares; Dividend Equivalents.

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- (a) *Grant*. The Company hereby awards Performance Shares to the Grantee in the amount set forth on the E\*Trade system with respect to this grant (hereinafter, the "Target Award"), subject to the vesting and other conditions of this Award Agreement. Payment of the Performance Shares will be based on achievement of the performance goals set forth in Schedule A (the "TSR Performance Goals") and, except as otherwise provided herein, continued employment.
- (b) *Dividend Equivalents*. Dividend equivalents (the "Dividend Equivalents") shall accrue with respect to Performance Shares and shall vest and be payable subject to the same TSR Performance Goals, vesting terms and other conditions as the Performance Shares to which they relate. Dividend Equivalents shall be credited on the Performance Shares when dividends are declared on Shares from the Grant Date until the payment date for the vested Performance Shares pursuant to Section 4 of this Award Agreement. Vested Dividend Equivalents shall be paid in cash

at the same time and subject to the same terms as the underlying vested Performance Shares. If and to the extent that the underlying Performance Shares are forfeited, all related Dividend Equivalents shall also be forfeited.

# 2. Vesting.

(a) General Vesting Terms. Except as set forth in Sections 2(b), 2(c) and 2(d) below, the Grantee shall vest on the Vesting Date in a number of Performance Shares with respect to the Target Award based on the attainment of the TSR Performance Goals as set forth in Schedule A as of the end of the period beginning on the Grant Date and ending the third (3rd) anniversary of the Grant Date (the "TSR Performance Period"), provided that the Grantee remains employed by the Company or a Subsidiary through the third (3rd) anniversary of the Grant Date (the "Vesting Date"). Except as specifically provided below in this Section 2, no Performance Shares will vest for any reason prior to the Vesting Date, and in the event of a termination of the Grantee's employment prior to the Vesting Date, the Grantee will forfeit to the Company all Performance Shares that have not yet vested as of the Grantee's termination of employment. Except as provided in Section 2(c) below, if the TSR Performance Goals are not attained at the end of the TSR Performance Period the Performance Shares will be immediately forfeited.

# (b) Involuntary Termination.

- (1) Except as provided in Section 2(d) below, if the Grantee incurs an Involuntary Termination (as defined below) prior to the Vesting Date, the Grantee's Performance Shares will automatically vest effective as of the date of the Grantee's Involuntary Termination (the "Termination Date") based on attainment of the TSR Performance Goals through the Termination Date.
- (2) For purposes of this Award Agreement, the term "Involuntary Termination" shall mean the Grantee's separation from service from the Company and its Subsidiaries on account of a termination by the Company or a Subsidiary without Cause, other than on account of death or Disability, provided the Grantee signs and does not revoke a release and waiver of claims in favor of the Company and its Affiliates in a form provided by the Company or Subsidiary, as applicable. If the Grantee and the Company or a Subsidiary are parties to an employment agreement providing for treatment of a termination by the Grantee for "Good Reason" as an involuntary termination, a termination by the Grantee for Good Reason as defined in such employment agreement shall be deemed to be an Involuntary Termination for purposes of this Award Agreement.
- (c) *Death or Disability*. In the event of the Grantee's death or Disability while employed by the Company or a Subsidiary prior to the Vesting Date, the Grantee's Performance Shares will automatically vest at the Target Award level on the date of the Grantee's death or Disability, as applicable. For purposes of this Award Agreement, the term "Disability" shall mean a physical or mental impairment of sufficient severity that the Grantee is both eligible for and in receipt of benefits under the long-term disability program maintained by the Company or a Subsidiary, as applicable, and that meets the requirements of a disability under Section 409A of the

Code. The date of Disability for purposes of this Award Agreement is the date on which the Grantee commences to receive such long-term disability benefits.

