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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q

## (Mark One)

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

For the quarter ended March 31, 2009


#### Abstract

OR TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]


For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$ Commission file number 0-27887

COLLECTORS UNIVERSE, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
Incorporation or organization)

33-0846191
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1921 E. Alton Avenue, Santa Ana, California 92705
(address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 567-1234
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ý No o

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

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer ý Non-accelerated filer o

Smaller reporting company o Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Securities Exchange Act Rule 12b-2).

YES o NO x
Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.
Class
Outstanding at April 28, 2009 9,158,343

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PART 1 - FINANCIAL INFORMATION


Common stock, \$. 001 par value; 20,000 shares authorized at March 31, 2009 and 45,000 at June 30, 2008; outstanding 9,158 at March 31, 2009 and 8,361 at June 30, 2008

| Additional paid-in capital | 75,881 | 75,996 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accumulated deficit | $(51,274)$ | $(32,174)$ |  |
| Total stockholders' equity | 24,616 | 43,830 |  |
|  | $\$$ | 36,086 | $\$$ |
|  | 52,018 |  |  |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## COLLECTORS UNIVERSE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)


Weighted average shares outstanding:

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| Basic |  | 9,083 |  | 9,317 |  | 9,103 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Diluted | 9,110 |  | 9,406 | 9,322 |  |  |  |
| Dividends declared per common share | $\$$ | - | $\$$ | 0.25 | $\$$ | 0,103 | 9,468 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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## COLLECTORS UNIVERSE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands) <br> (unaudited)

|  | Nine Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2009 |  | 2008 |  |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Net loss | \$ | $(17,009)$ | \$ | $(2,519)$ |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 1,136 |  | 999 |
| Interest on note receivable |  | (1) |  | (7) |
| Impairment loss |  | 1,516 |  | - |
| Stock-based compensation expense |  | 632 |  | 802 |
| Gain on sale of note receivable |  | (9) |  | - |
| Provision (recovery) for bad debts and credits |  | (1) |  | 4 |
| Provision for inventory write down |  | 172 |  | 10 |
| Discontinued operations |  | 14,765 |  | 3,242 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 1,205 |  | $(1,434)$ |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable |  | (110) |  | (405) |
| Inventories |  | 255 |  | (665) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets |  | (205) |  | (126) |
| Refundable income taxes |  | 434 |  | 120 |
| Income taxes payable |  | (21) |  | 2 |
| Other assets |  | 51 |  | 13 |
| Accounts payable |  | (202) |  | (220) |
| Accrued liabilities |  | (90) |  | (49) |
| Deferred rent and other long-term liabilities |  | (3) |  | (72) |
| Accrued compensation and benefits |  | 28 |  | (604) |
| Deferred revenue |  | 193 |  | 283 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities |  | 2,736 |  | (626) |
| Net cash used in operating activities of discontinued businesses |  | $(5,523)$ |  | $(3,035)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Capital expenditures |  | (50) |  | (809) |
| Proceeds from sale of property and equipment |  | - |  | 63 |
| Advances on customer notes receivable |  | $(2,446)$ |  | $(5,343)$ |
| Proceeds from collection of customer notes receivable |  | 4,882 |  | 3,896 |
| Capitalized software |  | (249) |  | (943) |
| Cash received on sales of discontinued businesses |  | 489 |  | 69 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities |  | 2,626 |  | $(3,067)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options |  | 1 |  | 242 |
| Proceeds from sale of common stock |  | 161 |  | - |
| Repurchase of common stock |  | (484) |  | $(1,329)$ |
| Dividends paid to common stockholders |  | $(2,091)$ |  | $(6,404)$ |
| Net cash used in financing activities |  | $(2,413)$ |  | $(7,491)$ |


| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | $(2,574)$ | $(14,219)$ |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 23,345 | 42,386 |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | $\$ 20,771$ | $\$$ | 28,167 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: | 10 | $\$$ | 15 |
| Interest paid | $(331) \$$ | 18 |  |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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# COLLECTORS UNIVERSE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) 

## 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation
The accompanying unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Collectors Universe, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company" "we", "us", "our"). At March 31, 2009, such subsidiaries were Collectors Finance Corporation ("CFC"), Certified Asset Exchange, Inc. ("CAE"), Expos Unlimited, Inc. ("Expos"), and American Gemological Laboratories, Inc. ("AGL"), all of which are $100 \%$ owned by Collectors Universe, Inc. All intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated. On March 27, we sold certain assets including the trade name of Gem Certification and Assurance Lab, Inc. ("GCAL"), which was $100 \%$ owned by us (see note 7).

Unaudited Interim Financial Information
The accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for interim financial reporting. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and, in the opinion of management, include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments and accruals) necessary to present fairly the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, and Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the periods presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). Operating results for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending June 30, 2009 or for any other interim period during such year. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, as filed with the SEC. Amounts related to disclosure of June 30, 2008 balances within these interim condensed consolidated financial statements were derived from the aforementioned audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in that Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## Reclassifications

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. At March 31, 2009, we classified our paper currency, diamond and colored gemstone grading businesses as discontinued operations held for sale, and, accordingly, all periods presented in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been restated to reflect the results of operations, loss per share, cash flows and financial position of these businesses as discontinued operations (see notes 7 and 10). During the second fiscal quarter of 2009, we distributed a $10 \%$ stock dividend to our common stockholders, and, as such, we restated the number of shares outstanding and the loss per share for continuing and discontinued operations to give retroactive effect of the stock dividend for those shares shown in the Consolidated Statements of Operations prior to the stock dividend date of November 3, 2008.

## Revenue Recognition

Net revenues consist primarily of fees generated from the authentication and grading of coins, trading cards, autographs, and stamps. Authentication and grading revenues are recognized when those services have been performed by us and the item is shipped back to the customer. Authentication and grading fees generally are prepaid, although we offer open account privileges to larger dealers. Advance payments received for grading services are

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deferred until the service is performed and the graded item is shipped to the customer. In the case of dealers to whom we have extended credit, we record revenues at the time the item is shipped to the customer. With respect to our Expos trade show business, we recognize revenue generated by the promotion, management and operation of collectibles conventions and trade shows in the periods in which the shows take place.

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A portion of our net revenues are comprised of subscription fees paid by customers for a membership in our Collectors Club. Those memberships entitle members access to our on-line and printed publications, and sometimes also to vouchers for free grading services. We record revenue for this multi-element service arrangement in accordance with EITF 00-21, Accounting for Revenue Arrangements With Multiple Deliverables, by recognizing approximately $60 \%$ of the subscription fee in the month following the membership purchase, on the basis that Collectors Club members typically utilize their vouchers for free grading services within 30 days of subscribing for memberships. The balance of the membership fee is recognized as revenue over the life of the membership, which can range from one to two years. We evaluate, at least semi-annually, the relative fair values of the deliverables and the percentage factors used to allocate the membership fee between the grading and the publication services provided under this membership service.

We recognize product sales when items are shipped and the requirements of Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 104, Revenue Recognition, issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), have been satisfied. Product sales consist primarily of collectible coins that we purchased pursuant to our coin authentication and grading warranty program and are not considered an integral part of the Company's on-going revenue generating activities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and such differences could be material to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Examples of such estimates that could be material to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include capitalized software, the valuation of stock-based compensation awards, the amount of goodwill and the existence or non-existence of goodwill and other long-lived assets impairments, warranty reserves, accrual for remaining lease obligations of discontinued operations and income tax provisions. Each of these estimates, and the material impairment adjustments we made to our goodwill and certain long-lived assets of our jewelry reporting units as of June 30, 2008 is discussed in more detail in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 included herein in this Interim Report on Form 10-Q for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, respectively.

