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	State or other jurisdiction of		(I.R.S. Employer	
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(Addr	ess of principal executive of		(Zip Code)	
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Large accelerated filer			Accelerated filer	X
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19,456,066 shares of the registrant's common stock (\$0.0001 par value per share) were outstanding as of October 19, 2018.

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## SPOK HOLDINGS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)	Sep	tember 30, 2018	Dece	mber 31, 2017
ASSETS		(Unaudited)		
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	95,233	\$	107,157
Accounts receivable, net		34,440		32,279
Prepaid expenses and other		7,928		5,752
Inventory		1,663		1,672
Total current assets		139,264		146,860
Non-current assets:				
Property and equipment, net		12,655		13,399
Goodwill		133,031		133,031
Intangible assets, net		6,042		7,917
Deferred income tax assets		46,970		47,679
Other non-current assets		1,401		1,675
Total non-current assets		200,099		203,701
Total assets	\$	339,363	\$	350,561
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	1,070	\$	1,305
Accrued compensation and benefits		11,584		11,018
Accrued taxes		2,587		2,547
Deferred revenue		32,299		31,414
Other current liabilities		3,464		4,610
Total current liabilities		51,004		50,894
Non-current liabilities:				
Deferred revenue		705		1,063
Other non-current liabilities		8,545		8,075
Total non-current liabilities		9,250		9,138
Total liabilities		60,254		60,032
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)				
Stockholders' equity:				
Preferred stock	\$	_	\$	_
Common stock		2		2
Additional paid-in capital		92,880		99,819
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(2,217)		(1,088)
Retained earnings		188,444		191,796
Total stockholders' equity		279,109		290,529
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	339,363	\$	350,561

 $\label{thm:companying} \textit{The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.}$ 

## SPOK HOLDINGS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	]	For the Three Month	s Eı	nded September 30,	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,					
(Unaudited and in thousands except share and per share amounts)		2018		2017		2018		2017		
Revenue:		_		_		_		_		
Wireless	\$	23,259	\$	25,110	\$	71,186	\$	76,609		
Software		19,217		18,526		55,032		50,796		
Total revenue		42,476		43,636		126,218		127,405		
Operating expenses:										
Cost of revenue		7,782		7,069		22,914		21,295		
Research and development		5,934		5,001		17,845		13,768		
Service, rental and maintenance		7,787		7,875		23,235		23,885		
Selling and marketing		5,716		5,533		18,279		16,784		
General and administrative		13,673		12,058		38,377		35,706		
Depreciation, amortization and accretion		2,785		2,775		8,168		8,849		
Total operating expenses		43,677		40,311		128,818		120,287		
Operating (loss) income		(1,201)		3,325		(2,600)		7,118		
Interest income		384		214		1,009		490		
Other (expense) income		(110)		359		(56)		415		
(Loss) income before income taxes		(927)		3,898		(1,647)		8,023		
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes		446		(171)		701		(1,945)		
Net (loss) income	\$	(481)	\$	3,727	\$	(946)	\$	6,078		
Basic and diluted net (loss) income per common share	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.19	\$	(0.05)	\$	0.30		
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding		19,456,149		19,977,263		19,742,869		20,285,240		
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding		19,456,149		20,008,321		19,742,869		20,362,774		
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$	0.125	\$	0.125	\$	0.375	\$	0.375		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

## SPOK HOLDINGS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,					or the Nine Months	Ended September 30,		
		2018		2017		2018		2017	
(Unaudited and in thousands)									
Net (loss) income	\$	(481)	\$	3,727	\$	(946)	\$	6,078	
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax:									
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(367)		(175)		(965)		(89)	
Other comprehensive loss		(367)		(175)		(965)		(89)	
Comprehensive loss	\$	(848)	\$	3,552	\$	(1,911)	\$	5,989	

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## SPOK HOLDINGS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Nine Months Ended September 30. (Unaudited and in thousands) Cash flows provided by operating activities: Net (loss) income \$ (946) \$ 6,078 Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities: 8,849 Depreciation, amortization and accretion 8,168 Deferred income tax (benefit) expense (1,000)1,118 3,922 2,815 Stock based compensation Provision for doubtful accounts, service credits and other 1,681 767 Adjustment of non-cash transaction taxes (156)(754)Changes in assets and liabilities: Accounts receivable (2,534)(4,156)Prepaid expenses, inventory, and other assets (1,160)(1,726)Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and other (546)(230)Deferred revenue 1,313 5,198 Net cash provided by operating activities 12,627 14,074 Cash flows used in investing activities: Purchase of property and equipment (5,094)(7,034)Net cash used in investing activities (5,094)(7,034)Cash flows used in financing activities: Cash distributions to stockholders (7,631)(12,733)Purchase of common stock for tax withholding on vested equity awards (978)Purchase of common stock (including commissions) (10,026)(10,024)Proceeds from issuance of common stock under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan 143 130 Net cash used in financing activities (18,492)(22,627)Effect of exchange rate on cash (965)(89)Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents (11,924)(15,676)Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period 107,157 125,816 Cash and cash equivalents, end of period \$ 95,233 110,140 Supplemental disclosure: Income taxes paid \$ 726 \$ 2,300

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Spok Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: SPOK) ("Spok," "we," "our" or the "Company") through its wholly-owned subsidiary Spok, Inc., is the global leader in healthcare communications. We deliver clinical information to care teams when and where it matters most to improve patient outcomes. Many hospitals rely on the Spok Care Connect platform to enhance workflows for clinicians, support administrative compliance, and provide a better experience for patients. Our customers send over 100 million messages each month through their Spok solutions.

We offer a focused suite of unified critical communication solutions that include call center operations, clinical alerting and notifications, one-way and advanced two-way wireless messaging services, mobile communications and public safety solutions.

We provide one-way and advanced two-way wireless messaging services including information services throughout the United States. These services are offered on a local, regional and nationwide basis employing digital networks. One-way messaging consists of numeric and alphanumeric messaging services. Numeric messaging services enable subscribers to receive messages that are composed entirely of numbers, such as a phone number, while alphanumeric messages may include numbers and letters, which enable subscribers to receive text messages. Two-way messaging services enable subscribers to send and receive messages to and from other wireless messaging devices, including pagers, mobile devices and personal computers. We also offer voice mail, personalized greeting, message storage and retrieval, and equipment loss and/or maintenance protection to both one-way and two-way messaging subscribers. These services are commonly referred to as wireless messaging and information services.

We also develop, sell and support enterprise-wide systems for hospitals and other organizations needing to automate, centralize and standardize mission critical communications. These solutions are used for contact centers, clinical alerting and notification, mobile communications and messaging and for public safety notifications. These areas of market focus complement the market focus of our wireless services outlined above. These products and services are commonly referred to as software solutions and services.

## Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include our accounts and the accounts of our wholly-owned direct and indirect subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") and the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). In management's opinion, the unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include all adjustments and accruals that are necessary for a fair presentation of the results of all interim periods reported herein and all such adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature. As a result of the adoption of Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, and our application of the modified retrospective approach, prior period amounts have not been restated under ASC 606.

Amounts shown on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations within the operating expense categories of Cost of revenue; Research and development; Service, rental and maintenance; Selling and marketing; and General and administrative are recorded exclusive of depreciation, amortization and accretion.

The financial information included herein, other than the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2017, is unaudited. The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2017 has been derived from, but does not include all, the disclosures contained in the audited Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017.

These Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 (the "2017 Annual Report"). The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a full year.

Certain prior period amounts in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the reported results of operations or the statement of financial position. In the first quarter of 2018, the Company reclassified (\$1.5) million from additional paid-in capital to accumulated other comprehensive income. Corresponding reclassifications of (\$1.1) million were made to the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets for the year ended December 31, 2017.

## UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and related disclosures. On an on-going basis, we evaluate estimates and assumptions, including, but not limited to, those related to the impairment of long-lived assets; intangible assets subject to amortization and goodwill; accounts receivable allowances; revenue recognition; determining standalone selling price ("SSP") of performance obligations; variable consideration; depreciation expense; asset retirement obligations; severance and income taxes. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

#### NOTE 2 - RISKS AND OTHER IMPORTANT FACTORS

See "Item 1A. Risk Factors" of Part II of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q ("Quarterly Report") and "Item 1A. Risk Factors" of Part I of the 2017 Annual Report, which describe key risks associated with our operations and industry.

## NOTE 3 - RECENT AND PENDING ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

## Recently Adopted

Revenue - In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. ASU No. 2014-09 creates a five-step model that requires companies to exercise judgment when considering all relevant facts and circumstances in the determination of when and how revenue is recognized and requires entities to recognize revenues when control of the promised goods or services is transferred to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. On January 1, 2018, we adopted ASC 606 using the modified retrospective method applied to those contracts which were not completed as of January 1, 2018. During the quarter ended September 30, 2018, we adjusted our entry to record the effect of adopting ASC 606 by approximately \$0.4 million. This adjustment did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements for any quarter during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2018. As a result, our beginning retained earnings as of January 1, 2018 was \$6.8 million greater than what was reported at December 31, 2017. This was due to a \$4.6 million decrease in deferred revenue, a \$0.2 million decrease in accumulated other comprehensive income related to translation adjustments, an increase in unbilled receivables of \$1.3 million and an increase of \$0.7 million in deferred commissions that resulted from the adoption of ASC 606. Results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2018 are presented under ASC 606, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with our historic accounting under ASC 605. For additional details refer to Note 4, "Significant Accounting Policies Update" and Note 5, "Revenues, Deferred Revenue and Deferred Commissions."

## Pending Adoption

Leases - In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases. The new standard establishes a right of use ("ROU") model that requires a lessee to record a ROU asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than twelve months. Leases will be classified as either financing or operating with the classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

ASU No. 2016-02 will be effective beginning on January 1, 2019, including interim periods within that fiscal year, and while early adoption is permitted, we have elected not to early adopt. We have completed our review of the acceptable transition methods and have selected the modified retrospective approach using a cumulative-effect adjustment to our opening balance of retained earnings as of January 1, 2019. While we continue to evaluate the impact of the potential new standard on our consolidated Financial Statements, we believe the modified retrospective approach will have a material impact on our ROU assets and lease liabilities. We do not anticipate a material change in how our lease expense is recognized in future Consolidated Statements of Operations as a result of the adoption of ASU No. 2016-02.

## UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

#### **NOTE 4 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES UPDATE**

Our significant accounting policies are detailed in Note 1 "Organization and Significant Accounting Policies" of the 2017 Annual Report. Significant changes to our accounting policies as a result of adopting ASC 606 are discussed below.

## Revenue Recognition - Adoption of ASC 606 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers"

The majority of our revenues are derived from short-term contracts related to the sale of wireless paging services and software solutions. Our arrangements exist primarily with customers in the healthcare market and to a lesser extent State and Federal governments, as well as large enterprise businesses.

Under the typical payment terms of our software contracts customers will normally pay a material amount of the contract price immediately upon execution of the contract. The remaining payments are required when product is delivered, when services begin and, to a lesser extent, when services are completed. Wireless services are generally billed as incurred on a monthly basis. Our contracts will generally result in billings in excess of revenue recognized, which we present as deferred revenues on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, primarily due to the receipt of payment in advance of product or services being provided. Amounts billed and due from our customers are classified as receivables on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. At times, we may have contracts which require us to perform work or provide products prior to billing which will generally result in revenue recognized in excess of billings. This excess is presented as unbilled receivables in the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. We generally do not have transactions that include a significant financing component (whether payments are made in advance or in arrears) as our contracts typically take less than 12 months to complete once started. We would not adjust the total consideration for the effects of a significant financing component if we anticipate, at contract inception, that the period between when we transfer a promised good or service to a customer and when the customer pays for that good or service will be one year or less.

We account for a contract when: (1) both parties have approved the contract through mutually signed agreements but at times may be done through other methods such as purchase orders or master agreements; (2) the rights of the parties have been identified; (3) payment terms have been identified; (4) the contract has commercial substance; and (5) collectability of consideration is probable. We also evaluate whether two or more contracts should be combined and accounted for as a single contract. In our evaluation, we consider criteria such as, but not limited to, whether: (1) the contracts are negotiated as a package with a single commercial objective; (2) the amount of consideration to be paid in one contract is dependent on the price or performance of another contract; and (3) some or all of the goods or services promised in the contracts are a single performance obligation. Should we consider contracts related, we would account for those contracts as if they were a single contract. Evaluating whether two or more contracts should be combined and accounted for as a single contract requires significant judgment. In the aggregate, a decision to combine a group of contracts could significantly impact the amount of revenue and profit recorded in a given period.

We review each contract to determine whether to account for the various promises as one or more performance obligations. The assessment and determination of performance obligations for a given contract requires significant judgment. Contracts which include wireless services are generally considered to be a single promise and therefore accounted for as a single performance obligation. Less commonly, however, we may promise to provide other distinct goods or services in conjunction with wireless services in which case we would account for the contract as having multiple performance obligations. Contracts which include goods or services related to our software solutions are generally sold with multiple promises and therefore will often include multiple performance obligations. Material performance obligations related to the sale of our software solutions include software licenses, professional services, hardware and maintenance, of which professional services and maintenance are generally considered a series of performance obligations.