- (d) Change in Control. If a Change in Control occurs prior to the Vesting Date, the outstanding Performance Shares will automatically vest as of the date of the Change in Control based on attainment of the TSR Performance Goals through the date of the Change in Control (using as the Closing Average Share Value, the value of a Share implied by the terms of the Change in Control).
- (e) Cause. Notwithstanding anything in these Terms and Conditions to the contrary, in the event the Grantee's employment is terminated by the Company or a Subsidiary for "Cause" (as defined in the Grantee's employment agreement with the Company or a Subsidiary), all outstanding Performance Shares held by the Grantee shall immediately terminate and be of no further force or effect.
- (f) Other Termination. Except as provided in Sections 2(b), 2(c) and 2(d), in the event of a termination of employment, the Grantee will forfeit all Performance Shares. No Performance Shares will vest after the Grantee's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary has terminated for any reason.
- 3. <u>Performance Shares Account.</u> The Company shall establish a bookkeeping account on its records for the Grantee and shall credit the Grantee's Performance Shares and Dividend Equivalents to the bookkeeping account. No interest will be credited to any such account.

# 4. Payment of Performance Shares.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section 4, if the Performance Shares vest in accordance with this Award Agreement, the Grantee shall be entitled to receive payment of the vested Performance Shares within ten days after the Vesting Date.
  - (b) The vested Performance Shares shall be paid earlier than the Vesting Date in the following circumstances:
- (1) If the Performance Shares vest in accordance with Section 2(b) (the Grantee's Involuntary Termination), the vested Performance Shares shall be paid within ten days after the date of the Grantee's Termination Date.
- (2) If the Performance Shares vest in accordance with Section 2(c) (the Grantee's death or Disability), the vested Performance Shares shall be paid within ten days after the date of the Grantee's death or Disability, as applicable.
- (3) If a Change in Control occurs before the Vesting Date and Performance Shares vest in accordance with Section 2(d), the vested Performance Shares shall be paid upon or within ten days after the date of the Change in Control.

- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (2) above, if the Change in Control is not a "change in control event" under Section 409A of the Code, and if required by Section 409A of the Code, payment will not be made on the date described in subsection (2) and, instead, will be made within ten days after the Vesting Date.
- (c) On the applicable payment date, each vested Performance Share shall be settled in whole Shares equal to the number of vested Performance Shares, subject to (i) compliance with the six-month delay described in Section 10 below, if applicable, and (ii) the payment of any federal, state, local or foreign withholding taxes as described in Section 9 below. The obligation of the Company to distribute shares shall be subject to the rights of the Company as set forth in the Plan and to all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and such approvals by governmental agencies as may be deemed appropriate by the Committee, including as set forth in Section 12 below.
- 5. <u>No Stockholder Rights</u>. The Grantee has no voting rights and no rights to receive dividends (other than pursuant to Section 1(b) of this Award Agreement) or other ownership rights and privileges of a stockholder with respect to the Shares subject to the Performance Shares.
- 6. <u>Adjustments.</u> The Performance Shares granted hereunder shall be subject to adjustment in accordance with the Plan as in effect from time to time, including Section 12.2 of the Plan. Any adjustment that occurs under the terms of the Plan will not change the timing or form of payment with respect to any Performance Shares except in accordance with Section 409A of the Code.
- 7. Reservation of Right to Terminate Relationship. Nothing contained in this Award Agreement shall restrict the right of the Company to terminate the employment or service relationship of the Grantee at any time, with or without Cause. The termination of the employment or service relationship of the Grantee by the Company, regardless of the reason therefor, shall have the results provided for in Sections 2 and 4 of this Award Agreement.
- 8. <u>Assignment; Transfer.</u> This Award Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Company and its legal representatives, successors and assigns. The Performance Shares or Dividend Equivalents granted hereby may not be sold, assigned, pledged, exchanged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred, encumbered or disposed of. Any such attempted sale, assignment, pledge, exchange, hypothecation, transfer, encumbrance or disposition in violation of this Award Agreement shall be void and the Company shall not be bound thereby.
- 9. <u>Withholding</u>. The Grantee shall be required to pay to the Company, or make other arrangements satisfactory to the Company to provide for the payment of, any federal, state, local or other taxes that the Company is required to withhold with respect to the grant or vesting of the Performance Shares or Dividend Equivalents. The Company shall have the right to withhold from wages or other amounts otherwise payable to the Grantee such withholding taxes as may be required by law. Unless the Committee otherwise decides, the Grantee may elect to satisfy any tax withholding obligation of the Employer with respect to the Performance Shares and Dividend Equivalents by having Shares withheld up to an amount that does not exceed the minimum applicable withholding tax rate for federal (including FICA), state, local and other tax liabilities.