## Goodwill and Other Long-Lived Assets.

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, the Company is required to evaluate the carrying value of its goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets at least annually, or more frequently if facts and circumstances indicate that impairment has occurred. Under SFAS No. 144, Accounting For the Impairment and Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, we are required to evaluate the carrying values of all other tangible and intangible assets for impairment as circumstances arise in which the carrying values of these assets may not be recoverable on the basis of future undiscounted cash flows. During the three and six months ended December 31, 2008, we recorded an impairment loss of approximately $\$ 1,516,000$ in connection with our Gemprint business on the basis that the Gemprint technology and patents, trade name, capitalized software and property and equipment were fully impaired. The $\$ 1,516,000$ was recorded as impairment loss as part of the loss from continuing operations on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2009, since the Gemprint technology and related operations will be retained by the Company, while the diamond grading operations of GCAL have been sold. The amounts that were impaired by asset class were approximately $\$ 1,307,000$ for the Gemprint technology and patents, $\$ 131,000$ for trade name, $\$ 65,000$ for software applications previously accounted for under SOP 98-1 (see Capitalized Software section in this note), $\$ 11,000$ for a patent application and $\$ 2,000$ in property and equipment. See also note 7 for information on impairments of goodwill and other long-term assets associated with our discontinued operations during the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009.

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## Stock-Based Compensation Expense

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ("SFAS") No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment, stock-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date of an award, based on its fair value, and is recognized as expense over the employee's requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period. The following table shows total stock-based compensation expense included as part of continuing operations in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008:

| Included in: | Three Months Ended March 31, (in thousands) |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended March 31, (in thousands) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2009 |  | 2008 |  | 2009 |  | 2008 |  |
| Cost of revenues | \$ | 78 | \$ | 91 | \$ | 230 | \$ | 195 |
| Selling and marketing expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (7) |
| General and administrative expenses(1) |  | 29 |  | 217 |  | 402 |  | 614 |
| Pre-tax stock-based compensation expense | \$ | 107 | \$ | 308 | \$ | 632 | \$ | 802 |

(1) Includes $\$ 15,000$ and $\$ 199,000$ in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, respectively, and $\$ 88,000$ and $\$ 255,000$ in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2008, respectively, for amortization of compensation expense related to issuances of restricted stock.

For the nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company estimated the rates of forfeiture of outstanding non-vested stock-based compensation awards to be $5 \%$ and $9 \%$, respectively.

No options were granted during the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009. The following table presents information relative to the stock options outstanding under all equity incentive plans as of March 31, 2009 and stock option activity during the nine months ended March 31, 2009, as adjusted to give retroactive effect to the $10 \%$ stock dividend that was declared on September 26, 2008 and distributed on November 3, 2008 to all stockholders of record as of October 21, 2008. The closing per share prices of our common stock as of June 30, 2008 and March 31, 2009 were $\$ 8.11$ and $\$ 3.89$, respectively.

|  | Shares |  | ghted <br> rage <br> rcise <br> rice | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term |  | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Options: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outstanding at June |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30,2008 | 927,200 | \$ | 12.54 | 5.5 yrs. | \$ | 314,000 |
| Granted | - |  | - |  |  |  |
| Exercised | (100) |  | 2.80 |  |  |  |
| Expired | $(14,000)$ |  | 9.49 |  |  |  |
| Forfeited or cancelled | $(246,500)$ |  | 13.47 |  |  |  |
| Outstanding at March |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31, 2009 | 666,600 | \$ | 12.25 | 4.4 yrs. | \$ | 49,600 |
| Exercisable at March 31, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2009 | 554,500 | \$ | 12.20 | 4.1 yrs. | \$ | 49,600 |


| Unvested at March 31, <br> 2009 | 112,100 | $\$$ | 12.515 .9 yrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | \$

The aggregate intrinsic values of the options exercised during the nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 were $\$ 465$ and $\$ 649,000$, respectively.

The 107,900 options that were expected to vest at March 31, 2009 are based on the current forfeiture rate of 5\% and the remaining vesting terms of the 112,100 unvested options at March 31, 2009.

During the nine months ended March 31, 2009, approximately 52,300 options were vested with an aggregate fair value of approximately $\$ 394,000$. During the nine months ended March 31, 2008, approximately 53,900 options were vested with an aggregate fair value of $\$ 401,000$.

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The following table presents information regarding the numbers of non-vested restricted shares that were granted or became vested during the nine months ended March 31, 2009 and their weighted average grant-date fair values.
$\left.\begin{array}{lrr} & & \text { Weighted } \\ \text { Average }\end{array}\right]$

The following table sets forth total unrecognized compensation cost in the amount of $\$ 288,000$ related to non-vested stock-based awards expected to be recognized through fiscal year 2012. That amount and time periods do not include the cost or effect of the possible grant of any additional stock-based compensation awards in the future or any change that may occur in the Company's forfeiture percentage.

Fiscal

| Y e a r r |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Ending |  |
| J u n e |  |
| 30, | Amount |
| 2009 | $\$ 100,000$ |
| 2010 | 149,000 |
| 2011 | 29,000 |
| 2012 | 10,000 |
|  | $\$ 288,000$ |

## Concentrations

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash equivalents, accounts receivable and notes receivables.

Financial Instruments and Cash Balances. At March 31, 2009, we had cash and cash equivalents, totaling approximately $\$ 20,771,000$, of which approximately $\$ 19,312,000$ were invested in U.S. government-secured money market funds. At March 31, 2009, the Company had approximately $\$ 1,459,000$ in non-interest bearing bank accounts for general day-to-day operations.

Accounts Receivable. A substantial portion of accounts receivable are due from collectibles dealers. At March 31, 2009 , one customer accounted for approximately $12 \%$ of the total net accounts receivable balances of $\$ 1,325,000$; whereas, at June 30, 2008, three customers accounted for approximately $36 \%$ of total net accounts receivable balances of $\$ 1,214,000$ outstanding on that date. The Company performs an analysis of the expected collectability of accounts receivable based on several factors, including the age and extent of significant past due accounts and economic conditions or trends that may adversely affect the ability of account debtors to pay their account receivable balances. Based on that review, the Company establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts, when necessary. The allowance for doubtful accounts receivable was $\$ 24,000$ at March 31, 2009 and $\$ 29,000$ at June 30, 2008.

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Customer Notes Receivables. At March 31, 2009, the outstanding principal amount of customer notes receivable, which evidenced advances made to customers, totaled $\$ 3,190,000$, net of a $\$ 31,000$ allowance for uncollectible amounts, of which $\$ 175,000$ was classified as non-current customer notes receivable and $\$ 3,015,000$ was classified as current customer notes receivable. At March 31, 2009, the unpaid principal balance of one of those notes receivable was greater than $10 \%$ of the aggregate of the unpaid principal balances of all of the notes receivable that were outstanding at March 31, 2009 and represented $92 \%$ of the total principal amounts outstanding. At June 30, 2008, three customers' loan balances, each greater than $10 \%$ of the total notes receivable balances, represented $49 \%$ of the total principal balances outstanding.

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During the nine months ended March 31, 2009, the Company sold, without recourse, $\$ 3,554,000$ of the aggregate principal amount of $\$ 3,579,000$ classified as loans held for sale at June 30,2008 for an amount that was about $0.7 \%$ over the aggregate principal amount of the loans. The proceeds from the sales are included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended March 31, 2009 as part of proceeds from collection of customer notes receivable. As of March 31, 2009, approximately $\$ 25,000$ of the $\$ 3,579,000$ held for sale at June 30,2008 was no longer held for sale.

Sources of Revenues. The authentication, grading and sales of collectible coins accounted for approximately $61 \%$ and $58 \%$ of our net revenues for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009. For the three and nine months ended March 31, 2008, collectible coin revenues accounted for approximately $59 \%$ and $59 \%$ of our net revenues, respectively.

## Capitalized Software

Through March 31, 2009, the Company had capitalized, in connection with continuing operations, an aggregate of approximately $\$ 1,605,000$ of software development costs, net of accumulated amortization and impairment loss of approximately $\$ 992,000$ and $\$ 65,000$, respectively, in accordance with Statement of Position ("SOP") $98-1$, Accounting for the Cost of Computer Software Developed or Obtained for Internal Use, and EITF 00-02, Accounting for Website Development Costs. In the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, $\$ 0$ and $\$ 249,000$ of such costs were capitalized, and approximately $\$ 213,000$ and $\$ 504,000$ were recognized as amortization expense, respectively. During the three and nine months ended March 31, 2008, approximately $\$ 328,000$ and $\$ 943,000$ of such costs were capitalized, and $\$ 95,000$ and $\$ 230,000$ were recorded as amortization expense, respectively. Planning, training, support and maintenance costs incurred either prior to or following the implementation phase of a software project are recognized as expense in the period in which they are incurred. The Company evaluates the carrying values of capitalized software to determine if those values are impaired, and, if necessary, an impairment loss is recorded in the period in which an impairment occurs.