More often than not, total consideration will equate to the stated value on the contract taking into consideration any period or term over which services are to be provided, if applicable. However, we could have contracts in which variable consideration is present. It is common for our contracts which include wireless services to contain customer penalties if rental pagers are not returned and fees for usage of services in excess of the contractually allotted amount for a given period. It is also common for our contracts that include professional services to include travel related costs. These are costs which we incur in the normal course of delivering professional services and are generally billable to the customer based on our incurred expenses. These elements of variable consideration are fully constrained when an agreement is initially executed and are generally not considered estimable until the penalties, fees or costs have been incurred or are otherwise known. We include estimated amounts in the transaction price to the extent it is probable that a significant reversal of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is resolved. Estimating variable consideration requires significant judgment and our assessment includes all relevant information that is reasonably available to us including historical, current and forecasted information. We have elected to exclude from revenue, all amounts collected on behalf of third parties, and therefore, items such as sales and use tax are excluded from our calculation of the total transaction price.

## UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

If a contract is separated into more than one performance obligation we allocate the total transaction price to each performance obligation proportionately based on the estimated relative SSPs of the promised goods or services underlying each performance obligation. We rarely sell goods or services with readily observable standalone sales, however, if we do, the observable standalone sales are used to determine the SSP. In most cases, we must estimate the relative SSP which requires significant judgment and estimates. In instances where SSP is not directly observable we determine the SSP using information that may include contractually stated prices, market conditions, costs, renewal contracts, list prices and other observable inputs. A discount is present if the total transaction price is less than the sum of the estimated SSPs of the goods or services promised in the contract. Discounts are generally allocated proportionately based on the relative SSP of the identified performance obligations for a given contract.

Our wireless, professional and maintenance services are generally recognized over time due to a customer's simultaneous receipt and consumption of the benefit as we perform the work. As we transfer control over time, we recognize revenue based on the extent of progress towards completion of the performance obligation. The selection of the method to measure progress towards completion requires significant judgment and is based on the nature of the products or services to be provided. Generally, we use the time-elapsed measure of progress for performance obligations which include wireless or maintenance services. We believe this method best depicts the simultaneous transfer and consumption of the benefit based on our performance as these services are generally considered standby services. For professional services, we leverage an input methodology based on the number of hours worked on a project versus the total expected hours necessary to complete the project. Revenues are recognized proportionally as hours are incurred. This is a significant area of judgment as it requires an estimate to complete ("ETC") for each contract. Our initial ETC is primarily based on prior experience also taking into consideration any specific facts and circumstances for a given contract. As projects progress, the ETC is periodically updated and reviewed to ensure the timing of revenue recognition is appropriate. The creation, maintenance and review of a projects ETC requires significant judgment to determine an appropriate number of hours over which the remaining project is expected to be completed.

Our software licenses and hardware are generally recognized at a point in time when we have transferred control to the customer. For software licenses, revenue is not recognized until the related license(s) has been made available to the customer and the customer can begin to benefit from its right to use the license(s). Our software licenses represent a right to use Spok's Intellectual Property ("IP") as it exists at a point in time at which the license is granted. Many of our software licenses have significant standalone functionality due to their ability to process a transaction or perform a function or task, and we do not need to maintain those products, once provided to the customer, for value to exist. While the functionality of IP that we license may substantively change during the license period, customers are not contractually or practically required to update their license as a result of those changes. Assessing when transfer of control has occurred requires significant judgment. In most contracts transfer of control for software licenses occurs in a short period of time after a contract has been executed and licenses are made electronically available.

Contracts may be modified to account for changes in a project's scope or other customer requirements. Most of our contract modifications are for goods or services that are distinct from the existing contract or may or may not be distinct but are for services which relate to a series of performance obligations. In these instances, the contract modification would either be recognized as an entirely new and separate contract or the modification would be treated as if it were a termination of the existing contract and the creation of a new contract including all untransferred goods and services under the previous contract. Revenue would be recognized on a prospective basis and a cumulative catch-up would not be recognized.

## Incremental costs of obtaining a contract and costs to fulfill a contract

Commissions Expense - Our incremental costs primarily relate to sales commissions. We capitalize commissions and proportionally recognize the related expense to revenue as it is recognized on the underlying performance obligations. Some of these costs may relate to specific future anticipated contracts, specifically future maintenance renewals, which we do not pay commensurate sales commissions on. We amortize commission costs proportionally with revenue, thus it is necessary for us to estimate future revenues when there are future anticipated contracts. We estimate future revenues based on anticipated renewal amounts over an expected useful life (e.g. the period over which we believe the initial sales commissions relate to future anticipated contracts). The expected useful life is based on a review of our product life cycles, customer upgrade patterns and the rate at which customers renew maintenance. Commissions expenses are classified as Selling and Marketing on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

## UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

## Summary of Results under ASC 605 "Revenue Recognition"

The following table presents Financial Statement components impacted as a result of adopting ASC 606, stated under ASC 605 for comparative purposes:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,							For the Nine	September 30,			
		2018 2017 2018							18		2017	
(Dollars in thousands)		ASC 606		ASC 605	ASC 605		ASC 606			ASC 605	ASC 605	
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations												
Revenues: Software	\$	19,217	\$	17,776	\$	18,526	\$	55,032	\$	54,100	\$	50,796
Operating expenses: Selling and marketing	\$	5,716	\$	5,936	\$	5,533	\$	18,279	\$	18,158	\$	16,784
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income												
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax: foreign currency translation adjustments	\$	(367)	\$	(360)	\$	(175)	\$	(965)	\$	(833)	\$	(89)
					Septem	ber 30, 20	018			Decem	ber 3	1, 2017
(Dollars in thousands)				ASC 606			A	SC 605		Α	SC 60	)5
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets												
Current assets: Accounts receivable, net			\$		34,440	\$		30,99	91	\$		32,279
Current assets: Prepaid expenses and other			\$		7,928	\$		7,36	67	\$		5,752
Current liabilities: Deferred revenue			\$		32,299	\$		35,51	17	\$		31,414
Non-current liabilities: Deferred revenue			\$		705	\$		88	33	\$		1,063
Stockholder equity: Accumulated other comprehensive los	S		\$		(2,217	) \$		(1,965)		\$		(1,088)
Stockholder equity: Retained earnings			\$	1	88,444	\$		180,78	36	\$		191,796

## NOTE 5 - REVENUE, DEFERRED REVENUE AND DEFERRED COMMISSIONS

## Wireless Revenue

Wireless revenue consists of two primary components: Paging revenue and product and other revenue. Paging revenue consists primarily of recurring fees associated with the provision of messaging services and fees for paging devices and is net of a provision for service credits. Product and other revenue reflects system sales, the sale of devices and charges for paging devices that are not returned and are net of anticipated credits. Our core offering includes subscriptions to one-way or two-way messaging services for a periodic (monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual) service fee. This is generally based upon the type of service provided, the geographic area covered, the number of devices provided to the customer and the period of commitment. A subscriber to one-way messaging services may select coverage on a local, regional or nationwide basis to best meet their messaging needs. Two-way messaging is generally offered on a nationwide basis. In addition, subscribers either contract for a messaging device from us for an additional fixed monthly fee or they own a device, having purchased it either from us or from another vendor. We also sell devices to resellers who lease or resell devices to their subscribers and then sell messaging services utilizing our networks. We offer ancillary services, such as voicemail and equipment loss or maintenance protection, which help increase the monthly recurring revenue we receive along with these traditional messaging services. In 2015 and 2016 we launched new and exclusive one-way (T5) and two-way (T52) alphanumeric pagers, respectively. Both pagers are configurable to support un-encrypted or encrypted operation. When configured for encryption, they utilize AES-128 bit encryption, screen locking and remote wipe capabilities. With encryption enabled these new secure paging devices enhance our service offerings to the healthcare community by adding Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") security capabilities to the low cost, highly reliable and availabi

## Software Revenue

Software revenue consists of two primary components: operations revenue and maintenance revenue. Operations revenue consists primarily of license revenues for our healthcare communications solutions, equipment revenues that facilitate the use of our software solutions, and professional services revenue related to the implementation of our solutions. Maintenance revenue is for ongoing support of our software solutions or related equipment (typically for one year).

## UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

Our software licenses and hardware are generally recognized at a point in time when we have transferred control to the customer. For software licenses, revenue is not recognized until the related license(s) has been made available to the customer and the customer can begin to benefit from its right to use the license(s). Our software licenses represent a right to use Spok's IP as it exists at a point in time at which the license is granted. Many of our software licenses have significant standalone functionality due to their ability to process a transaction or perform a function or task, and we do not need to maintain those products, once provided to the customer, for value to exist. While the functionality of IP that we license may substantively change during the license period, customers are not contractually or practically required to update their license as a result of those changes. Our wireless, professional and maintenance services are generally recognized over time due to a customer's simultaneous receipt and consumption of the benefit as we perform the work. As we transfer control over time, we recognize revenue based on the extent of progress towards completion of the performance obligation. The selection of the method to measure progress towards completion requires significant judgment and is based on the nature of the products or services to be provided. Generally, we use the time-elapsed measure of progress for performance obligations which include wireless or maintenance services. We believe this method best depicts the simultaneous transfer and consumption of the benefit based on our performance as these services are generally considered standby services. For professional services, we leverage an input methodology based on the number of hours worked on a project versus the total expected hours necessary to complete the project. Revenues are recognized proportionally as hours are incurred.

## Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized when control of the promised goods or services is transferred to our customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration we expect to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services.

The following table presents our revenues disaggregated by revenue type:

	Fort	the Three months e	nded Sep	otember 30, 2018	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,						
(Dollars in thousands)		2018		2017(1)		2018		2017(1)			
Wireless products and services	\$	23,259	\$	25,110	\$	71,186	\$	76,609			
Subscription		1,779		577		2,640		1,744			
Software licenses		1,396		1,995		6,904		4,807			
Professional services		4,555		5,189		12,988		12,192			
Hardware		1,296		1,102		3,428		3,202			
Maintenance		10,191		9,663		29,072		28,851			
Total revenue	\$	42,476	\$	43,636	\$	126,218	\$	127,405			

<sup>(1)</sup> Prior period amounts have not been adjusted under the modified retrospective method for the adoption of ASC 606.

The U.S. was the only country that accounted for more than 10% of the Company's total revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. Revenue by geographic region consisted of the following for the periods stated:

	Fo	or the Three months e	nded Se	eptember 30, 2018		For the Nine Month	s Ende	d September 30,
(Dollars in thousands)	2018		2017(1)		2018			2017(1)
Revenue				_				_
United States	\$	41,198	\$	42,448	\$	122,243	\$	123,822
International		1,278		1,188		3,975		3,583
Total revenue	\$	42,476	\$	43,636	\$	126,218	\$	127,405

<sup>(1)</sup> Prior period amounts have not been adjusted under the modified retrospective method for the adoption of ASC 606.

## Deferred Revenues

Our deferred revenues represent payments made to, or due from, customers in advance of our performance. Changes in the balance of total deferred revenue during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)			Dec	ember 31, 2017	Additions	Reve	nue Recognized(1)	Sep	otember 30, 2018
Deferred Revenue			\$	32,477	\$ 48,273	\$	(47,746)	\$	33,004
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(1) Includes \$4.6 million which went to retained earnings and was not recognized as revenue resulting from the adoption of ASC 606.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Company recognized \$20.5 million related to amounts deferred as of December 31, 2017.

## UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

#### **Deferred Commissions**

Our deferred commissions represent payments made to employees in advance of our performance on the related underlying contracts. These costs have been incurred directly in relation with obtaining a contract. As such, these costs are amortized over the estimated period of benefit. Changes in the balance of total deferred commissions during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 are as follows:

				Commissions		
(Dollars in thousands)	Decemb	er 31, 2017	Additions(1)	Recognized	Sep	tember 30, 2018
Deferred Commissions	\$	1,676	\$ 4,894	\$ (4,393)	\$	2,177

(1)Includes \$0.7 million in previously recognized commissions expense which was removed from retained earnings and included in deferred commissions resulting from the adoption of ASC 606.