- Compliance with Section 409A of the Code. This Award Agreement and the Performance Shares and 10. Dividend Equivalents granted hereunder are intended to comply and shall be administered in a manner that is intended to comply with Section 409A of the Code and shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent. To the extent that this Award Agreement or the payment or settlement or deferral thereof is subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Performance Shares and Dividend Equivalents shall be granted, paid, settled or deferred in a manner that will comply with Section 409A of the Code, including regulations or other guidance issued with respect thereto, except as otherwise determined by the Committee. Any provision of this Award Agreement that would cause the grant of Performance Shares or Dividend Equivalents hereunder or the payment or thereof to fail to satisfy Section 409A of the Code shall be amended to comply with Section 409A of the Code on a timely basis, which may be made on a retroactive basis, in accordance with regulations and other guidance issued under Section 409A of the Code. All payments to be made upon a termination of employment hereunder may only be made upon the Grantee's "separation from service" (as defined under Section 409A of the Code). Should any payments made in accordance with this Award Agreement be determined to be subject to Section 409A of the Code, payable in connection with the Grantee's "separation from service" (as defined under Section 409A of the Code), and not exempt from Section 409A of the Code as a short-term deferral or otherwise, these payments, to the extent otherwise payable within six (6) months after the Grantee's date of "separation from service," will be paid in a lump sum on the earlier of the date that is six (6) months after the Grantee's date of "separation from service" or the date of the Grantee's death, to the extent required by Section 409A of the Code. For purposes of Section 409A of the Code, each payment to be made to the Grantee in accordance with this Award Agreement shall be treated as a separate payment. Should any payments made in accordance with this Award Agreement be determined to be subject to Section 409Å of the Code and payment is subject to the execution of a release of claims in favor of the Company and its Affiliates, and if payment with respect to the Performance Shares or Dividend Equivalents that is subject to the execution of the release could be made in more than one taxable year, payment shall be made in the later taxable year, if required by Section 409A of the Code. In no event shall a Grantee, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year of payment.
- 11. Parties Bound by Plan. The Plan and each determination, interpretation or other action made or taken pursuant to the provisions of the Plan, including under Section 4.2 of the Plan, shall be final and shall be binding and conclusive for all purposes on the Company and the Grantee and the Grantee's respective successors in interest.
- 12. Grant Subject to Applicable Laws and Company Policies. This Award Agreement shall be subject to any required approvals by any governmental or regulatory agencies. This award of Performance Shares and Dividend Equivalents shall also be subject to any applicable clawback or recoupment policies, share trading policies, and other policies that may be implemented by the Company from time to time in accordance with applicable law. Notwithstanding anything in this Award Agreement to the contrary, the Plan, this Award Agreement, and the Performance Shares and Dividend Equivalents granted hereunder shall be subject to all applicable laws, and, subject to the following sentence, the Committee reserves the right to modify this Award Agreement, the Performance Shares and Dividend Equivalents as necessary to conform to any restrictions imposed

by any such laws, regulations, restrictions, or governmental guidance or to conform to any applicable clawback or recoupment policies, share trading policies, and other policies that may be implemented by the Company from time to time. As a condition of participating in the Plan, and by the Grantee's acceptance of the Performance Shares and Dividend Equivalents, the Grantee is deemed to have agreed to any such modifications that may be imposed by the Committee, and agrees to sign such waivers or acknowledgments as the Committee may deem necessary or appropriate with respect to such modifications, provided that no such modification of this Award Agreement or modification of policies of the Company applicable to this Award Agreement shall impair the rights of the Grantee in any material respect under this Award Agreement without such Participant's consent except to the extent that the Committee, in its discretion, determines that such modification is required by applicable law.