## Warranty Costs

We offer a limited warranty covering the coins, trading cards, stamps and currency that we authenticate and grade. Under the warranty, if any collectible that was previously authenticated and graded by us is later submitted to us for re-grading at any time and either (i) receives a lower grade upon that re-submittal or (ii) is determined not to have been authentic, we will offer to purchase the collectible or, at our option, pay the difference in value of the item at its original grade as compared with its lower grade. However, this warranty is voided if the collectible, upon re-submittal to us, is not in the same tamper resistant holder in which it was placed at the time we last graded it. To the extent that we purchase an item under a warranty claim, we recognize as a reduction in our warranty reserve the difference in value of the item at its original grade and its re-graded estimated value. We include in our inventory the re-graded estimated value of the item. We accrue for estimated warranty costs based on historical trends and related experience. Increased future claims experience under our warranty program could increase to levels higher than in the past which could result in additional warranty accruals in anticipation of these claims, and our ongoing warranty accrual rate could increase to cover potential higher claims in the future, both of which could have a material adverse impact on our future results of operations.

## Dividends

On September 26, 2008, the Board of Directors determined that, due to market and economic conditions, including the liquidity crisis in the United States, the prudent course of action would be to suspend the payment of cash dividends in order to preserve the Company's cash resources. At the same time, the Board of Directors declared a $10 \%$ stock dividend on the Company's outstanding shares distributed on November 3, 2008 to all stockholders of record as of October 20, 2008. The $10 \%$ stock dividend was recorded in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated

Balance Sheet as of the declaration date of September 26, 2008 and all shares outstanding, stock option grants outstanding and the weighted average number of shares used in the computation of the income or loss per share for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 were retroactively adjusted for the stock dividend as of the record date of October 20, 2008.

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## Stock Buyback Program

On October 8, 2008, the Company acquired from its CEO approximately 120,000 shares of the Company's common stock, and the Company paid approximately $\$ 484,000$ in cash for these shares, or approximately $\$ 4.03$ per share. The selling price of $\$ 4.03$ was determined based on a $10 \%$ discount from the volume weighted average price of the Company's common stock on October 8, 2008 of $\$ 4.48$. On October 9, 2008, two directors purchased an aggregate of 40,000 shares from the Company for a selling price of $\$ 4.03$, or approximately $\$ 161,000$.

## Stockholder Rights Plan

On January 9, 2009, the Company's Board of Directors unanimously adopted a limited duration stockholder rights plan. In accordance with ISS guidelines, the Plan has an initial term of one year ending in January 2010, but may be extended for two additional years if the Plan is approved by our stockholders on or prior to the end of that initial one year term.

In connection with the adoption of the stockholder rights plan, the Board of Directors declared a non-taxable distribution of rights to purchase shares of a new series of preferred stock to all stockholders of record as of January 23, 2009. Under the Plan, if anyone becomes the beneficial owner of 20 percent or more of the Company's outstanding shares, then, subject to limited exceptions, each right (other than those held by that person) will become exercisable and entitle its holder to purchase, at the exercise price of the right, a number of the Company's shares having a market value of twice the right's exercise price. If anyone announces or commences a tender offer or exchange offer for the Company's shares, then, subject to limited exceptions, each right will entitle its holder (other than the offeror) to purchase, at the exercise price of the right, a number of the acquiring party's shares having a market value at that time of twice the right's exercise price. Unless and until either of those events occurs, the rights will not be exercisable, will trade with the Company's common stock and no rights certificates will be issued.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) Financial Accounting Standard (FAS) 157-4, Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly. Based on the guidance, if an entity determines that the level of activity for an asset or liability has significantly decreased and that a transaction is not orderly, further analysis of transactions or quoted prices is needed, and a significant adjustment to the transaction or quoted prices may be necessary to estimate fair value in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157 Fair Value Measurements. This FSP is to be applied prospectively and is effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15,2009 with early adoption permitted for periods ending after March 15, 2009. The company will adopt this FSP for its fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. There is no expected impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2 Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments. The guidance applies to investments in debt securities for which other-than-temporary impairments may be recorded. If an entity's management asserts that it does not have the intent to sell a debt security and it is more likely than not that it will not have to sell the security before recovery of its cost basis, then an entity may separate other-than-temporary impairments into two components: 1) the amount related to credit losses (recorded in earnings), and 2) all other amounts (recorded in other comprehensive income). This FSP is to be applied prospectively and is effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009 with early adoption permitted for periods ending after March 15, 2009. The company will adopt this FSP for its fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. There is no expected impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP FAS 107-1 and Accounting Principles Board (APB) 28-1 Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments. The FSP amends SFAS No. 107 Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments to require an entity to provide disclosures about fair value of financial instruments in interim financial information. This FSP is to be applied prospectively and is effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009 with early adoption permitted for periods ending after March 15, 2009. The company will include the required disclosures, if any, in its interim period reporting following June 30, 2009.

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In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations, which became effective January 1, 2009 via prospective application to business combinations. This Statement requires that the acquisition method of accounting be applied to a broader set of business combinations, amends the definition of a business combination, provides a definition of a business, requires an acquirer to recognize an acquired business at its fair value at the acquisition date and requires the assets and liabilities assumed in a business combination to be measured and recognized at their fair values as of the acquisition date (with limited exceptions). The company will adopt this Statement on July 1, 2009. The impact upon adoption and its effects on future periods will depend on the nature and significance of business combinations subject to this statement.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP FAS 141(R)-1, Accounting for Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed in a Business Combination That Arise from Contingencies. This FSP requires that assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination that arise from contingencies be recognized at fair value if fair value can be reasonably estimated. If fair value cannot be reasonably estimated, the asset or liability would generally be recognized in accordance with SFAS No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies and FASB Interpretation No. 14, Reasonable Estimation of the Amount of a Loss. Further, the FASB removed the subsequent accounting guidance for assets and liabilities arising from contingencies from SFAS No. 141(R). The requirements of this FSP carry forward without significant revision the guidance on contingencies of SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations, which was superseded by SFAS No. 141(R) (see previous paragraph). The FSP also eliminates the requirement to disclose an estimate of the range of possible outcomes of recognized contingencies at the acquisition date. For unrecognized contingencies, the FASB requires that entities include only the disclosures required by SFAS No. 5. This FSP will be adopted effective July 1, 2009. The impact upon adoption and its effects on future periods will depend on the nature and significance of business combinations subject to this statement.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 142-3, "Determination of Useful Life of Intangible Assets". The FSP states that in developing assumptions about renewal or extension options used to determine the useful life of an intangible asset, an entity needs to consider its own historical experience adjusted for entity-specific factors. In the absence of that experience, an entity shall consider the assumptions that market participants would use about renewal or extension options. This FSP is to be applied to intangible assets acquired after January 1, 2009. The adoption of this FSP did not have an impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At March 31, 2009 and June 30, 2008, cash and cash equivalents consisted of approximately $\$ 20,771,000$ and $\$ 23,345,000$, respectively, which was invested primarily in money-market funds, which comprised of investments in government-guaranteed securities.

## 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements, SFAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. In February 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157, which delays the effective date of SFAS 157 to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 for all nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except for those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. The Company has adopted the provisions of SFAS 157 as of July 1, 2008 for financial assets, including cash and cash equivalents, and SFAS 157-2 will be adopted as of July 1, 2009 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities.

SFAS 157 establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include:

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Level 1-defined as observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets;
Level 2-defined as inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable; and

Level 3-defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions.