Deferred commissions are included within Prepaid Assets on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and commissions expense is included within Selling and marketing on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

## Remaining Performance Obligations

We have elected not to disclose the value of unsatisfied performance obligations for contracts with an original expected length of one year or less and for variable consideration which is allocated entirely to a wholly unsatisfied performance obligation or to a wholly unsatisfied promise to transfer a distinct good or service that forms part of a single performance obligation. The remaining backlog is immaterial to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

## NOTE 6 - CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT COMPONENTS

#### Depreciation, Amortization and Accretion

Depreciation, amortization and accretion expenses consisted of the following for the periods stated:

	For	the Three Month	s Ended	l September 30,	For the Nine Months Ended Septembe				
(Dollars in thousands)		2018	2017		2018		2017		
Depreciation									
Leasehold improvements	\$	60	\$	50	\$	195	\$	175	
Asset retirement costs		(74)		(97)		(226)		(292)	
Paging and computer equipment		1,938		1,990		5,608		6,077	
Furniture, fixtures and vehicles		100		66		310		207	
Total depreciation		2,024		2,009		5,887		6,167	
Amortization		625		625		1,875		2,261	
Accretion		136		141		406		421	
Total depreciation, amortization and accretion expense	\$	2,785	\$	2,775	\$	8,168	\$	8,849	

## Accounts Receivable, Net

Accounts receivable was recorded net of an allowance of \$1.9 million and \$1.1 million at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. Accounts receivable, net includes \$11.7 million and \$7.3 million of unbilled receivables at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. Unbilled receivables are defined as the Company's right to consideration in exchange for goods or services that we have transferred to the customer but have not yet billed for, generally as a result of contractual billing terms. The increase in unbilled receivables was primarily due to the adoption of ASC 606 and the acceleration of license revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

## ${\bf UNAUDITED\ NOTES\ TO\ CONDENSED\ CONSOLIDATED\ FINANCIAL\ STATEMENTS-(Continued)}$

## Property and Equipment, Net

Property and equipment, net consisted of the following as of the date stated:

(Dollars in thousands)	Useful Life (In Years)	September 30, 2018		De	cember 31, 2017
Leasehold improvements	shorter of useful life or lease term	\$	4,139	\$	4,107
Asset retirement costs	1-5		3,272		3,228
Paging and computer equipment	1-5		100,400		103,520
Furniture, fixtures and vehicles	3-5		4,262		4,545
Total property and equipment			112,073		115,400
Accumulated depreciation			(99,418)		(102,001)
Total property and equipment, net		\$	12,655	\$	13,399

## Other Current Liabilities

Other current liabilities consisted of the following as of the date stated:

(Dollars in thousands)	September 30, 2018			December 31, 2017
Accrued network costs, asset retirement obligations and other	\$	2,170	\$	2,173
Accrued outside services		1,294		2,437
Total other current liabilities	\$	3,464	\$	4,610

#### Other Non-Current Liabilities

Other non-current liabilities consisted of the following as of the date stated:

(Dollars in thousands)	Septen	nber 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Asset retirement obligations	\$	7,462	\$ 7,174
Other		1,083	901
Total other non-current liabilities	\$	8,545	\$ 8,075

## NOTE 7 - INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET

## Intangible Assets

Amortizable intangible assets at September 30, 2018 related primarily to customer relationships that resulted from our acquisition of Amcom Software, Inc. in 2011. Such intangibles are being amortized over a period of ten years.

The net consolidated balance of intangible assets consisted of the following at September 30, 2018:

(Dollars in thousands)	Useful Life (In Years)	Gross Carrying Amount		ccumulated mortization		Net Balance
Customer relationships	10	\$	25,002	\$ (18,960)	\$	6,042
Total amortizable intangible assets		\$	25,002	\$ (18,960)	\$	6,042

## UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

Estimated amortization of intangible assets for future periods was as follows:

	(Dollars	in thousands)
For the remaining three months ending December 31, 2018	\$	625
For the year ending December 31:		
2019		2,500
2020		2,500
2021		417
Total amortizable intangible assets	\$	6,042

#### **NOTE 8 - ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS**

The components of the changes in the asset retirement obligation liabilities were:

Short-Term Portion	Long-Term Portion	Total
3 235	\$ 7,174	\$ 7,409
(68)	474	406
(129)	_	(129)
_	44	44
230	(230)	
268	\$ 7,462	\$ 7,730
	Portion  235 (68) (129)  — 230	Portion         Portion           3         235         \$ 7,174           (68)         474           (129)         —           —         44           230         (230)

The balances above were included within other current liabilities and other non-current liabilities on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, respectively, at September 30, 2018.

Increases other than accretion, reclassification and amounts paid primarily relate to changes in estimate of the underlying liability, specifically as it relates to updates in estimated costs to remove a transmitter and the estimated timing of removal. The cost associated with the estimated removal costs and timing refinements due to ongoing network rationalization activities is expected to accrete to a total liability of \$9.0 million. The total estimated liability is based on the transmitter locations remaining after we have consolidated the number of networks we operate and assume the underlying leases continue to be renewed to that future date.

Accretion expense was \$0.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. Accretion expense related solely to asset retirement obligations and was recorded based on the interest method.

## **NOTE 9 - STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

## General

Our authorized capital stock consists of 75 million shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 25 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share.

At September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, we had no stock options outstanding.

At September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there were 19,449,319 and 20,135,514 shares of common stock outstanding, respectively, and no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

## UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

## Changes in Stockholders' Equity

Changes in stockholders' equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 consisted of the following:

	(Dollars	in thousands)
Balance at January 1, 2018	\$	290,529
Adjustment to beginning balance resulting from adoption of ASC 606		6,671
Net loss for the nine months, ended September 30, 2018		(946)
Estimated tax impact resulting from adoption of ASC 606		(1,614)
Cash dividends declared		(7,627)
Common stock repurchase program		(10,026)
Amortization of stock based compensation		3,922
Repurchase of common stock for tax withholdings		(978)
Cumulative translation adjustment		(965)
Issuance of common stock under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan		143
Balance at September 30, 2018	\$	279,109

## Dividends

The following table details our cash dividends declared in 2018. Cash dividends paid as disclosed in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 include previously declared cash dividends on shares of vested restricted common stock ("restricted stock") issued to our non-executive directors and dividends related to vested restricted stock units ("RSUs") issued to eligible employees. Cash dividends on RSUs and restricted stock have been accrued and are paid when the applicable vesting conditions are met. Accrued cash dividends on forfeited stock and RSUs are also forfeited.

 <b>Declaration Date</b>	Record Date	Payment Date	Per Share Amount			Total Declared(1)
				_		(Dollars in thousands)
February 28, 2018	March 16, 2018	March 30, 2018	\$	0.125	\$	2,589
April 25, 2018	May 25, 2018	June 22, 2018		0.125		2,538
July 25, 2018	August 17, 2018	September 10, 2018		0.125		2,500
	Total		\$	0.375	\$	7,627

<sup>(1)</sup> The total declared reflects the cash dividends declared in relation to common stock and unvested RSUs.

On October 24, 2018, our Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.125 per share of common stock with a record date of November 16, 2018, and a payment date of December 10, 2018. This cash dividend of approximately \$2.5 million will be paid from available cash on hand.

## UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

## Common Stock Repurchase Program

In February 2018, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$10.0 million of the Company's common stock through December 31, 2018 on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. As of July 2018 the repurchase authority had been exhausted. In August 2018 the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to an additional \$10.0 million of the Company's common stock through December 31, 2018 on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The following table presents information with respect to purchases made by the Company during the nine months ended September 30, 2018:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	res Average Price Paid Per Share <sup>(1)</sup>		Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Valu Yet	Approximate Dollar ue of Shares That May t Be Purchased Under Plans or Programs (2)
					(I	Dollars in thousands)
Three Months Ended March 31, 2018	127,792	\$	15.04	127,792	\$	8,077
Three Months Ended June 30, 2018	501,782		14.99	501,782	\$	558
Three Months Ended September 30, 2018	36,542	\$	15.25	36,542		10,000
Total	666,116	\$	15.01	666,116		

<sup>(1)</sup> Average price paid per share excludes commissions of approximately \$26,645.

The above table excludes shares repurchased to settle employee tax withholding related to the vesting of equity awards.

#### Net (Loss) Income per Common Share

Basic net (loss) income per common share is computed on the basis of the weighted average common shares outstanding. Diluted net (loss) income per common share is computed on the basis of the weighted average common shares outstanding plus the effect of all potentially dilutive common shares including outstanding restricted stock and RSUs, which are treated as contingently issuable shares, using the "treasury stock" method.

The components of basic and diluted net (loss) income per common share were as follows for the periods stated:

	For the Three Mont	ded September 30,	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,								
(in thousands, except for share and per share amounts)	2018		2017 2018		2017 2018		2018		2018		2017
Numerator:			_		_						
Net (loss) income	\$ (481)	\$	3,727	\$	(946)	\$	6,078				
Denominator:											
Basic weighted average outstanding shares of common stock	19,456,149		19,977,263		19,742,869		20,285,240				
Diluted weighted average outstanding shares of common stock	19,456,149		20,008,321		19,742,869		20,362,774				
Basic and diluted net (loss) income per common share	\$ (0.02)	\$	0.19	\$	(0.05)	\$	0.30				

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 the following securities were excluded from the calculation of diluted shares outstanding as the effect would have been anti-dilutive:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,					For the Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2018		2017			2018	2017			
Restricted stock units	\$	107,139	\$		\$	162,648	\$	_		
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<sup>(2)</sup> Approval of additional \$10.0 million of share repurchases in August 2018.

## UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

#### Share-Based Compensation Plans

On March 23, 2012, our Board of Directors adopted the Spok Holdings, Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Award Plan (the "2012 Equity Plan") that was subsequently approved by our stockholders on May 16, 2012. A total of 2,194,986 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance under this plan. Awards under the 2012 Equity Plan may be in the form of stock options, common stock, restricted stock, RSUs, performance awards, dividend equivalents, deferred stock units, or stock appreciation rights. Restricted stock awards generally vest one year from the date of grant. Related dividends accumulate during the vesting period and are paid at the time of vesting. Contingent RSUs generally vest over a three year performance period upon successful completion of the performance objectives. Non-contingent RSUs generally vest in thirds, annually, over a three year period. Dividend equivalents rights generally accompany each RSU award and those rights accumulate and vest along with the underlying RSU.

The following table summarizes the activities under the 2012 Equity Plan from January 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018:

	Activity
Total equity securities available at January 1, 2018	1,140,658
RSU and restricted stock awarded to eligible employees, net of forfeitures	(328,428)
Total equity securities available at September 30, 2018	812,230

The following table details activities with respect to outstanding RSUs and restricted stock for the nine months ended September 30, 2018:

	Shares	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value
Unvested at January 1, 2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	393,084	\$ 18.54
Granted	334,035	15.65
Vested	(29,257)	16.21
Forfeited	(23,849)	17.37
Unvested at September 30, 2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	674,013	\$ 17.25

<sup>(1)</sup> Approximately 99,133 RSUs from the 2016 grant are not expected to vest based on the Company's current assessment of the related performance obligations.

Of the 674,013 unvested RSUs and restricted stock outstanding at September 30, 2018, 354,974 RSUs include contingent performance requirements for vesting purposes. At September 30, 2018, there was \$4.6 million of unrecognized net compensation cost related to RSUs and restricted stock, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.7 years.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan. In 2016 our Board of Directors adopted the Spok Holdings, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") that was subsequently approved by our stockholders on July 25, 2016. A total of 250,000 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance under this plan.

The Company's ESPP allows employees to purchase shares of common stock at a discounted rate, subject to plan limitations. Under the ESPP, eligible participants can voluntarily elect to have contributions withheld from their pay for the duration of an offering period, subject to the ESPP limits. At the end of an offering period, contributions will be used to purchase the Company's common stock at a discount to the market price based on the first or last day of the offering period, whichever is lower. Participants are required to hold common stock for a minimum period of two years from the grant date. Participants will begin earning dividends on shares after the purchase date. Each offering period will generally last for no longer than six months. Once an offering period begins, participants cannot adjust their withholding amount. If a participant chooses to withdraw, any previously withheld funds will be returned to the participant, with no stock purchased, and that participant will be eligible to participate in the ESPP at the next offering period. If the participant terminates employment with the Company during the offering period, all contributions will be returned to the employee and no stock will be purchased at a discounted rate.

The Company uses the Black-Scholes model to calculate the fair value of the common stock to be purchased each offering period on their offer date. The Black-Scholes model requires the use of estimates for the expected term, the expected volatility of the underlying common stock over the expected term, the risk-free interest rate and the expected dividend payment.

For the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 no shares of the Company's common stock were purchased. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, 11,581 and 8,983 shares of the Company's common stock were purchased, respectively, for a total cost of \$0.1 million.

## UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

The following table summarizes the activities under the ESPP from January 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018:

	Activity
Total ESPP equity securities available at January 1, 2018	228,279
ESPP common stock purchased by eligible employees	11,581
Total ESPP securities available at September 30, 2018	216,698

Amounts withheld from participants will be classified an accrued compensation and benefit on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets until funds are used to purchase shares. This liability amount is immaterial to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Stock-Based Compensation Expense

We record all stock-based awards, which consist of RSUs, restricted stock and the option to purchase common stock under the ESPP, at fair value as of the grant date. Stock based compensation expense is recognized based on a straight-line amortization basis over the respective service period. Forfeitures and withdrawals are accounted for as incurred.