- 13. <u>Severability</u>. In the event any parts of this Award Agreement are found to be void, the remaining provisions of this Award Agreement shall nevertheless be binding with the same effect as though the void parts were deleted.
- 14. <u>Cancellation or Amendment</u>. This Award Agreement and the grant hereunder may be canceled or amended by the Committee, in whole or in part, in accordance with the applicable terms of the Plan.
- 15. <u>Notices and Addresses</u>. All notices, offers, acceptance and any other acts under this Award Agreement (except payment) shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the addresses in person, by FedEx or similar delivery, if to the Grantee to his or her address on file with the Company's Director of Human Resources, and as follows:

The Company: The Meet Group, Inc. 100 Union Square Drive New Hope, PA 18938 Attention: Frederic Beckley

with a copy to: James McKenzie

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius 1701 Market St. Philadelphia, PA 19103-2921

or to such other address as either of them, by notice to the other may designate from time to time.

- 16. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Award Agreement and any dispute, disagreement, or issue of construction or interpretation arising hereunder whether relating to its execution, its validity, the obligations provided herein or performance shall be governed or interpreted according to the laws of Delaware without regard to choice of law considerations.
- 17. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Award Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior oral and written agreements between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. In the event of any conflict between any provision of an

employment agreement, vesting agreement or other agreement between the Grantee and the Company or a Subsidiary, the terms of this Award Agreement shall govern. Neither this Award Agreement nor any provision hereof may be changed, waived, discharged or terminated orally, except by a statement in writing signed by the party or parties against which enforcement or the change, waiver discharge or termination is sought.

- 18. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Award Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The execution of this Award Agreement may be by actual or facsimile signature.
- 19. <u>Section or Paragraph Headings</u>. Section headings herein have been inserted for reference only and shall not be deemed to limit or otherwise affect, in any matter, or be deemed to interpret in whole or in part any of the terms or provisions of this Award Agreement.
- 20. <u>Exclusive Jurisdiction and Venue</u>. Any action brought by either party against the other concerning the transactions contemplated by or arising under this Award Agreement shall be brought only in the state or federal courts of Pennsylvania and venue shall be in Bucks County or appropriate federal district and division. The parties to this Award Agreement hereby irrevocably waive any objection to jurisdiction and venue of any action instituted hereunder and shall not assert any defense based on lack of jurisdiction or venue or based upon *forum non conveniens*.

# Section 3: EX-31.1 (SECTION 302 CERTIFICATION - CEO)

Exhibit 31.1

#### CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

Date: August 2, 2018	
/s/ Geoffrey Cook	
Geoffrey Cook Chief Executive Officer	

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# Section 4: EX-31.2 (SECTION 302 CERTIFICATION - CFO)

Exhibit 31.2

#### CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER

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

Date: August 2, 2018

/s/ James Bugden

James Bugden Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

# Section 5: EX-32.1 (SECTION 906 CERTIFICATION - CEO)

Exhibit 32.1

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

In connection with the quarterly report of The Meet Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2018, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, Geoffrey Cook, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- 1. The quarterly report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and
- 2. The information contained in the quarterly report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Geoffrey Cook

Geoffrey Cook Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) Dated: August 2, 2018

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# Section 6: EX-32.2 (SECTION 906 CERTIFICATION - CFO)

Exhibit 32.2

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

In connection with the quarterly report of The Meet Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2018, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, James Bugden, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- 1. The quarterly report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and
- 2. The information contained in the quarterly report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ James Bugden

James Bugen Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) Dated: August 2, 2018

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