As of March 31, 2009, the Company held certain assets and liabilities that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The fair value of operating lease obligations of $\$ 3,740,000$ is in connection with the exiting of our jewelry grading businesses during the third quarter of fiscal year 2009 (see note 7 ) and was recognized initially in our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2009. The fair value of these financial assets and liabilities were determined using the following inputs at March 31, 2009:

|  | Total <br> As of March 31, 2009 |  | (in th <br> Quoted Prices in Active Markets or Identical Assets (Level 1) |  |  |  | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) |  |  |
| Assets: <br> Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 20,771 |  |  | \$ | 20,771 | \$ | - | \$ |  |
| Liabilities: <br> Operating lease obligations | \$ | 3,740 | \$ | - | \$ |  | \$ | 3,740 |

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. SFAS No. 159 permits companies to choose to measure at fair value certain financial instruments and other items that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. SFAS No. 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company adopted SFAS No. 159 on July 1, 2008 and elected not to measure any additional financial instruments or other items at fair value.

## 4. INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of the following:

|  | (in thousands) |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | March 31, | June 30, |  |
|  | 2009 | 2008 |  |
| Coins | $\$ ~$ | 377 | $\$$ |
| Other collectibles | 55 | 750 |  |
| Grading raw materials consumable inventory | 212 | 28 |  |
|  | 644 |  | 1,052 |
| Less inventory |  |  |  |
| reserve |  | $(111)$ |  |
| Inventories, net | $\$$ | 533 | $\$$ |

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## 5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

|  | (in thousands) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 31, } \\ 2009 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } 30, \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Coins, and stamp grading reference sets | \$ | 513 | \$ | 506 |
| Computer hardware and equipment |  | 1,338 |  | 1,579 |
| Computer software |  | 990 |  | 990 |
| Equipment |  | 1,769 |  | 1,932 |
| Furniture and office equipment |  | 894 |  | 886 |
| Leasehold improvements |  | 680 |  | 670 |
| Trading card reference |  |  |  |  |
| library |  | 52 |  | 52 |
|  |  | 6,236 |  | 6,615 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization |  | $(5,012)$ |  | $(4,987)$ |
| Property and equipment, net | \$ | 1,224 | \$ | 1,628 |

## 6. ACCRUED LIABILITIES

| Accrued liabilities consist of the following: | (in thousands) |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | March 31, | June 30, |  |  |
|  | 2009 | 2008 |  |  |
| Warranty costs | $\$$ | 665 | $\$$ | 665 |
| Professional fees | 180 | 132 |  |  |
| Other | $\$$ | 1,431 | $\$$ | 1,546 |

The following table presents the changes in the Company's warranty reserve during the nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008:

|  | (in thousands) |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nine Months |  |  |  |
| Ended |  |  |  |
| March 31, |  |  |  |
| 2009 |  |  |  | \(\left.\begin{array}{c}Nine Months <br>

Ended <br>
March 31, <br>
2008\end{array}\right]\)

## 7. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

In December 2008 and February 2009, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the sale of the paper currency grading business and the exiting of the jewelry grading businesses, respectively; therefore, the balance sheet amounts related to these businesses have been classified as assets and liabilities of discontinued operations held for sale in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets for all periods shown. The jewelry grading businesses consisted of the brand names GCAL, which consisted of the diamond grading business, and AGL, which consisted of the colored gemstone grading business. The patented Gemprint technology, which the Company acquired from Gemprint Corporation in 2005, was not reclassified as part of discontinued operations, and, accordingly, its results of operations continue to be shown as part of continuing operations, along with our collectibles grading and authentication business, our CCE subscription business, our CFC dealer-financing business and our collectibles convention business in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for all periods shown. The results of operations, losses per share, and the cash flows for the discontinued businesses are classified as loss from discontinued operations in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and segregated from other cash flows in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

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Jewelry Grading Businesses
As previously reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year 2008 and in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three and six months ended December 31, 2008, we recorded impairment losses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations during those periods of $\$ 11,233,000$ and $\$ 7,695,000$, respectively, in connection with our jewelry businesses, which also comprised our jewelry operating segment (see note 10). Those impairment losses were the result of management's assessment that the fair values of goodwill, other intangible assets and property and equipment were determined to be less than the then carrying values of those assets based upon future discounted and undiscounted cash flows and, as a result, the carrying values of the goodwill and intangible assets were fully impaired and were written down to zero. Additionally, the impairment loss of $\$ 7,695,000$ recorded during the three and six months ended December 31, 2008 included $\$ 1,516,000$ of impairment of the Gemprint technology, which has been presented in the nine months ended March 31, 2009 as part of continuing operations as described in note 1. At December 31, 2008, on the basis of an outside appraisal, the carrying value of property and equipment were written down to their fair values of approximately $\$ 1,568,000$ and were classified as held and used at December 31, 2008.

During March 2009, the Company ceased operations in GCAL and AGL and announced the Company's plan to sell the assets of those businesses in an orderly manner. During March, the Company sold the GCAL diamond grading business to GCAL's current president and former owner and received $\$ 370,000$ in cash as full payment for certain GCAL tangible and intangible assets including the rights to use the GCAL trade name. We recognized a loss on the disposal of GCAL and AGL property and equipment of approximately $\$ 701,000$, and recorded at the lower of cost or market value the remaining unsold property and equipment of approximately $\$ 630,000$ as part of current assets of discontinued operations held for sale at March 31, 2009.

At March 31, 2009, in accordance with SFAS No.146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities ("SFAS No.146") the Company recognized the aggregate cost of the remaining lease obligations of approximately $\$ 3,740,000$ for the two leased laboratory facilities for GCAL and AGL that we continue to rent through December 31, 2015 and 2017, respectively. Of that liability of $\$ 3,740,000$, approximately $\$ 3,110,000$ was recorded as an expense in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 and the balance of $\$ 630,000$ had previously been accrued as rent expense in accordance with GAAP. This liability, of which approximately $\$ 1,144,000$ is estimated to be payable monthly during the next 12 months and therefore is classified as part of current liabilities of discontinued operations held for sale in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2009, is based on discounted cash flows arising from future cash payments reduced by anticipated sublease payments. During March 2009 in accordance with SFAS No.146, we also accrued an aggregate expense of approximately $\$ 339,000$ in connection with severances of terminated employees. In the three months ended March 31, 2009, we recorded aggregate losses of approximately $\$ 4,150,000$ in connection with the closure of GCAL and AGL.

## Currency Grading Business

As reported on Form 10-Q for the three and six months ended December 31, 2008, we classified our currency grading business as a discontinued operation held for sale. In February 2009, we sold the assets of this business to Lyn Knight Associates for approximately $\$ 354,000$ in consideration of an initial cash payment of $\$ 50,000$ and a promissory note (the "Note") with a face value of $\$ 304,000$ with annual payments of $\$ 50,000$ due on the annual anniversary dates in each year between February 2010 to February 2012 and a $\$ 154,000$ payment due in February 2013. The amounts due under the Note are classified as part of notes receivable from sale of discontinued operations on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2009. The present value of the Note at March 31, 2009 , net of discount of $\$ 59,000$ based on an imputed interest rate of $7.25 \%$, was approximately $\$ 245,000$ and was recorded along with the $\$ 50,000$ initial cash payment as net proceeds on the sale of this business. The discount of $\$ 59,000$ was recorded as an interest receivable and was classified as part of other assets on the Condensed

Consolidated Balance Sheet at March 31, 2009. A net loss of $\$ 31,000$ was recognized during the third quarter of fiscal 2009 as a loss on the disposal of the currency grading business.

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## Collectibles Sales Businesses

The operating results of the discontinued collectibles businesses that we disposed of in fiscal 2004 and which are included in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements are deemed to be immaterial to warrant further disclosure.