The following table reflects the items for stock based compensation expense on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the periods stated:

	For	r the Three Month	s Ende	ed September 30,	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,						
(Dollars in thousands)		2018		2017		2018		2017			
Performance-based RSUs	\$	655	\$	388	\$	1,677	\$	1,385			
Time-based and restricted stock		750		458		2,194		1,384			
ESPP		18		16		51		46			
Total stock based compensation	\$	1,423	\$	862	\$	3,922	\$	2,815			

In the fourth quarter of 2016 we determined that only 50% of the 2015 and 2016 performance grants made under the 2015 LTIP are expected to vest based on the related performance criteria and our assessment of the anticipated future performance applied to the performance criteria. As such, expenses listed in the table above reflect only the portion of grants and related expense that we anticipate will vest for those awards.

## **NOTE 10 - INCOME TAXES**

Spok files a consolidated U.S. Federal income tax return and income tax returns in various state, local and foreign jurisdictions as required.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 ("2017 Tax Act") was signed into law on December 22, 2017. As we complete our analysis of the 2017 Tax Act, collect and prepare necessary data, and interpret any additional guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department, the IRS, and other standard-setting bodies, we may make adjustments to the provisional amounts that were included in our 2017 Annual Report. Provisional amounts particularly include calculation of earnings and profits in foreign jurisdictions. Those adjustments may materially impact our provision for income taxes in the period in which the adjustments are made.

Our quarterly tax provision, and our quarterly estimate of our annual effective tax rate, is subject to significant variation due to several factors, including variability in accurately predicting our pre-tax and taxable income and loss and the mix of jurisdictions to which they relate, changes in how we do business, changes in our stock price, foreign currency gains (losses), tax law developments (including changes in statutes, regulations, case law, and administrative practices), and relative changes of expenses or losses for which tax benefits are not recognized. Additionally, our effective tax rate can be more or less volatile based on the amount of pre-tax income or loss. For example, the impact of discrete items and non-deductible expenses on our effective tax rate is greater when our pre-tax income is lower.

For 2018, the anticipated effective income tax rate is expected to continue to differ from the Federal statutory rate of 21% primarily due to the effect of state income taxes, research and development credits, permanent differences between book and taxable income and certain discrete items.

At September 30, 2018, we had total deferred income tax assets ("DTAs") of \$47.0 million and no valuation allowance. This reflects a decrease of \$0.7 million from the December 31, 2017 balance of DTAs of \$47.7 million and no valuation allowance. The change from December 31, 2017 to September 30, 2018 primarily reflects the tax impact related to the acceleration of revenues and adjustment to

## UNAUDITED NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

beginning retained earnings resulting from the adoption of ASC 606 partially offset by assets created from estimated net operating losses incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

We consider both positive and negative evidence when evaluating the recoverability of our DTAs. The assessment is required to determine whether based on all available evidence, it is more likely than not (i.e., greater than a 50% probability) that all or some portion of the DTAs will be realized in the future. During the fourth quarter of each year, we update our multi-year forecast of taxable income for our operations which assists in analyzing the recoverability of our DTAs.

#### NOTE 11 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

There have been no material changes during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 to the commitments and contingencies previously reported in the 2017 Annual Report and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018.

## **NOTE 12 - RELATED PARTIES**

A member of our Board of Directors also serves as a director for an entity that leases transmission tower sites to the Company. For the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, we incurred site rent expenses of \$0.9 million, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, we incurred site rent expenses of \$2.7 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, from the entity on which the individual serves as a director. Site rent expenses are included in Service, Rental and Maintenance expenses on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

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

## Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report contains forward-looking statements and information relating to Spok Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, "we," "Spok," "our" or the "Company") that set forth anticipated results based on management's current plans, known trends and assumptions. These statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "will," "target," "forecast" and similar expressions, as they relate to Spok are forward-looking statements.

Although these statements are based upon current plans, known trends and assumptions that management considers reasonable, they are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including but not limited to those discussed below and under the captions "Business," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Statement of Operations ("MD&A")," and "Risk Factors" in our 2017 Annual Report. Should known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialize, known trends change, or underlying assumptions prove inaccurate, actual results or outcomes may differ materially from past results and those described herein as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected, intended, targeted or forecasted. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

The Company undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements. Investors are advised to consult all further disclosures the Company makes in its subsequent reports on Form 10-Q and Form 8-K that it will file with the SEC. Also note that, in the risk factors disclosed in the Company's 2017 Annual Report, the Company provides a cautionary discussion of risks, uncertainties and possibly inaccurate assumptions relevant to its business. These are factors that, individually or in the aggregate, could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from past results as well as those results that may be anticipated, believed, estimated, expected, intended, targeted or forecasted. It is not possible to predict or identify all such risk factors. Consequently, investors should not consider the risk factor discussion to be a complete discussion of all of the potential risks or uncertainties that could affect Spok's business, statement of operations or financial condition, subsequent to the filing of this Quarterly Report.

## Overview

The following MD&A is intended to help the reader understand the Statement of Operations and Financial Position of Spok. This MD&A is provided as a supplement to, and should be read in conjunction with, our 2017 Annual Report and our unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes. A reference to a "Note" in this section refers to the accompanying Unaudited Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Spok, acting through its indirect wholly-owned operating subsidiary, Spok, Inc., delivers smart, reliable solutions to help protect the health, well-being and safety of people primarily in the United States. Organizations rely on Spok for workflow improvement, secure texting, paging services, contact center optimization and public safety response.

#### **Business**

See Note 1 to our Unaudited Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q ("Quarterly Report") and "Item 1. Business" of Part I of the 2017 Annual Report, which describes our business in further detail.

#### Revenue

We offer a suite of unified critical communication solutions that include call center operations, clinical alerting and notifications, one-way and advanced two-way wireless messaging services, mobile communications and public safety response.

We develop, sell and support enterprise-wide systems for healthcare, government, large enterprise and other organizations needing to automate, centralize and standardize their approach to critical communications. Our solutions can be found in prominent hospitals; large government agencies; leading public safety institutions, colleges and universities; large hotels, resorts and casinos; and well-known manufacturers. Our primary market has been the healthcare industry, particularly hospitals. We have identified hospitals with 200 or more beds as the primary targets for our software and wireless solutions.

Revenue generated by wireless messaging services (including voice mail, personalized greeting, message storage and retrieval) and equipment loss and/or maintenance protection for both one-way and two-way messaging subscribers is presented as wireless revenue in our Statement of Operations. Revenue generated by the sale of our software solutions, which includes software subscription, software license, professional services (installation, consulting and training), equipment (to be used in conjunction with the software) and post-contract support (on-going maintenance), is presented as software revenue in our Statement of Operations. Our software is licensed to end users under an industry standard software license agreement. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018 wireless revenue represented approximately 56.4% and software revenue represented approximately 43.6% of our consolidated revenue.

Refer to Note 5, "Revenues, Deferred Revenue and Deferred Commissions" for additional information on our wireless and software revenue streams.

#### **Operating Expenses**

Our operating expenses are presented in functional categories. Certain of our functional categories are especially important to overall expense control and management. These operating expenses are categorized as follows:

- Cost of revenue. These are expenses primarily for hardware, third-party software, outside service expenses and payroll and related expenses for our professional services, logistics, customer support and maintenance staff.
- Research and Development. These expenses relate primarily to the development of new software products and the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of existing products. This classification consists primarily of employee payroll and related expenses, outside services related to the design, development, testing and enhancement of our solutions and to a lesser extent hardware equipment.
- Service, rental and maintenance. These are expenses associated with the operation of our paging networks. Expenses consist largely of site rent expenses for transmitter locations, telecommunication expenses to deliver messages over our paging networks, and payroll and related expenses for our engineering and pager repair functions. We actively pursue opportunities to consolidate transmitters and other service, rental and maintenance expenses in order to maintain an efficient network while simultaneously ensuring adequate service for our customers. We believe continued reductions in these expenses will occur as our networks continue to be consolidated for the foreseeable future.
- Selling and marketing. The sales and marketing staff are involved in selling our communication solutions primarily in the United States. These expenses support our efforts to maintain gross placements of units in service, which mitigated the impact of disconnects on our wireless revenue base, and to identify business opportunities for additional or future software sales. We have a centralized marketing function, which is focused on supporting our products and vertical sales efforts by strengthening our brand, generating sales leads and facilitating the sales process. These marketing functions are accomplished through targeted email campaigns, webinars, regional and national user conferences, monthly newsletters and participation at industry trade shows. Expenses consist largely of payroll and related expenses, commissions and other costs such as travel and advertising costs.
- General and administrative. These are expenses associated with information technology and administrative functions, which includes finance and accounting, human resources and executive management. This classification consists primarily of payroll and related expenses, outside service expenses, taxes, licenses and permit expenses, and facility rent expenses.

**Results of Operations** 

The following table is a summary of our Consolidated Statement of Operations for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 and 2017

	F	or the Three Septer		Ch	nange	For the Nine Septen		Cha	inge
(Dollars in thousands)		2018	2017	Total	%	2018	2017	 Total	%
Revenue:			 				 	 	
Wireless	\$	23,259	\$ 25,110	\$ (1,851)	(7.4)%	\$ 71,186	\$ 76,609	\$ (5,423)	(7.1)%
Software		19,217	18,526	691	3.7 %	55,032	50,796	4,236	8.3 %
Total revenue		42,476	43,636	(1,160)	(2.7)%	126,218	127,405	(1,187)	(0.9)%
Operating expenses:			 _	_					
Cost of revenue		7,782	7,069	713	10.1 %	22,914	21,295	1,619	7.6 %
Research and development		5,934	5,001	933	18.7 %	17,845	13,768	4,077	29.6 %
Service, rental and maintenance		7,787	7,875	(88)	(1.1)%	23,235	23,885	(650)	(2.7)%
Selling and marketing		5,716	5,533	183	3.3 %	18,279	16,784	1,495	8.9 %
General and administrative		13,673	12,058	1,615	13.4 %	38,377	35,706	2,671	7.5 %
Depreciation, amortization and accretion		2,785	2,775	10	0.4 %	8,168	8,849	(681)	(7.7)%
Total operating expenses		43,677	40,311	3,366	8.4 %	128,818	120,287	8,531	7.1 %
Operating (loss) income		(1,201)	3,325	(4,526)	(136.1)%	(2,600)	7,118	(9,718)	(136.5)%
Interest income		384	214	170	79.4 %	1,009	490	519	105.9 %
Other (expense) income		(110)	359	(469)	(130.6)%	(56)	415	(471)	(113.5)%
(Loss) income before income taxes		(927)	3,898	(4,825)	(123.8)%	(1,647)	8,023	(9,670)	(120.5)%
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes									
		446	 (171)	 617	(360.8)%	 701	 (1,945)	 2,646	(136.0)%
Net (loss) income	\$	(481)	\$ 3,727	\$ (4,208)	(112.9)%	\$ (946)	\$ 6,078	\$ (7,024)	(115.6)%
Supplemental Information									
FTEs		603	599	4	0.7 %	603	599	4	0.7 %
Active transmitters		3,942	4,042	(100)	(2.5)%	3,942	4,042	(100)	(2.5)%

 $The following \ table \ is \ a \ summary \ of our \ Consolidated \ Statement \ of \ Operations \ for \ the \ Three \ and \ Nine \ Months \ Ended \ September \ 30, 2018 \ and \ 2017 \ adjusted \ to \ exclude \ the \ adoption \ of \ ASC \ 606$ 

				Cha	ange						Char	nge
2018(1)		2017		Total	%		2018(1)		2017		Total	%
				<u> </u>								
23,259	\$	25,110	\$	(1,851)	(7.4)%	\$	71,186	\$	76,609	\$	(5,423)	(7.1)%
17,776		18,526		(750)	(4.0)%		54,100		50,796		3,304	6.5 %
41,035		43,636		(2,601)	(6.0)%		125,286		127,405		(2,119)	(1.7)%
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7,782		7,069		713	10.1 %		22,910		21,295		1,615	7.6 %
5,934		5,001		933	18.7 %		17,845		13,768		4,077	29.6 %
7,787		7,875		(88)	(1.1)%		23,235		23,885		(650)	(2.7)%
5,936		5,533		403	7.3 %		18,158		16,784		1,374	8.2 %
13,673		12,058		1,615	13.4 %		38,377		35,706		2,671	7.5 %
2,785		2,775		10	0.4 %		8,168		8,849		(681)	(7.7)%
43,897		40,311		3,586	8.9 %		128,693		120,287		8,406	7.0 %
(2,862)		3,325		(6,187)	(186.1)%		(3,407)		7,118		(10,525)	(147.9)%
384		214		170	79.4 %		1,009		490		519	105.9 %
(110)		359		(469)	(130.6)%		(71)		415		(486)	(117.1)%
(2,588)		3,898		(6,486)	(166.4)%		(2,469)		8,023		(10,492)	(130.8)%
446		(171)		617	(360.8)%		701		(1,945)		2,646	(136.0)%
(2,142)	\$	3,727	\$	(5,869)	(157.5)%	\$	(1,768)	\$	6,078	\$	(7,846)	(129.1)%
603		599		4	0.7 %		603		599		4	0.7 %
3,942		4,042		(100)	(2.5)%		3,942		4,042		(100)	(2.5)%
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<sup>(1)</sup>Adjusted to exclude the adoption of ASC 606