The following table summarizes the losses recognized during the nine months ended March 31, 2009 in connection with these discontinued businesses, of which approximately $\$ 4,181,000$ of those losses were recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2009.

| Property and Equipment: | (in thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash Proceeds from sale of assets of discontinued businesses | \$ | 370 | \$ | 50 | \$ | 420 |
| Note receivable issued, net of discount of \$59 |  | - |  | 245 |  | 245 |
| Total cash received and note receivable issued |  | 370 |  | 295 |  | 665 |

Less:
Net book value of property and equipment and all other assets disposed of
(381)
(326)
(707)

Adjustments of net book values of property and equipment to reflect estimated market values at March 31, 2009
(692)

Loss on disposal of property and equipment and all other assets during the nine months
ended March 31,
$2009 \quad \$ \quad$ (703) $\quad \$ \quad$ (31) $\$ \quad$ (734)

Employee and Operating Lease Termination Costs:
Employee termination
costs
(339)

Operating leases termination costs for facilities $(3,110)$
Loss on disposal of discontinued businesses during the nine months ended March 31,
$2009 \quad \$ \quad(4,152) \quad \$ \quad(31) \quad \$ \quad(4,183)$

The operating results of the discontinued businesses that are included in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations are as follows:

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2009 |  | 2008 |  | 2009 |  | 2008 |  |
| Net revenues | \$ | 192 | \$ | 551 | \$ | 1,433 | \$ | 1,836 |
| Loss from operations of discontinued businesses |  | $(1,361)$ |  | $(1,957)$ |  | $(4,403)$ |  | $(5,270)$ |
| Impairment losses |  |  |  |  |  | $(6,179)$ |  |  |

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The following table contains summary balance sheet information (in thousands) with respect to the net assets and liabilities of the discontinued operations held for sale that is included in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2009 and June 30, 2008.

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 31, } \\ 2009 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 30,2008 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Assets: |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable, net | \$ | 141 | \$ | 199 |
| Assets held for sale |  | 630 |  | - |
| Inventories |  | - |  | 21 |
| Prepaid expenses |  | 29 |  | 228 |
|  | \$ | 800 | \$ | 448 |
| Non-Current Assets: |  |  |  |  |
| Property and equipment | \$ | - | \$ | 2,854 |
| Goodwill |  | - |  | 1,348 |
| Intangible asset, net |  | - |  | 2,763 |
| Other assets |  | 152 |  | 329 |
|  | \$ | 152 | \$ | 7,294 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts payable | \$ | 169 | \$ | 522 |
| Other accrued expenses |  | 1,754 |  | 430 |
| Deferred revenue |  | - |  | 82 |
|  | \$ | 1,923 | \$ | 1,034 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-Current Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Lease obligations | \$ | 2,596 | \$ | - |
| Deferred rent |  | - |  | 389 |
| Other liabilities |  | 36 |  | 36 |
|  | \$ | 2,632 | \$ | 425 |

## 8. INCOME TAXES

The effective tax rates were a tax provision of $143 \%$ and a $48 \%$ tax benefit in the nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The tax provision of $\$ 1,319,000$ for the nine months ended March 31, 2009 is primarily the result of a valuation allowance of $\$ 1,204,000$ recorded in the second quarter of fiscal 2009 as a result of the Company recognizing in that same quarter impairment losses of $\$ 7,695,000$ for its jewelry businesses. Although all but $\$ 1,516,000$ of the impairment loss, which was related to Gemprint, is classified in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 as part of loss from discontinued operations, the applicable accounting rules require that tax provisions or benefits that follow the establishment of or adjustments to a valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets be recorded as part of continuing operations. The tax provision of $\$ 109,000$ recorded in the third quarter of fiscal 2009 is related to certain changes in estimates used to prepare our June 30, 2008 income tax provision that changed when our income tax returns were prepared in the third quarter of fiscal year 2009.

During the three months ended March 31, 2009, approximately $\$ 433,000$ of the $\$ 496,000$ in current net deferred tax asset as of December 31, 2008 was written off to additional paid in capital leaving $\$ 63,000$ in current net deferred tax assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at March 31, 2009. These assets were established for compensation expense recognized for non-employee supplier stock options in 1999, and these options are expected to

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expire in the three months ended June 30, 2009. It is expected that these options will expire unexercised due to the exercise price of the options relative to the Company's current share price, and in accordance with SFAS 123R and related interpretations, the $\$ 63,000$ will be recognized as a reduction to additional-paid-in capital upon expiration. Deferred income tax liabilities of $\$ 305,000$ are associated with timing differences related to indefinite-lived intangible assets including goodwill that are amortizable for income tax purposes but not for financial reporting purposes under GAAP.

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## 9 NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE

The number of shares used in the computation of net income (loss) per share gives retroactive effect to a $10 \%$ stock dividend that was distributed on November 3, 2008 to stockholders of record as of October 20, 2008.

The aggregate numbers of shares subject to options and warrants that were excluded from the computation of diluted loss per share, because they would have been anti-dilutive in the calculation of diluted earnings per share, totaled approximately $1,001,000$ and 994,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The aggregate numbers of options, warrants and restricted shares excluded for the nine month periods ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 were $1,117,000$ and 816,000 , respectively.

## 10.

## BUSINESS SEGMENTS

Operating segments are defined as the components or "segments" of an enterprise for which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the Company's chief operating decision maker, or decision-making group, in deciding how to allocate resources to and in assessing performance of those components or "segments." The Company's chief operating decision-maker is its Chief Executive Officer. The operating segments of the Company are organized based on the respective services that they offer to customers of the Company. Similar operating segments have been aggregated to reportable operating segments based on having similar services, types of customers, and other criteria that are set forth in SFAS No. 131, Disclosures About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information.

For our continuing operations, we operate principally in four reportable service segments: coins, trading cards, Gemprint and other high-end collectibles. Services provided by these segments include authentication, grading, publication advertising, technology that provides for non-invasive identification of diamonds and subscription-based revenues. The other collectibles segment is comprised of autographs, stamps, the CCE subscription business, our CFC dealer financing business and our collectibles conventions business. During the third quarter of fiscal 2009, we excluded the paper currency grading business and our jewelry grading businesses as part of continuing operations for all periods presented and classified the operating results of this business as discontinued operations in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (see note 7).

During the second quarter of fiscal 2009, we recorded impairment losses related to Gemprint in the amount of $\$ 1,516,000$ (see note 1). Goodwill in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at June 30, 2008 and March 31, 2009 of $\$ 2,626,000$ consists of $\$ 515,000$ related to the coins operating segment and $\$ 2,111,000$ related to the other operating segment; namely, Expos, our collectibles convention business, and CCE, our dealer-to-dealer exchange business.

We allocate operating expenses to each service segment based upon each segment's activity level. The following tables set forth on a business segment basis, including reconciliation with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, (i) external revenues, (ii) amortization and depreciation, (iii) stock-based compensation expense and impairment losses as significant other non-cash transactions, and (iv) operating income (loss) for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008. Net identifiable assets are provided by business segment as of March 31, 2009 and June 30, 2008. All of our sales and identifiable assets are located in the United States.

| Net revenues from external customers: | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2009 |  | 2008 |  | 2009 |  | 2008 |  |
| Coins | \$ | 5,686 | \$ | 6,154 | \$ | 15,051 | \$ | 17,720 |
| Trading cards |  | 1,863 |  | 2,226 |  | 6,059 |  | 6,710 |
| Gemprint |  | - |  | 1 |  | 13 |  | 3 |
| Other |  | 1,766 |  | 1,966 |  | 5,051 |  | 5,438 |
| Total revenue | \$ | 9,315 | \$ | 10,347 | \$ | 26,174 | \$ | 29,871 |
| Amortization and depreciation: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coins | \$ | 77 | \$ | 62 | \$ | 229 | \$ | 182 |
| Trading cards |  | 46 |  | 37 |  | 140 |  | 84 |
| Gemprint |  | - |  | 73 |  | 102 |  | 212 |
| Other |  | 179 |  | 99 |  | 415 |  | 267 |
| Total |  | 302 |  | 271 |  | 886 |  | 745 |
| Unallocated amortization and depreciation |  | 79 |  | 87 |  | 250 |  | 254 |
| Consolidated amortization and depreciation | \$ | 381 | \$ | 358 | \$ | 1,136 | \$ | 999 |
| Impairment losses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coins | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| Trading cards |  | - |  | - |  |  |  | - |
| Gemprint |  | - |  | - |  | 1,516 |  |  |
| Other |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |
| Total |  | - |  | - |  | 1,516 |  | - |
| Unallocated |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |
| Consolidated impairment losses | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 1,516 | \$ | - |
| Stock-based compensation: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coins | \$ | 57 | \$ | 63 | \$ | 153 | \$ | 131 |
| Trading cards |  | - |  | 9 |  | - |  | 18 |
| Gemprint |  | 4 |  | - |  | 4 |  | - |
| Other |  | 21 |  | 33 |  | 84 |  | 78 |
| Total |  | 82 |  | 105 |  | 241 |  | 227 |
| Unallocated stock-based compensation |  | 25 |  | 203 |  | 391 |  | 575 |
| Consolidated stock-based compensation | \$ | 107 | \$ | 308 | \$ | 632 | \$ | 802 |

Operating income (loss) before unallocated expenses:

| Coins | $\$$ | 2,018 | $\$$ | 1,984 | $\$$ | 4,628 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trading cards | 187 | 374 | 790 | 4,925 |  |  |
| Gemprint | $(136)$ | $(139)$ | $(2,051)$ | 1,317 |  |  |
| Other | 171 | 226 | 303 | $(406)$ |  |  |

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| Total | 2,240 |  | 2,445 | 3,670 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unallocated operating expenses | $(1,432)$ |  | $(2,029)$ | $(4,861)$ |  |
| Consolidated operating income <br> (loss) | $\$$ | 808 | $\$$ | 416 | $\$$ |


|  | March 31, |  | June 30, |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Identifiable Assets: | 2009 | 2008 |  |
| Coins | $\$$ | 2,706 | $\$$ |
| Trading cards | 907 | 3,346 |  |
| Gemprint | 8,035 |  |  |
| Other | 8,909 | 11,613 |  |
| Total | 12,530 | 17,055 |  |
| Unallocated assets | 22,604 | 27,521 |  |
| Discontinued operations | 952 | 7,448 |  |
| Consolidated assets | $\$$ | 36,086 | $\$$ |
|  |  |  | 52,018 |

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

Forward-Looking Statements
The discussion in this Item 2 and in Item 3 of this Quarterly Report ("Report") on Form 10-Q includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act") and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"). Those Sections of the 1933 Act and 1934 Act provide a "safe harbor" for forward-looking statements to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their financial performance so long as they provide meaningful, cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ from projected or anticipated results. Other than statements of historical fact, all statements in this Report and, in particular, any projections of or statements as to our expectations or beliefs concerning our future financial performance or financial condition or as to trends in our business or in our markets, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements often include the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "estimate," "project," or words of similar meaning, or future or conditional verbs such as "will," "would," "should," "could," or "may." Our actual financial performance in future periods may differ significantly from the currently expected financial performance set forth in the forward-looking statements contained in this Report. The sections below entitled "Factors That Can Affect our Financial Position and Operating Results" and "Risks and Uncertainties That Could Affect our Future Financial Performance" describe some, but not all, of the factors and the risks and uncertainties that could cause these differences, and readers of this Report are urged to read those sections of this Report in their entirety and to review certain additional risk factors that are described in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Due to these and other possible uncertainties and risks, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this Report, which speak only as of the date of this Report, or to make predictions about future performance based solely on historical financial performance. We also disclaim any obligation to update forward-looking statements contained in this Report or in our Annual Report on Form 10-K or any other prior filings with the SEC.

## Our Business

Collectors Universe, Inc. ("we", "us" or the "Company") provides grading and authentication services to dealers and collectors of high-value coins, trading cards, event tickets, autographs, memorabilia and stamps. We believe that our authentication and grading services add value to these collectibles by enhancing their marketability and thereby providing increased liquidity to the dealers, collectors and consumers that own, buy and sell them.

We principally generate revenues from the fees paid for our authentication and grading services. To a much lesser extent, we generate revenues from other related services consisting of: (i) the sale of advertising on our websites; (ii) the sale of printed publications and collectibles price guides and advertising in such publications and on our website; (iii) the sale of membership subscriptions; in our Collectors Club which is designed to attract interest in high-value collectibles among new collectors; (iv) the sale of subscriptions to our CCE dealer-to-dealer Internet bid-ask market for certified coins; and (v) the collectibles trade show conventions that we conduct. We also generate revenues from sales of our collectibles inventory, which is comprised primarily of collectible coins that we have purchased under our coin grading warranty program; however, these activities are not the focus of or an integral part of our business.

Recent Developments:

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Discontinued Operations. In the three months ended March 31, 2009, our Board of Directors approved a plan to discontinue and dispose of the Company's diamond and colored gemstone ("jewelry") authentication and grading businesses, which we closed effective March 2, 2009. We are in the process of disposing of the assets of those businesses and have established certain accruals, primarily related to real estate lease obligations at March 31, 2009. We are evaluating our patented Gemprint identification technology ("Gemprint") for the use in a licensing business. In addition, in the three months ended December 31, 2008, our Board of Directors approved a plan to dispose of our currency grading and authentication business, which was sold in February 2009.

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Accordingly, the assets and liabilities of the jewelry and currency authentication and grading businesses have been classified as held for sale at March 31 2009, and the operations of these businesses have been reclassified as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Our "Gemprint" business continues to be part of continuing operations. In addition, we continue to classify as discontinued operations the remaining activities, consisting of the disposition of our remaining collectibles inventories, of our collectibles auctions and sales businesses which we disposed of in fiscal 2004.

For the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, we recorded losses from discontinued operations, before taxes, of $\$ 5.5$ million and $\$ 14.8$ million, respectively, as compared to losses from discontinued operations, before taxes, of $\$ 2.0$ million, and $\$ 5.3$ million in the same three and nine month period of 2008. The increased loss in the three months ended March 31, 2009 was primarily attributable to the cost and losses recognized as a result of the closure of our jewelry authentication and grading businesses effective March 2, 2009. The loss in the nine months ended March 31, 2009 also includes an impairment loss of $\$ 6.2$ million in the carrying value of the remaining goodwill and intangible assets recognized in the second quarter of 2009. However, we expect such losses to decline substantially during fiscal 2010, which will begin on July 1, 2009. See "Results of Continuing Operations and Discontinued Operations-Three and Nine Months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008-Discontinued Operations".

Departure of Chief Executive Officer. On March 16, 2009, the Company announced the departure of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, effective April 1, 2009 and the hiring of Michael McConnell, a director of the Company, as its interim Chief Executive Officer. As a result of his service on the Board, Mr. McConnell is familiar with the Company's businesses and has worked with our executive officers and other key management employees.

Overview of Results of Operations for the Three and Nine Months Ended March 31, 2009 and 2008
The following table sets forth certain financial data, expressed as a percentage of net revenues, derived from our interim Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (included earlier in this Report) for the respective periods indicated below:

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  | Nine Months Ended March 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Net revenues | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |
| Cost of revenues | 44.1\% | 47.6\% | 46.9\% | 50.4\% |
| Gross profit | 55.9\% | 52.4\% | 53.1\% | 49.6\% |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |  |  |
| Selling and marketing expenses | 11.4\% | 14.6\% | 12.6\% | 13.3\% |
| General and administrative expenses | 33.1\% | 31.8\% | 36.5\% | 33.1\% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 2.7\% | 2.0\% | 2.7\% | 1.9\% |
| Impairment loss | - | - | 5.8\% | - |
| Total operating expenses | 47.2\% | 48.4\% | 57.6\% | 48.3\% |
| Operating income (loss) | 8.7\% | 4.0\% | (4.5)\% | 1.3\% |
| Interest income, net | 0.5\% | 2.3\% | 0.9\% | 3.3\% |
| Other income | 0.1\% | - | 0.1\% | - |
| Income (loss) before provision for income taxes | 9.3\% | 6.3\% | (3.5)\% | 4.6\% |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes | 1.2\% | 3.7\% | 5.1\% | 2.2\% |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations after income taxes | 8.1\% | 2.6\% | (8.6)\% | 2.4\% |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net | (59.5)\% | (11.9)\% | (56.4)\% | (10.8)\% | of gain on sales

Of discontinued businesses (net of income taxes)
Net income (loss)
(51.4)\%
(9.3)\%
(65.0)\%
(8.4\%)

These, as well as other factors affecting our operating results in the third quarter and nine months ended March 31, 2009, are described in more detail below.