#### Revenue

The table below details total revenue for the periods stated:

	F	or the Three Septer		Ch	ange	For the Nine Septen	 	Ch	ange
(Dollars in thousands)		2018	2017	Total	%	2018	2017	Total	%
Revenue - wireless:									
Paging revenue	\$	22,442	\$ 24,128	\$ (1,686)	(7.0)%	\$ 68,574	\$ 73,672	\$ (5,098)	(6.9)%
Product and other revenue		817	982	(165)	(16.8)%	2,612	2,937	(325)	(11.1)%
Total wireless revenue		23,259	25,110	(1,851)	(7.4)%	71,186	76,609	(5,423)	(7.1)%
Revenue - software:									
Subscription	\$	1,779	\$ 577	\$ 1,202	208.3 %	\$ 2,640	\$ 1,744	\$ 896	51.4 %
License		1,396	1,995	(599)	(30.0)%	6,904	4,807	2,097	43.6 %
Services		4,555	5,189	(634)	(12.2)%	12,988	12,192	796	6.5 %
Equipment		1,296	1,102	194	17.6 %	3,429	3,202	227	7.1 %
Operations revenue		9,026	8,863	163	1.8 %	25,961	21,945	4,016	18.3 %
Maintenance revenue		10,191	9,663	528	5.5 %	29,071	28,851	220	0.8 %
Total software revenue		19,217	18,526	691	3.7 %	55,032	50,796	4,236	8.3 %
Total revenue	\$	42,476	\$ 43,636	\$ (1,160)	(2.7)%	\$ 126,218	\$ 127,405	\$ (1,187)	(0.9)%

The decrease in wireless revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the same periods in 2017 reflects the decrease in demand for our wireless services. Wireless revenue is generally based upon the number of units in service and the monthly Average Revenue Per User ("ARPU"). On a consolidated basis ARPU is affected by several factors, including the mix of units in service and the pricing of the various components of our services. The number of units in service changes based on subscribers added, referred to as gross placements, less subscriber cancellations, or disconnects. ARPU for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$7.40 and \$7.48, respectively, while total units in service were 1.0 million and 1.1 million, respectively. While demand for wireless services continues to decline it has done so at a slower rate for each of the periods presented. While we are encouraged that this trend will continue in future periods, we believe that demand will continue to decline for the foreseeable future in line with recent and historical trends. As our wireless products and services are replaced with other competing technologies, such as the shift from narrow band wireless service offerings to broad band technology services, our wireless revenue will continue to decrease.

The following reflects the impact of subscribers and ARPU on the change in wireless revenue:

	Units in S	Service as of Septer	nber 30,	Revenue for th	e Thr	ee Months Ende	ed Sej	otember 30,	 Change	Due	To:
(in thousands)	2018	2017	Change	2018		2017		Change	ARPU		Units
Total	999	1,063	(64)	\$ 22,442	\$	24,128	\$	(1,686)	\$ (297)	\$	(1,389)

	Units in S	Service as of Septem	ber 30,	Revenue for t	he Nir	e Months Ende	d Sep	tember 30,	Change	Due	То:
(in thousands)	2018	2017	Change	2018		2017		Change	ARPU		Units
Total	999	1,063	(64)	\$ 68,574	\$	73,672	\$	(5,098)	\$ (931)	\$	(4,167)

As demand for one-way and two-way messaging has declined, we have developed or added service offerings such as encrypted paging and Spok Mobile with a pager number in order to increase our revenue potential and mitigate the decline in our wireless revenue. We will continue to explore ways to innovate and provide customers the highest value possible.

The increase in operations revenue is primarily due to an increase in the size and value of projects being completed as well as the adoption of ASC 606 and the related acceleration of license and subscription revenues during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the same periods in 2017. The increase in operation revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2018 primarily relates to the adoption of ASC 606. The increase in maintenance revenue is a result of the continued success of revenue renewal rates partially offset by fair value allocations resulting from the adoption of ASC 606. The maintenance revenue renewal rates for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 were in excess of 99% and reflects our continuing success in renewals of our maintenance support for existing software solutions and in maintenance support for sales of new solutions.

## Supplemental Revenue Discussion - ASC 605 Analysis

The table below details total software revenue, adjusted to exclude the adoption of ASC 606, for the periods stated:

For the Three Months Ender September 30,					 Cha	ange	1	For the Nine Septer	 	Cha	inge
(Dollars in thousands)		2018(1)		2017	Total	%		2018(1)	2017	Total	%
Revenue - software					 _					 	
Subscription	\$	510	\$	577	\$ (67)	(11.6)%	\$	1,688	\$ 1,744	\$ (56)	(3.2)%
License		1,646		1,995	(349)	(17.5)%		5,346	4,807	539	11.2 %
Services		4,364		5,189	(825)	(15.9)%		13,564	12,192	1,372	11.3 %
Equipment		1,332		1,102	230	20.9 %		3,465	3,202	263	8.2 %
Operations revenue		7,852		8,863	(1,011)	(11.4)%		24,063	21,945	2,118	9.7 %
Maintenance revenue		9,924		9,663	261	2.7 %		30,037	28,851	1,186	4.1 %
Total software revenue	\$	17,776	\$	18,526	\$ (750)	(4.0)%	\$	54,100	\$ 50,796	\$ 3,304	6.5 %

<sup>(1)</sup> Adjusted to exclude the adoption of ASC 606

The decrease in operations revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2018 primarily reflects a decrease in the number and size of projects in process and completed as compared to the same period in 2017. The size of projects increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the same period in 2017, which is the primary factor in increased operations revenuefor that period. The increase in maintenance revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 reflects our continuing success in renewals of our maintenance support for existing software solutions and in maintenance support for sales of new solutions. The maintenance revenue renewal rates for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 were in excess of 99%.

## **Operating Expenses**

The following is a review of our operating expense categories for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

Cost of revenue. Cost of revenue consisted primarily of the following items:

	Fo	or the Three Septer				Ch	ange	 For the Nine Septer	 	Ch	ange
(Dollars in thousands)	2018 2017		2017	Total		%	2018	2017	Total	%	
Payroll and related	\$	4,923	\$	4,330	\$	593	13.7%	\$ 14,667	\$ 13,432	\$ 1,235	9.2 %
Cost of sales		2,264		2,228		36	1.6%	6,500	6,128	372	6.1 %
Stock based compensation		75		4		71	1,775.0%	205	121	84	69.4 %
Other		520		507		13	2.6%	1,542	1,614	(72)	(4.5)%
Total cost of revenue	\$	7,782	\$	7,069	\$	713	10.1%	\$ 22,914	\$ 21,295	\$ 1,619	7.6 %
FTEs		185		185		_	%	185	185		<u> </u>

Cost of revenue expense increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the same periods in 2017 primarily due to an increase in benefits expenses. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017, cost of sales also increased primarily as a result of an increase in the usage of third party resources partially offset by lower hardware costs.

Research and Development. Research and development expenses consisted of the following items:

	Fo	r the Three Septen		nths Ended 30,		Cha	inge	F	or the Nine Septer			 Ch	ange
(Dollars in thousands)		2018	2017			Total	%		2018		2017	 Total	%
Payroll and related	\$	4,709	\$	4,005	\$	704	17.6%	\$	13,217	\$	11,216	\$ 2,001	17.8 %
Outside services		1,040		849		191	22.5%		4,035		2,025	2,010	99.3 %
Stock based compensation		71		43		28	65.1%		231		163	68	41.7 %
Other		114		104		10	9.6%		362		364	(2)	(0.5)%
Total research and development	\$	5,934	\$	5,001	\$	933	18.7%	\$	17,845	\$	13,768	\$ 4,077	29.6 %
FTEs	_	117		113	_	4	3.5%		117	_	113	4	3.5 %

Research and development expense increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the same periods in 2017 as a result of our anticipated increases in payroll and outside service related costs as we continue to focus on the development efforts of our software solutions. We intend to continue these efforts based on their importance to our continued success and do not anticipate a return to historically low costs. However, we believe increases in staffing and the use of outside services will begin to grow at a slower pace in 2019. These costs will continue to substantially impact margins and our cash flow from operations as the benefits from our development efforts will not immediately be realized for at least one to three years.

Service, Rental and Maintenance. Service, rental and maintenance expenses consisted primarily of the following items:

	Fo	r the Three Septen	 	Ch	ange	F	or the Nine Septer	 	Ch	ange
(Dollars in thousands)		2018	2017	Total	%		2018	2017	Total	%
Payroll and related	\$	2,866	\$ 2,582	\$ 284	11.0 %	\$	8,177	\$ 7,854	\$ 323	4.1 %
Site rent		3,482	3,534	(52)	(1.5)%		10,516	10,758	(242)	(2.2)%
Telecommunications		950	1,060	(110)	(10.4)%		2,783	3,142	(359)	(11.4)%
Stock based compensation		24	20	4	20.0 %		71	59	12	20.3 %
Other		465	679	(214)	(31.5)%		1,688	2,072	(384)	(18.5)%
Total service, rental and maintenance	\$	7,787	\$ 7,875	\$ (88)	(1.1)%	\$	23,235	\$ 23,885	\$ (650)	(2.7)%
FTEs		91	92	(1)	(1.1)%		91	92	(1)	(1.1)%

Service, rental and maintenance expense decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the same periods in 2017 primarily due to the reduction in site rent and telecommunications expense partially off set by the increase in benefits. The number of active transmitters declined 2.5% from September 30, 2018 compared to September 30, 2017. The number of active transmitters directly relates to the amount of site rent and telecommunications expenses we incur. Site rent and telecommunications expenses are expected to continue to decrease as part of our efforts to rationalize and consolidate our networks for the foreseeable future.

Selling and Marketing. Selling and marketing expenses consisted of the following items:

	Fo		e Three Months Ended September 30,			Ch	F	or the Nine Septer	 	Change			
(Dollars in thousands)		2018		2017		Total	%		2018	2017		Total	%
Payroll and related	\$	3,401	\$	3,113	\$	288	9.3 %	\$	10,005	\$ 9,223	\$	782	8.5 %
Commissions		1,225		1,234		(9)	(0.7)%		4,393	3,557		836	23.5 %
Stock based compensation		135		84		51	60.7 %		404	284		120	42.3 %
Advertising and events		857		952		(95)	(10.0)%		3,011	3,072		(61)	(2.0)%
Other		98		150		(52)	(34.7)%		466	648		(182)	(28.1)%
Total selling and marketing	\$	5,716	\$	5,533	\$	183	3.3 %	\$	18,279	\$ 16,784	\$	1,495	8.9 %
FTEs		99		96		3	3.1 %		99	 96		3	3.1 %

Selling and marketing expenses increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 primarily due to the increase in payroll and benefit expenses. The increase in commissions expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 primarily relates to the increase in operations revenue and the adoption of ASC 606.

General and Administrative. General and administrative expenses consisted of the following items:

	Fo		ree Months Ended tember 30,			Change			or the Nine Septer	 	Change			
(Dollars in thousands)		2018		2017		Total	%		2018	2017		Total	%	
Payroll and related	\$	4,834	\$	4,569	\$	265	5.8 %	\$	13,589	\$ 13,428	\$	161	1.2 %	
Stock based compensation		1,118		711		407	57.2 %		3,011	2,188		823	37.6 %	
Bad debt		513		184		329	178.8 %		1,321	385		936	243.1 %	
Facility rent and office costs		1,235		2,013		(778)	(38.6)%		4,920	5,849		(929)	(15.9)%	
Outside services		3,554		2,351		1,203	51.2 %		8,699	7,485		1,214	16.2 %	
Taxes, licenses and permits		1,081		1,077		4	0.4 %		3,185	3,101		84	2.7 %	
Other		1,338		1,153		185	16.0 %		3,652	3,270		382	11.7 %	
Total general and administrative	\$	13,673	\$	12,058	\$	1,615	13.4 %	\$	38,377	\$ 35,706	\$	2,671	7.5 %	
FTEs		111		113		(2)	(1.8)%		111	113		(2)	(1.8)%	

General and administrative expense increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 primarily due to the increase in benefits, stock based compensation and bad debt expense. The increase in stock based compensation is largely related to additional grants made during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 which replace awards that vested on December 31, 2017 but were amortized at 50% of the original award due to anticipated forfeitures related to unmet performance obligations. The increase in bad debt is related to providing for our exposure to potentially uncollectible accounts receivable. The increase in outside services for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the same period in 2017 primarily resulted from the reclassification of expenses from facility rent and related costs and incremental costs due to the implementation of project management software.

Depreciation, Amortization and Accretion. Depreciation, amortization and accretion expenses were \$2.8 million for both the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 and \$8.2 million and \$8.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. (For additional details regarding depreciation, amortization and accretion expenses refer to Note 6, "Consolidated Financial Statement Components.")