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## Factors That Can Affect our Financial Position and Operating Results

Factors that Can Affect our Revenues. Our authentication and grading fees, which accounted for approximately 80\% of our total net revenues in the nine months ended March 31, 2009, are primarily affected by (i) the volume and mix, among coins, trading cards and other collectibles of authentication and grading submissions, because we typically charge higher fees for coin grading than we do for the grading of other collectibles; (ii) in the case of coins and trading cards, the "turn-around" times requested by our customers, because we charge higher fees for faster service times; and (iii) the mix of authentication and grading submissions between vintage or "classic" coins and trading cards, on the one hand, and modern coins and trading cards, on the other hand, because dealers generally request faster turn-around times for vintage or classic coins and trading cards than they do for modern submissions, as vintage or classic collectibles are of significantly higher value and are more saleable by dealers than modern coins and trading cards.

Our revenues are also impacted by the level of grading submissions and revenue earned from such coin grading submissions at collectibles trade shows where we provide on-site grading and authentication services to show attendees who typically request same-day turn-around. The level of such revenues can vary depending upon a number of factors, including the number and timing of the shows held during each reporting period, the number of dealers attending and the volume of their coin transactions at such shows, which affect the volume of submissions to us for on-site grading and same-day turn-around at the shows. Dealer show attendance and the volume of coin transactions at the shows are, in turn, affected by economic and market conditions, such as those we are experiencing currently, and are sometimes also affected by short-term changes in the price of gold that may occur around the time shows are held.

Six of our coin authentication and grading customers accounted for, in the aggregate, approximately $13 \%$ of our total net revenues in the nine months ended March 31, 2009, as compared to $11 \%$ in the year ended June 30, 2008. As a result, the loss of one or more of those customers, or a decrease in the volume of grading submissions from any of them to us, would cause our net revenues to decline and, therefore, could adversely affect the profitability of our grading and authentication operations.

Factors Affecting our Gross Profit Margins. The gross profit margins on authentication and grading submissions also are primarily affected by the same factors, described above, that have the greatest effect on our net revenues, because we generally realize higher margins on coin submissions than on submissions of other collectibles and we charge higher fees for faster service times. In addition, our margins are affected, to a lesser extent, by the stage of development and the seasonality of certain of our smaller businesses. Furthermore, because a significant proportion of our direct costs are generally fixed in nature (at least in the short term), our gross profit also can be affected by the overall volume of collectibles authenticated and graded in any period. We expect our consolidated gross profit margin to increase in fiscal 2010, due to the discontinuance of the jewelry grading businesses on March 2, 2009, because the costs of revenues of those businesses exceeded their net revenues, resulting in a negative gross margin.

Impact of Economic Conditions on Financial Performance. We generate all of our revenues from the collectibles markets. Moreover, the demand for our services and, therefore, our revenues, depend to a great extent on the volume of purchases and sales of the high-value collectibles that we authenticate, because dealers and collectors most often submit collectibles to us for authenticating and grading in anticipation of or in connection with their sales and purchases of those collectibles. The volume of collectibles purchase and sale transactions is primarily affected by (i) the disposable income available to collectibles dealers and collectors, because high-value collectibles are generally viewed as luxury goods and the confidence that collectibles dealers and collectors have in the economy, which affects their ability and their willingness to use their funds to purchase collectibles and to use our services; (ii) the availability and cost of borrowings because collectibles dealers and consumers often fund their purchases of collectibles with borrowings, (iii) prevailing and anticipated rates of inflation, because the threat of and actual increases in inflation lead investors and consumers to purchase gold and silver coins as a hedge against inflation, which results in an

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increase in collectibles commerce and, as a result, in the demand for our services, and (iv) the performance and volatility of the gold and other precious metals markets and the stock markets, which affects the level of purchases and sales of collectible coins and, therefore the need and demand for our services. Accordingly, factors such as improving economic conditions which usually result in increases in disposable income and consumer confidence, volatility in and declines in the prices of stocks, a weakening in the value of the U.S. Dollar and concerns about inflation, often lead investors to increase their purchases of precious metals, such as gold bullion and other coins and collectibles, which often results in increases in submissions of collectibles to us for authentication and grading. By contrast, the volume of collectibles sales and purchases and, therefore, the volume of authentication and grading submissions to us, usually declines during periods characterized by recessionary economic conditions, declines in disposable income and consumer confidence, reductions in the availability or increases in the costs of financing, or increasing stock prices and relative stability in the stock markets, which sometimes leads investors to move their funds from the gold and precious metals markets to the stock market.

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The severity of the current economic recession in the United States, continued uncertainty and worries about the ultimate severity and duration of the recession, and the significant decreases as a result of the credit crisis in the availability of borrowings on which collectibles dealers and collectors often rely on to help them to fund purchases and, in the case of dealers, the carrying costs in maintaining an inventory of high-value collectibles, have combined to reduce disposable income, erode the confidence of consumers and small businesses, such as those operated by collectibles dealers, and hence their willingness and ability to purchase and sell collectibles and other high-value assets. As a result, in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, we experienced declines in the demand for our services in all of our grading and authentication markets.

In addition, these economic and market conditions created increased uncertainties for us with respect to the future financial performance of our jewelry authentication and grading businesses, significantly diminishing their prospects for generating increases in their revenues and achieving profitability. During the second fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2008, the revenues of those businesses declined by approximately $25 \%$ and, in the early part of the third fiscal quarter, revenues continued to decline. As a result, the Board of Directors decided that the Company should discontinue the jewelry businesses and, on March 2, 2009, we ceased operating those businesses and began the process of disposing their assets. As a result of this decision, the operating results of the jewelry businesses for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 are reflected in our loss from discontinued operations in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations included in this Report.

The following tables provide information regarding the respective numbers of coins, trading cards, autographs, and stamps that were graded or authenticated by us in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 and their estimated values, which are the amounts at which those coins, trading cards and stamps were insured by the dealers and collectors who submitted them to us for grading and authentication.

|  | Units Processed |  |  | Declared Value (000) |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2009 |  | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |  |  |  |
| Coins | 404,600 | $55.8 \%$ | 484,100 | $55.5 \%$ | $\$ 286,943$ | $91.9 \%$ | $\$ 336,683$ | $90.4 \%$ |
| Trading cards | 273,000 | $37.7 \%$ | 327,000 | $37.5 \%$ | 16,100 | $5.2 \%$ | 25,865 | $7.0 \%$ |
| Autographs | 40,600 | $5.6 \%$ | 49,000 | $5.6 \%$ | 3,616 | $1.2 \%$ | 4,514 | $1.2 \%$ |
| Stamps | 6,200 | $0.9 \%$ | 12,400 | $1.4 \%$ | 5,427 | $1.7 \%$ | 5,321 | $1.4 \%$ |
| Total | 724,400 | $100.0 \%$ | 872,500 | $100.0 \%$ | $\$ 312,086$ | $100.0 \%$ | $\$ 372,383$ | $100.0 \%$ |

Units Processed
Nine Months Ended March 31,

|  | 2009 | 2008 |  |  |  |  |  | 2009 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Coins | $1,024,200$ | $50.2 \%$ | $1,144,000$ | $49.6 \%$ | $\$ 839,717$ | $90.3 \%$ | $\$ 1,048,444$ | $90.8 \%$ |
| Trading cards | 866,900 | $42.5 \%$ | 975,500 | $42.3 \%$ | 60,209 | $6.5 \%$ | 67,863 | $5.9 \%$ |
| Autographs | 129,900 | $6.3 \%$ | 143,800 | $6.2 \%$ | 12,155 | $1.3 \%$ | 21,148 | $1.8 \%$ |
| Stamps | 20,100 | $1.0 \%$ | 43,800 | $1.9 \%$ | 17,627 | $1.9 \%$ | 17,308 | $1.5 \%$ |
| Total | $2,041,100$ | $100.0 \%$ | $2,307,100$ | $100.0 \%$ | $\$ 929,708$ | $100.0 \%$ | $\$ 1,154,763$ | $100.0 \%$ |

## Trends and Challenges in our Businesses

During the past three years, our costs of revenue and selling, general and administrative expenses increased significantly due in large part to the costs we were incurring to grow our jewelry businesses. Those costs and expenses substantially exceeded their revenue contributions and was the principal cause of the increased operating losses that we incurred in the first nine months of the current fiscal year.