Benefit from (provision for) income taxes. The provision for income taxes decreased \$0.6 million and \$2.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2017. The change in the provision for income taxes primarily relates to a loss before the provision for income taxes for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to income before the provision for income taxes for the same periods in 2017, partially offset by the change in the federal statutory rate from 35% to 21% as a result of the 2017 Tax Act, estimated research and development tax credits and certain discrete items. Further details can be found in Note 10, "Income Taxes".

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

At September 30, 2018, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$95.2 million. The available cash and cash equivalents are held in accounts managed by third-party financial institutions and consist of invested cash and cash in our operating accounts. The invested cash is invested in interest bearing funds managed by third-party financial institutions. These funds invest in direct obligations of the government of the United States. To date, we have experienced no loss or lack of access to our invested cash or cash equivalents; however, we can provide no assurance that access to our invested cash and cash equivalents will not be impacted by adverse market conditions.

At any point in time, we have approximately \$7.0 to \$12.0 million in our operating accounts that are with third-party financial institutions. While we monitor daily the cash balances in our operating accounts and adjust the cash balances as appropriate, these cash balances could be impacted if the underlying financial institutions fail or are subject to other adverse conditions in the financial markets. To date, we have experienced no loss or lack of access to cash in our operating accounts.

We intend to use our cash on hand to provide working capital, to support operations to invest in our business, and to return value to stockholders through cash dividends and possible repurchases of our common stock. We may also consider using cash to fund or complete opportunistic investments and acquisitions that we believe will provide a measure of growth or revenue stability while supporting our existing operations. Because we intend to increase substantially our investment in developing our integrated communications platform over the next one or two years commensurate with declining revenues from our wireless business, we anticipate that our cash on hand will decrease significantly during that period and possibly longer until revenues from our Spok Care Connect platform begin to be realized.

#### Overview

In the event that net cash provided by operating activities and cash on hand are not sufficient to meet future cash requirements, we may be required to reduce planned capital expenses, reduce or eliminate our cash dividends to stockholders, not resume our common stock repurchase program, and/or sell assets or seek outside financing. We can provide no assurance that reductions in planned capital expenses or proceeds from asset sales would be sufficient to cover shortfalls in available cash or that outside financing would be available on acceptable terms.

Based on current and anticipated levels of operations, we anticipate net cash provided by operating activities, together with the available cash on hand at September 30, 2018, should be adequate to meet our anticipated cash requirements for the foreseeable future.

The following table sets forth information on our net cash flows from operating, investing, and financing activities for the periods stated:

(Dollars in thousands)		2018	 2017	Change
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	12,627	\$ 14,074	\$ (1,447)
Net cash used in investing activities		(5,094)	(7,034)	1,940
Net cash used in financing activities		(18,492)	(22,627)	4,135

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities. As discussed above, we are dependent on cash flows provided by operating activities to meet our cash requirements. Cash provided by operating activities varies depending on changes in various working capital items including deferred revenue, accounts payable, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and various accrued expenses. Net cash provided by operating activities decreased by \$1.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. The decrease of \$1.4 million is related to a decrease in net income of \$7.0 million (decrease in cash flow), a decrease of \$0.7 million in depreciation, amortization and accretion expenses (decrease in cash flow), a decrease in deferred income tax expense of \$2.1 million(decrease in cash flow) partially offset by an increase in other non-cash items of \$1.5 million (increase in cash flow), and an increase in stock based compensation of \$1.1 million (increase in cash flow). With respect to changes in assets and liabilities the net cash provided by operating activities reflects a net \$2.2 million greater increase to assets (increase in cash flow), a \$3.9 million greater increase in deferred revenue (increase in cash flow) partially off set by a \$0.3 million greater decrease in accounts payable, accrued liabilities and other (decrease in cash flow).

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities. Net cash used in investing activities decreased by \$1.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 due primarily to costs associated with the Company's business expansion related to research and development during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Net Cash Used in Financing Activities. Net cash used in financing activities decreased by \$4.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 due to a greater dividend payment of \$5.1 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, (primarily from a special dividend payment partially offset by the decrease of \$1.0 million in common stock repurchases for tax withholdings during the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Future Cash Dividends to Stockholders. On October 24, 2018, our Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.125 per share of common stock with a record date of November 16, 2018, and a payment date of December 10, 2018. This cash dividend of approximately \$2.5 million will be paid from available cash on hand.

Common Stock Repurchase Program. On February 28, 2018, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$10.0 million of the Company's common stock through December 31, 2018 on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. As of July 2018 the repurchase authority had been exhausted. In August 2018 the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to an additional \$10.0 million of the Company's common stock through December 31, 2018 on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. For additional details regarding the common stock repurchase program refer to Note 9, "Stockholders' Equity."

Other. For 2018, the Board of Directors currently expects to pay dividends of \$0.125 per common share each quarter, subject to declaration by the Board of Directors.

#### **Commitments and Contingencies**

Operating Leases. We have operating leases for office and transmitter locations. Substantially all of these leases have lease terms ranging from one month to five years. We continue to review our office and transmitter locations, and intend to replace, reduce or consolidate leases, where possible. Total rent expense under operating leases was \$4.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and \$13.2 million and \$13.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements. We do not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As such, we are not exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

Commitments and Contingencies. See Note 11 to our Unaudited Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I of this Quarterly Report for further discussion on our commitments and contingencies.

## **Related Party Transactions**

See Note 12 to our Unaudited Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statement in Part I of this Quarterly Report for a discussion regarding our related party transactions.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The preceding discussion and analysis of financial condition and Statement of Operations is based on our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The preparation of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, expenses, and related disclosures. On an on-going basis, we evaluate estimates and assumptions, including but not limited to those related to the impairment of long-lived assets and intangible assets subject to amortization and goodwill, accounts receivable, revenue recognition, asset retirement obligations, and income taxes. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

There have been no changes to the critical accounting policies reported in the 2017 Annual Report that affect our significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements other than those outlined in Note 4 "Significant Accounting Policies Update."

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We use non-GAAP financial measures as key elements in determining performance for purposes of incentive compensation for our annual 2018 Short-Term Incentive Plan ("STIP") and the performance periods for our LTIPs. The non-GAAP financial measures include; (1) adjusted operating cash flow ("OCF"), defined as EBITDA less purchases of property and equipment plus severance (the Company defines EBITDA as operating (loss) income plus depreciation, amortization and accretion, each determined in accordance with GAAP; purchases of property and equipment and severance are also determined in accordance with GAAP); and (2) the total of adjusted operating expenses and capital expenses. Adjusted operating expenses are defined as operating expenses less depreciation, amortization and accretion less severance less stock based compensation. Capital expenses are defined as the purchase of property and equipment.

For purposes of the LTIP performance period for 2016-2018, adjusted OCF was as follows for the periods stated:

	Fo	r the Three Months	Ended	September 30,	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,					
(Dollars in thousands)	2018			2017	2018		2017			
Net (loss) income	\$	(481)	\$	3,727	\$ (946)	\$	6,078			
Plus (Less): Provision for income taxes		(446)		171	(701)		1,945			
Plus (Less): Other expense (income)		110		(359)	56		(415)			
Less: Interest income		(384)		(214)	(1,009)		(490)			
Operating (loss) income		(1,201)		3,325	(2,600)		7,118			
Plus: Depreciation, amortization and accretion		2,785		2,775	8,168		8,849			
EBITDA (as defined by the Company)		1,584		6,100	5,568		15,967			
Less: Purchases of property and equipment		(1,630)		(1,816)	(5,094)		(7,020)			
Plus: Severance		146		51	147		51			
Adjusted OCF (as defined by the Company)	\$	100	\$	4,335	\$ 621	\$	8,998			

For purposes of the 2018 STIP and the LTIP performance period for 2017-2019 and 2018-2020, adjusted operating and capital expenses were as follows for the periods stated:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,							Months Ended nber 30,	
(Dollars in thousands)		2018		2017		2018		2017	
Operating expenses	\$	43,677	\$	40,311	\$	128,818	\$	120,287	
Less: Depreciation, amortization and accretion		(2,785)		(2,775)		(8,168)		(8,849)	
Less: Severance		(146)		(51)		(147)		(51)	
Less: Stock based compensation		1,423		(862)		3,922		(2,815)	
Adjusted operating expenses (as defined by the Company)		42,169		36,623		124,425		108,572	
Plus: Purchases of property and equipment		1,630		1,816		5,094		7,020	
Adjusted operating and capital expenses (as defined by the Company)	\$	43,799	\$	38,439	\$	129,519	\$	115,592	

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

## Interest Rate Risk

As of September 30, 2018, we had no outstanding debt and no revolving credit facility.

## Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

We conduct a limited amount of business outside the United States. The financial impact of transactions billed in foreign currencies is immaterial to our financial results and, consequently, we do not have any material exposure to the risk of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

#### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

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

Our management carried out an evaluation, as required by Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), with the participation of our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of our last fiscal quarter. Disclosure controls and procedures are defined under Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act as controls and other procedures of an issuer that are designed to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by the issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act (i) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based upon this evaluation, our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2018.

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

There were no changes made to the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended September 30, 2018 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Refer to Note 11, "Commitments and Contingencies" in the Notes to Financial Statements for information regarding legal proceedings in which we are involved.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The risk factors included in "Part I – Item 1A – Risk Factors" of the 2017 Annual Report have not materially changed during the quarter ended September 30, 2018

#### ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table presents information with respect to purchases made by the Company during the three months ended September 30, 2018:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased			Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
					(Dollars in thousands)
July 1 to 31, 2018	36,542	\$	15.25	36,542	_
August 1 to 31, 2018	_	\$	_	_	10,000
September 1 to 31, 2018	_	\$	_	_	10,000
For the three months ended September 30, 2018	36,542	\$	15.25	36,542	

<sup>(1)</sup> Average price paid per share excludes commissions of approximately \$1,461.68

For additional details regarding purchases made by the Company refer to Note 9, "Stockholders' Equity". The above table excludes shares repurchased to settle employee tax withholding related to the vesting of equity awards.

## ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

The exhibits listed in the accompanying Exhibit Index below are filed or incorporated by reference as part of this report.

## EXHIBIT INDEX

			Incorporated b	y Reference		
Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Form	File No.	Exhibit	Filing Date	Filed/Furnished Herewith
	Form of Indemnification Agreement for executive officers of Spok, Holding					
10.1	<u>Inc.</u>					Filed
	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-					
31.1	14(a)/Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, dated October 25, 2018					Filed
	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/Rule 15d-					
31.2	14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, dated October 25, 2018					Filed
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 dated October 25, 2018					Furnished
	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350					
32.2	dated October 25, 2018					Furnished
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document*					Furnished
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema*					Furnished
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation*					Furnished
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition*					Furnished
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels*					Furnished
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation*					Furnished
* The fi	nancial information contained in these XBRL documents is unaudited.					
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## **SIGNATURES**

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

SPOK HOLDINGS, INC.

Dated: October 25, 2018 /s/ Michael W. Wallace

Name:

Michael W. Wallace

Title: Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and duly authorized officer)

## INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

THIS INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT is to be effective as of	, (this "Agreement") by and between
	of the Company (together with
such person's legal representatives or other successors, "Indemnitee").	
WHEREAS, in order to induce Indemnitee to serve, or continue to serve, as accept, the duties, responsibilities and burdens associated with such service, the Compan Company have resolved to provide the Indemnitee with the indemnification arrangement	y desires, and the Board of Directors of the
WHEREAS, Indemnitee is willing to serve or continue to serve as herein;	_ of the Company on the terms set forth
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby follows:	· · ·
1. <u>DEFINITIONS; INTERPRETIVE PRINCIPLES</u> .	
(a) Definitions	
For purposes of this Agreement:	
"Affiliate" of any particular Person means any other Person controlling, c such particular Person, where "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the of a Person whether through the ownership of voting securities, contract or otherwise.	
"Company Entity" shall mean the Company, any Subsidiary of the Compartnership, trust, limited liability company, plan or administrative committee for which I trustee or administrative capacity at the request of the Company or for the benefit of the C Subsidiary of the Company.	ndemnitee is serving in a fiduciary, directed
"Corporate Status" describes the status of a Person who is or was a direct any Company Entity or of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employ Person is or was serving at the express request of any Company Entity.	
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"Disinterested Director" means a member of the Board of Directors of the Company who is not and was not a party to the Proceeding in respect of which indemnification is sought by Indemnitee.

"Expenses" shall include all reasonable attorneys' fees, retainers, court costs, transcript costs, fees of experts, witness fees, travel expenses, duplicating costs, printing and binding costs, telephone charges, postage, delivery service fees, and all other disbursements or expenses of the types customarily incurred in connection with prosecuting, defending, preparing to prosecute or defend, investigating, participating or being or preparing to be a witness in any Proceeding or other proceeding of the type described in the definition of "Proceeding" set forth below.

"Including" means including but not limited to.

"Independent Counsel" means a law firm, or a member of a law firm, that is experienced in matters of corporation law and neither presently is, nor in the past 5 years has been, retained to represent: (i) any Company Entity or Indemnitee in any matter (other than with respect to matters concerning Indemnitee under this Agreement); or (ii) any other party to the Proceeding giving rise to a claim for indemnification hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Independent Counsel" shall not include any Person who, under the applicable standards of professional conduct then prevailing, would have a conflict of interest in representing any Company Entity or Indemnitee in an action to determine Indemnitee's rights under this Agreement.

"Losses" means judgments, penalties, liabilities, losses, claims, damages, fines and amounts, including amounts paid in settlement.

"Person" shall mean any person or entity of any nature whatsoever, specifically including an individual, a firm, a company, a corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, a trust or other entity. A Person, together with that Person's Affiliates and any group of Persons acting as a partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, association, syndicate or other group (whether or not formally organized), or otherwise acting jointly or in concert or in a coordinated or consciously parallel manner (whether or not pursuant to any express agreement), for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting, or disposing of securities of any Company Entity with such Person, shall be deemed a single "Person."

"Proceeding" includes any actual, threatened, pending or completed action, suit, litigation, claim, arbitration, mediation, alternate dispute resolution mechanism, investigation, inquiry, administrative hearing or any other actual, threatened, pending or completed proceeding arising on or after the date hereof, whether brought by or in the right of any Company Entity or otherwise and whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, in which Indemnitee was, is or will be involved as a party or otherwise, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee, trustee, agent, attorney-in-fact or fiduciary of any Company Entity at any time

on or after the date hereof, or is or was serving at the request of any Company Entity as a director, officer, employee, trustee, agent, attorney-in-fact or fiduciary of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, or by reason of any action taken by him or of any inaction on his part, on or after the date hereof, while acting as director, officer, employee, trustee, agent, attorney-in-fact or fiduciary of any Company Entity, or while serving at the request of any Company Entity as a director, officer, employee, trustee, agent, attorney-in-fact or fiduciary of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, in each case whether or not he is acting or serving in any such capacity at the time any expense, judgment, penalty, liability, loss, claim, damage, fine or other amount for which indemnification can be provided under this Agreement is incurred or imposed.

"Subsidiary" shall mean with respect to any Person, any corporation or other entity of which a majority of the voting power of the voting equity securities or equity interest is owned, directly or indirectly by that Person.

# (b) Interpretive Principles

For purposes of this Agreement, (i) the terms defined in this Section include the plural as well as the singular, (ii) the use of any gender herein shall be deemed to include the other genders; and (iii) references herein to Sections without reference to a document are to designated Sections in this Agreement.

#### 2. SERVICE TO THE COMPANY: SCOPE OF INDEMNIFICATION.

Indemnitee hereby agrees to serve or continue to serve as a director, officer, employee, trustee, agent, attorney-in-fact or fiduciary on and subject to the terms set forth herein and Indemnitee, in his sole discretion, may resign from his position(s) at any time and for any reason. The obligations of the Company to indemnify Indemnitee in the manner set forth in this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect, consistent with the terms of Section 10, notwithstanding any termination or resignation that may occur.

## 3. <u>INDEMNITY</u>.

(a) If an Indemnitee is, or is threatened to be made, a party to or participant in any Proceeding whether such Proceeding is by or in the right of any Company Entity, any third party or any other Person, the Company hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify from and against any and all Expenses and Losses incurred by Indemnitee or incurred on his behalf to the fullest extent authorized or permitted by applicable law, by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company and by the By-Laws of the Company as the foregoing may be amended from time to time, and including any and all Expenses and Losses arising out of or relating to the actual or alleged acts, omissions, negligence or active or passive wrongdoing of Indemnitee. The only limitation that shall exist upon the indemnification obligations of the Company pursuant to this Agreement is that the Company shall not be obligated to make any indemnity-related payment to

Indemnitee that is finally determined (pursuant to the procedures and subject to the presumptions set forth in Sections 7 and 8) to be unlawful under Delaware law.

- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, to the extent that Indemnitee is a party to and is successful, on the merits or otherwise, in any Proceeding, he shall be indemnified pursuant to subsection (a) above to the maximum extent permitted by law. However, if (i) Indemnitee is not wholly successful in a Proceeding but is successful, on the merits or otherwise, as to one or more but less than all claims, issues or matters in such Proceeding, and (ii) it is determined that it is unlawful for Indemnitee to be indemnified with respect to such unsuccessful claims, issues or matters, in such instance Company shall indemnify Indemnitee against all Expenses and Losses incurred by Indemnitee, or incurred on his behalf in connection with each successfully resolved claim, issue or matter. For purposes of this Section and without limitation, the termination of any claim, issue or matter in a Proceeding by dismissal, with or without prejudice, shall be deemed to be successful on the merits or otherwise as to such claim, issue or matter.
- (c) Any other provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company shall not be obligated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement;
  - (i) To indemnify Indemnitee for any acts or omissions or transactions from which a director may not be relieved of liability under the Delaware General Corporation Law; or
  - (ii) To indemnify or advance expenses to Indemnitee with respect to a Proceeding (or part thereof) initiated or brought voluntarily by Indemnitee and not by way of defense, except with respect to a Proceeding (or part thereof) brought to enforce a right to indemnification under this Agreement and except with respect to a Proceeding authorized or consented to by the board of directors of the Company; provided that this limitation shall not apply to counterclaims or affirmative defenses asserted by Indemnitee in a Proceeding brought against Indemnitee; or
  - (iii) To indemnify Indemnitee for any expenses incurred by the Indemnitee with respect to any Proceeding instituted by Indemnitee to enforce or interpret this Agreement, if a court of competent jurisdiction determines in a non-appealable final judgment that each of the material assertions made by the Indemnitee in such proceeding was not made in good faith or was frivolous; or
  - (iv) To indemnify Indemnitee for expenses and the payment of profits arising from the purchase and sale by Indemnitee of securities that is deemed, pursuant to a non-appealable final judicial decision from which there is no further right to appeal, in violation of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any similar successor statute.

## 4. CONTRIBUTION IN THE EVENT OF JOINT LIABILITY.

- (a) Irrespective of whether the indemnification rights granted pursuant to Section 3 are available in any given instance, it is agreed by the parties that with respect to any Proceeding in which any Company Entity is jointly liable with Indemnitee (or would be liable if joined in such Proceeding), the Company shall pay, in the first instance, the entire amount of any and all Expenses and Losses relating to or incurred in connection with such Proceeding, without requiring Indemnitee to contribute to such payment, and the Company hereby waives sad relinquishes any right of contribution they may have against Indemnitee. The Company shall not enter into any settlement of any Proceeding in which any Company Entity is jointly liable with Indemnitee (or would be liable if joined in such Proceeding) unless such settlement provides for a full and final release of all claims asserted against Indemnitee.
- (b) Without diminishing or impairing the obligations of the Company set forth in subsection (a) above, if, for any reason, Indemnitee should elect or be required by any relevant judicial or administrative authority to pay all or any portion of any Expenses and Losses relating to or incurred in connection with any Proceeding in which any Company Entity is jointly liable with Indemnitee (or would be liable if joined in such Proceeding), the Company shall contribute to the amount of Expenses and Losses incurred and paid or payable by Indemnitee. The contribution by the Company shall be in an amount proportional to (i) on the one hand, the relative benefits received or enjoyed from the transaction to which the Proceeding relates by any Company Entity and all directors, officers, employees, trustees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or fiduciaries of any Company Entity (other than Indemnitee) who are jointly liable with Indemnitee (or would be liable if joined in such Proceeding), and (ii) the relative benefits received or enjoyed from the transaction to which the Proceeding relates by Indemnitee provided, however, that such proportional calculation, to the extent necessary to conform to applicable law, may be further adjusted: (i) by reference to the relative fault of any Company Entity and all directors, officers, employees, trustees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or fiduciaries of any Company Entity (other than Indemnitee) who are jointly liable with Indemnitee (or would be if joined in such Proceeding) on the one hand and Indemnitee on the other hand in connection with the events that resulted in such Expenses and Losses; and/or (ii) by any other equitable considerations which the law may require to be considered. The relative fault of any Company Entity and all directors, officers, employees, trustees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or fiduciaries of any Company Entity (other than Indemnitee) who are jointly liable with him (or would be liable if joined in such Proceeding) on the one hand, and Indemnitee, on the other hand, shall be determined by taking into account, among other factors, the degree to which their respective actions were motivated by intent to gain personal profit or advantage the degree to which their liability is primary or secondary and the degree to which their conduct is active or passive.
- (c) The Company hereby agrees to fully indemnify and hold Indemnitee harmless from and against any and all claims of contribution which may be brought by any

director, officer, employee, trustee, agent, attorney-in-fact or fiduciary of any Company Entity who may be jointly liable with Indemnitee in connection with any given Proceeding.

## 5. INDEMNIFICATION FOR EXPENSES INCURRED AS A WITNESS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, to the extent that Indemnitee is, by reason of his Corporate Status, a witness in any Proceeding to which Indemnitee is not a party, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee for and against all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee or incurred on his behalf in connection therewith.

#### 6. ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSES.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall advance or directly pay all Expenses incurred by or on behalf of Indemnitee in connection with any Proceeding relevant hereto, within 10 days after the receipt by the Company of any statement from Indemnitee requesting such advances or payments from time to time, whether prior to or after final disposition of such Proceeding. Such statement shall reasonably evidence the Expenses incurred by or on behalf of, or charged to Indemnitee. In connection herewith, as a condition to any advancement or direct payment of any Expenses incurred by or on behalf of Indemnitee in connection with any Proceeding, Indemnitee hereby agrees and undertakes to repay any Expenses advanced or paid hereunder, and Indemnitee shall, at the request of the Company, execute one or more agreements and undertakings in reasonable form, in favor of the Company or any insurer or other Person reasonably selected by the Company, to repay any Expenses advanced or paid if ultimately it is determined that Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified or reimbursed for such Expenses in any given instance, in accordance with applicable law and the Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws of the Company, as the foregoing may be amended from time to time. The foregoing undertaking to repay such Expenses by Indemnitee shall be unsecured and interest-free. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the obligation of the Company to advance Expenses pursuant to this Section 6 shall be subject to the condition that if, when and to the extent that the Company reasonably determine that Indemnitee would not be permitted to be indemnified under applicable law (subject to the terms and conditions of Section 7) the Company shall be entitled to reimbursement within 30 days of such determination by Indemnitee for all such amounts theretofore paid; provided, however, that if Indemnitee has commenced or thereafter commences legal proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure a determination that he should be indemnified under applicable law any determination made by the Company that Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification under applicable law in a given instance shall not be binding, and Indemnitee shall not be required to reimburse the Company for any advance or payment of Expenses until a final judicial determination is made with respect thereto (as to which all rights of appeal therefrom have been exhausted or have lapsed).

# 7. PROCEDURES AND PRESUMPTIONS FOR DETERMINATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO INDEMNIFICATION.

It is the intent of this Agreement to secure for Indemnitee rights of indemnity that are as favorable and as broad as permitted under the law and public policy of Delaware. Accordingly, the parties hereby agree that the following procedures and presumptions shall apply if any question or dispute as to whether Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification under this Agreement.

- (a) To obtain indemnification under this Agreement, Indemnitee shall submit to the Company a written request, including therein or therewith such documentation and information as is reasonably available to Indemnitee and as may be reasonably necessary to enable the Company to determine whether and to what extent Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification. The Secretary of the Company, as applicable, shall, promptly upon receipt of such a request for indemnification advise the board of directors of such request in writing. Indemnitee's failure to strictly comply with the procedural requirements set forth in this Section, however, shall not relieve the Company of any obligation it may have to indemnify hereunder and shall not alter or waive any presumptions for determination of entitlement to indemnification contained herein.
- (b) Upon each submission of a written request by Indemnitee for indemnification pursuant to subsection (a) above, a determination with respect to Indemnitee's entitlement thereto shall be made in accordance with one of the following methods, the selection of which method shall be at Indemnitee's discretion: (i) by a majority vote of the Disinterested Directors even if such Disinterested Directors constitute less than a quorum; (ii) by Independent Counsel in a written opinion pursuant to the procedures and selection processes set forth in subsection (c) below; or (iii) by a majority vote of the Company's stockholders, pursuant to the procedures set forth in subsection (g) below.
- (c) If Indemnitee elects for the determination of entitlement to indemnification to be made by Independent Counsel pursuant to subsection (b) above, the Independent Counsel shall be selected as provided in this subsection (c). The Independent Counsel shall be selected jointly by Indemnitee and by a majority vote of the Disinterested Directors even if such Disinterested Directors constitute less than a quorum. If within 20 days after Indemnitee's submission of a written request for indemnification pursuant to subsection (a) above, no Independent Counsel shall have been selected by virtue of a failure of the Indemnity and the majority of the Disinterested Directors to jointly select Independent Counsel, the Company or Indemnitee may petition the Court of Chancery of Delaware or any other court of competent jurisdiction for resolution of any objection made by the Company on the one hand, and Indemnitee on the other hand, to any Independent Counsel selected by the other and/or for the appointment of an Independent Counsel selected by the court or by such other Person as the court may designate. The Company shall pay any and all Expenses of such Independent Counsel relating to its performance of services in connection herewith, and the Company shall pay all

Expenses incident to the procedures contained in this subsection (c) irrespective of the manner in which such Independent Counsel was selected or appointed.

- (d) In making a determination with respect to Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification hereunder, the Person(s) making such determination shall presume that Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification under this Agreement if he has submitted a request for indemnification in accordance with subsection (a) above. Anyone seeking to overcome this presumption shall have the burden of proof and the burden of persuasion, by clear and convincing evidence. In addition, if the Person(s) making a determination pursuant to subsection (b) above shall determine that Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification hereunder, such determination shall not create a presumption against Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification in any later action, suit or proceeding initiated by Indemnitee to enforce his rights under this Agreement.
- (e) Indemnitee shall be deemed to have acted in good faith if his action is based on the records or books of account of any Company Entity or any other Person, including financial statements, or on information supplied to Indemnitee by the officers of any Company Entity or such other Person, in the course of their duties or on the advice of legal counsel for any Company Entity, or on information or records given or reports made to any Company Entity by an independent certified public accountant, by a financial advisor or by an appraiser or other expert selected by any Company Entity. In addition, the knowledge and/or actions, or failure to act, of any director, officer, agent or employee of any Company Entity or any other Person, shall not be imputed to Indemnitee for purposes of determining his right to indemnification under this Agreement. Irrespective of whether the foregoing provisions of this subsection (e) are satisfied, it shall be presumed in any event that each Indemnitee has at all times acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of any Company Entity. Anyone seeking to overcome this presumption shall have the burden of proof and the burden of persuasion, by clear and convincing evidence.
- (f) The Company acknowledges that a settlement or other disposition of a Proceeding short of final judgment may be desirable if it permits a party to avoid expense, delay, distraction, disruption and uncertainty. If any Proceeding to which Indemnitee is a party is resolved in any manner other than by adverse judgment against Indemnitee (including settlement of such Proceeding with or without payment of money or other consideration) it shall be presumed that Indemnitee has been successful on the merits or otherwise in such Proceeding. Anyone seeking to overcome this presumption shall have the burden of proof and the burden of persuasion by clear and convincing evidence.
- (g) If the Person(s) empowered or selected under subsection (b) above to determine whether Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification shall not have made a determination within 30 days after receipt by the Company of the request therefore, the requisite determination of entitlement to indemnification shall be deemed to have been made in favor of the Indemnitee,

and he shall be entitled to such indemnification, absent (i) an intentional misstatement by Indemnitee of a material fact, or an intentional omission of a material fact necessary to make Indemnitee's statement not materially misleading, in connection with the request for indemnification; or (ii) a prohibition of such indemnification under applicable law; provided, however, that such 30-day period may be extended for a reasonable time, not to exceed an additional 15 days, if the Person(s) making such determination reasonably and in good faith requires such additional time to complete the obtaining or evaluation of documentation and/or information relating thereto; and provided, further, that the foregoing provisions of this subsection (g) shall not apply if the determination of entitlement to indemnification is to be made by the stockholders pursuant to subsection (b) above, and if (A) within 15 days after receipt by the Company of the request for such determination, the board of directors or the Disinterested Directors, if appropriate, resolve to submit such determination to the stockholders for their consideration at an annual meeting thereof to be held within 75 days after such receipt and such determination is made thereat; or (B) a special meeting of stockholders is called within 15 days after such receipt for the purpose of making such determination, and such meeting is held for such purpose within 60 days after having been so called, and such determination is made thereat.

(h) Indemnitee shall reasonably cooperate with the Person(s) making the determination regarding his entitlement to indemnification, including providing to such Person(s) upon reasonable advance request any documentation or information which is not privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure and which is reasonably available to Indemnitee and reasonably necessary to such determination. Any Independent Counsel, member of the board of directors, or stockholder of the Company shall act reasonably and in good faith in making a determination of Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification hereunder. Any Expenses incurred by Indemnitee in so cooperating with the Person(s) making such determination shall be borne by the Company (irrespective of the determination as to Indemnitee's entitlement to indemnification), and the Company hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Indemnitee therefrom.

#### 8. REMEDIES.

(a) If: (i) a determination is made pursuant to Section 7 that Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification under this Agreement; (ii) advancement of Expenses is not timely made pursuant to Section 6; (iii) contribution is not made pursuant to Section 4; (iv) no determination of entitlement to indemnification is made pursuant to Section 7 within 90 days after receipt by the Company of the request for indemnification; (v) payment of indemnification pursuant to this Agreement is not made within 10 days of the receipt by the Company of a written request therefore; (vi) payment of indemnification is not made within ten days after a determination has been made that Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification or such determination is deemed to have been made pursuant to Section 7; or (vii) the Company has not complied with any other term of this Agreement intended for the benefit of Indemnitee, then in any such event, Indemnitee shall be entitled to an adjudication of the foregoing in an appropriate court of

Delaware, or in any other court of competent jurisdiction. The Company shall not oppose Indemnitee's right to seek any such adjudication.

- (b) If a determination shall have been made pursuant to Section 7 that Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification, any judicial proceeding commenced pursuant to this Section 8 shall be conducted in all respects as a de novo trial, on the merits, and Indemnitee shall not be prejudiced by reason of that adverse determination.
- (c) If a determination shall have been made pursuant to Section 7 that Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification, the Company shall be bound by such determination in any judicial proceeding commenced pursuant to this Section 8, absent a prohibition of such indemnification under applicable law.
- (d) If Indemnitee, pursuant to this Section 8, seeks a judicial adjudication of his rights under, or to recover damages for breach of, this Agreement, or to recover under any directors' and officers' liability insurance policies maintained by the Company, the Company shall pay on his behalf, in advance, any and all Expenses incurred by him in such judicial adjudication, regardless of whether Indemnitee ultimately is determined to be entitled to such indemnification, advancement of expenses or insurance recovery.
- (e) The Company shall be precluded from asserting in any judicial proceeding commenced pursuant to this Section 8 that the procedures and presumptions of this Agreement are not valid, binding and enforceable and shall stipulate in any such court that the Company are bound by all the provisions of this Agreement.

## 9. NON-EXCLUSIVITY; SURVIVAL OF RIGHTS; INSURANCE; SUBROGATION.

(a) The rights of indemnification, advancement or contribution set forth in this Agreement shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which Indemnitee may at any time be entitled under applicable law, the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, the By-Laws of the Company or any other agreement to which the Indemnitee, the Company or any Affiliates of the Company is a party. No amendment, alteration or repeal of this Agreement or any provision hereof shall limit or restrict any right of Indemnitee under this Agreement in respect of any action taken or omitted by Indemnitee as a function of his Corporate Status prior to such amendment, alteration or repeal. To the extent that a change in the law, whether by statute or judicial decision, permits greater indemnification, advancement or contribution rights than currently are afforded under the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, the By-Laws of the Company and this Agreement, it is the intent of the parties hereto that Indemnitee shall enjoy by this Agreement the greater benefits so afforded by such change. No right or remedy conferred herein is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy of Indemnitee, and every other right or remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to every other right or remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or

employment of any right or remedy hereunder shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other right or remedy.

- (b) To the extent that any Company Entity maintains an insurance policy or policies providing liability insurance for director, officer, employee, trustee, agent, attorney-in-fact or fiduciary of any Company Entity or of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise which such Person serves at the request of any Company Entity, Indemnitee shall be covered by such policy or policies in accordance with its or their terms to the maximum extent of the coverage available for any such director, officer, employee, trustee, agent, attorney-in-fact or fiduciary under such policy or policies.
- (c) In the event of any payment under this Agreement, the Company shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the rights of recovery of Indemnitee, who shall execute all papers required and take all action necessary to secure such rights, including execution of such documents as are necessary to enable the Company to bring suit to enforce such rights.
- (d) The Company shall not be liable under this Agreement to make any payment of amounts otherwise indemnifiable hereunder if and to the extent that Indemnitee otherwise and actually has received such payment under any insurance policy, contract, agreement or otherwise.

## 10. DURATION OF AGREEMENT.

All agreements and obligations of the Company contained herein shall continue with respect to Indemnitee during the period in which he serves as a director, officer, employee, trustee, agent, attorney-in-fact or fiduciary of any Company Entity (or is or was serving at the request of any Company Entity as a director, officer, employee, trustee, agent, attorney-in-fact or fiduciary of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise), whether or not such service occurred prior to or after the date this Agreement was effective, and shall continue in perpetuity thereafter, whether or not Indemnitee is acting or serving in any such capacity at the time any Expenses or Losses are incurred for which indemnification, advancement or contribution can be provided under this Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon, shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective successors (including any direct or indirect successor by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise to all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company), assigns, spouses, heirs, executors and personal and legal representatives.

# 11. <u>SECURITY</u>.

To the extent requested by Indemnitee and approved by the board of directors, the Company may at any time and from time to time provide security to Indemnitee for the obligations of the Company hereunder through an irrevocable bank line of credit, funded trust or

other collateral or by other means. Any such security, once provided to Indemnitee, may not be revoked or released without the prior written consent of such Indemnitee.

## 12. ENFORCEMENT; ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

- (a) The Company expressly confirm and agree that it has entered into this Agreement and has assumed the obligations imposed on it hereby in order to induce Indemnitee to serve or continue to serve as a director, officer, employee, trustee, agent, attorney-in-fact or fiduciary of any Company Entity, and the Company acknowledges that Indemnitee is relying upon this Agreement in agreeing to serve as a director, officer, employee, trustee, agent, attorney-in-fact or fiduciary of any Company Entity.
- (b) Subject to Section 9, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, oral, written and implied, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, except to the extent referenced in Section 9 hereof.

## 13. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, illegal or otherwise unenforceable for any reason whatsoever: (i) the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement (including each portion of any section of this Agreement containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable that is not itself invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall not be affected or impaired in any way thereby and shall remain enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law; and (ii) to the fullest extent possible, the provisions of this Agreement (including each portion of any section of this Agreement containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable that is not itself invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall be construed so as to give effect to the intent manifested thereby.

#### 14. MODIFICATION AND WAIVER.

No supplement, modification, waiver, termination or amendment of all or any portion of this Agreement shall be binding unless expressed in a written instrument executed by the parties hereto. No waiver of any term or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any other term or provision hereof (whether or not similar), and any such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance, for the specific duration and for the express purpose for which it is given. Any waiver or failure to insist upon strict compliance with any term or provision of this Agreement shall not operate as a waiver of, or an estoppel with respect to, any subsequent or other failure to comply.

#### 15. NOTICE OF SERVICE BY INDEMNITEE.

Indemnitee agrees promptly to notify the Company in writing upon being served with any summons, citation, subpoena, compliant, indictment or other document relating to any Proceeding or matter which may be subject to indemnification covered hereunder. The failure to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of any obligations which they may have to Indemnitee under this Agreement or otherwise.

## 16. NOTICES.

All notices, requests, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if (i) delivered by and receipted for by the party to whom said notice or other communication shall have been directed; (ii) mailed by certified or registered mail with postage prepaid, on the third business day after the date on which it is so mailed; or (iii) sent by facsimile, the successful transmission and receipt of which is confirmed in a written report; in each instance to the addresses and/or facsimile numbers set forth below:

If to Indemnitee, to:	
If to the Company, to:	Spok Holdings, Inc.
	Attention: Corporate Secretary
	6850 Versar Center
	Suite 420
	Springfield, VA 22151-4148
	Facsimile:

or to such other address or facsimile number as may have been furnished to Indemnitee by the Company, as the case may be.

# 17. <u>IDENTICAL COUNTERPARTS</u>.

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Only one such counterpart signed by the party against whom enforceability is sought needs to be produced to evidence the existence of this Agreement.

## 18. HEADINGS.

The headings of the paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute part of this Agreement or to affect the construction or interpretation thereof.

#### 19. GOVERNING LAW.

The parties agree that this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of Delaware without application of the conflict of laws principles thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

Spok Holdings, Inc.
By:
Its:
INDEMNITEE

#### CERTIFICATIONS

#### I, Vincent D. Kelly, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Spok Holdings, 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(f)) 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.

Dated: October 25, 2018 /s/ Vincent D. Kelly

Vincent D. Kelly

President and Chief Executive Officer

#### CERTIFICATIONS

#### I, Michael W. Wallace, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Spok Holdings, 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(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.

Dated: October 25, 2018 /s/ Michael W. Wallace

Michael W. Wallace Chief Financial Officer

## CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,

# AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO

## SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as created by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the undersigned officer of Spok Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") hereby certifies, to such officer's knowledge, that:

- (i) the accompanying Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the period ended September 30, 2018 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: October 25, 2018 /s/ Vincent D. Kelly

Vincent D. Kelly

President and Chief Executive Officer

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#### SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as created by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the undersigned officer of Spok Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") hereby certifies, to such officer's knowledge, that:

- (i) the accompanying Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the period ended September 30, 2018 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: October 25, 2018 /s/ Michael W. Wallace

Michael W. Wallace Chief Financial Officer