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During the first quarter of 2009, we began implementing a cost reduction program in order to reduce our costs of revenue and our operating expenses and, thereby, bring those costs and expenses more in line with our revenues and, increase our gross profits and operating income. During the three months ended March 31, 2009, we realized reductions in both our costs of revenues and operating expenses and increased our cash flows due, in part, to this program.

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The discontinuance of the operations of our jewelry businesses provides us with the opportunity to realize even greater costs savings, which we believe will be reflected in improved results of operation in future periods.

## Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

During the nine months ended March 31, 2009, except as discussed below, there were no changes in the critical accounting policies or estimates that were described in Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. Readers of this report are urged to read that Section of that Annual Report for a more complete understanding of our critical accounting policies and estimates.

Accrual for Losses on Facility Leases. At March 31, 2009, the Company established accruals for the facility leases associated with the Company's discontinued grading and authentication jewelry businesses. Those lease accruals were based on estimates on a discounted basis, of (i) market rental rates; (ii) the time required to sublet the facility; and (iii) other direct costs associated with the leases. Such estimates are uncertain due to the current market conditions and will need to be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Grading Warranty Costs. We offer a limited warranty covering the coins, trading cards, stamps and currency that we authenticate and grade. Under the warranty, if any such collectible that was previously authenticated and graded by us is later submitted to us for re-grading and either (i) receives a lower grade upon resubmittal or (ii) is determined not to have been authentic, we will offer to purchase the collectible or, at our option, pay the difference in value of the item at its original grade as compared with its lower grade. However this warranty is voided if the collectible, upon resubmittal to us, is not in the same tamper-resistant holder in which it was placed at the time we last graded the item. If we purchase an item under a warranty claim, we recognize the difference in the value of the item at its original grade and its re-graded estimated value as a reduction in our warranty reserve. We include the purchased item in our inventory at the re-graded estimated value of the item. We accrue for estimated warranty costs based on historical trends and related experience. Certain warranty claims were received by us in the second quarter and early in third quarter of fiscal 2008 that were significant in relation to our historical claims experience and, as a result, we recognized, in the second quarter of 2008 , an additional expense of $\$ 822,000$ for those claims. We also decided to increase our warranty accrual rate, effective January 1,2008 , to reflect this higher warranty claims experience, and we continue to monitor the adequacy of our warranty reserves on an on-going basis. We include the collectibles we purchase pursuant to our warranty policy in inventory at the re-graded estimated value (as discussed under Inventory Valuation Reserves below). There are a number of factors that can cause the estimated values of such collectibles to change during the period from the respective dates we purchase them and the respective dates on which we sell them. However, once we have classified such items as inventory and they have been held in inventory beyond the end of a fiscal quarter in which we purchased them, we classify any gains or losses on the disposal of such inventory as part of the gain or loss on product sales and not as an adjustment to our warranty reserves.

Inventory Valuation Reserve. Our collectibles inventories are valued at the lower of cost or fair value and have been reduced by an inventory valuation allowance to provide for potential declines in the value of those inventories. The amount of the allowance is determined and is periodically adjusted on the basis of market knowledge, historical experience and estimates concerning future economic conditions or trends that may impact the sale value of the collectibles inventories. Additionally, due to the relative uniqueness of some of the collectibles included in our collectibles inventory, valuation of such collectibles often involves judgments that are more subjective than those that are required when determining the market values of more standardized products due to volatility in the price of precious metal, the condition of the collectible and any specific features of the individual collectible. We review the market values of the collectible on a quarterly basis. Ultimately, we recognize a profit or loss on the actual sale of the collectible relative to its most recent inventory carrying value.

Long-Lived Assets Other Than Goodwill. We regularly conduct reviews of property and equipment and other long-lived assets other than goodwill, including certain identifiable intangibles, for possible impairment. Such

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reviews occur annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable in full. In order to determine if the value of a definite-lived asset is impaired, we make an estimate of the future undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use of that asset and its eventual disposition in order to determine if an impairment loss has occurred. If the projected undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recorded to write down the asset to its estimated fair value. The Company incurred significant operating losses in its jewelry reporting units since the acquisitions of those businesses and the Company recognized initial impairment losses for those businesses of $\$ 11.2$ million in the three months and year ended June 30, 2008 because those businesses had failed to meet management's revenue expectations for them. In the three months ended December 31, 2008, we recognized additional impairment losses of $\$ 4.8$ million in the jewelry grading and authentication businesses and $\$ 1.5$ million to the long-lived assets of our Gemprint business, due to continued uncertainties as to the level of revenues we could expect those businesses to generate in the future, worse than expected financial performance during the first six months of fiscal 2009 and the increasing severity of the economic recession and credit crisis which have adversely affected the future prospects of those businesses. In the three months ended March 31, 2009, we decided to exit the jewelry grading and authentication businesses other than our Gemprint business. As a result, the impairment losses that were attributable to those jewelry businesses in the nine months ended March 31, 2009 have been classified as part of discontinued operations; whereas, the impairment losses attributable to our Gemprint business in the nine months ended March 31, 2009 have been classified as part of our continuing operations.

Goodwill. We test the carrying value of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets on a formal basis at least annually on their respective acquisition anniversary dates, or more frequently if indicators of impairment are determined to exist. We apply a discounted cash flow model or an income approach in determining a fair value that is used to estimate the fair value of the reporting unit on a total basis, which is then compared to the carrying value of the reporting unit. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds the carrying value of the reporting unit, no impairment of goodwill exists as of the measurement date. If the fair value is less than the carrying value, then there is the possibility of goodwill impairment and further testing and re-measurement of goodwill is required. In accordance with GAAP, we considered the diamond and colored gemstone grading businesses as separate reporting units for the purpose of testing separately for the impairment of goodwill. The Company had incurred significant operating losses in those jewelry reporting units since the respective dates of their acquisition and the Company recognized impairment losses for these businesses in the three months and year ended June 30, 2008 because these businesses had failed to meet management's revenue expectations for them. In the three months ended December 31, 2008, due to continued uncertainties as to the future revenues of these businesses, worse than expected financial performance during the first half of fiscal 2009 and the effects on those businesses of the increasing severity of the economic recession and credit crisis, we recognized additional goodwill impairment losses of $\$ 1.4$ million for these businesses at December 31, 2008. Those impairment losses have been classified as part of discontinued operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2009, as a result of our decision to exit these jewelry grading and authentication businesses.

Income Taxes and Deferred Tax Assets. We account for income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes and FASB Interpretation 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ("FIN48"). SFAS No. 109 requires the recording of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future consequences of events that have been recognized in the Company's financial statements or tax returns. Measurement of the deferred items is based on enacted tax laws. In the event the future consequences of differences between financial reporting bases and tax bases of the Company's assets or liabilities result in a deferred tax asset, SFAS No. 109 requires that we evaluate the probability of realizing the future benefits comprising that asset and we review the nature and expected timing of the realization of these assets and the expiration dates for net operating losses or credits, when determining the likelihood of realization. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008, due to the length of time and the extent of the taxable income required to fully realize the deferred tax assets related to impairment losses recognized in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008, and certain California Enterprise Zone Credits, the Company recorded a valuation allowance of approximately $\$ 4.6$ million against deferred tax assets of $\$ 6.0$ million at June 30, 2008. At that time we determined that it was more likely than not that we would realize the tax benefits comprising the remaining $\$ 1.4$ million net deferred tax asset at June 30, 2008. At December 31, 2008, due to the Company recognizing additional impairment losses for its jewelry businesses, and the Company's core profitable operations not meeting short-term expectations, combined with uncertainty as to the performance of those businesses due to the severe economic conditions currently prevailing, management did not recognize any deferred tax assets for the impairment losses recognized in the three months ended December 31, 2008 and, at March 31, 2009, had established valuation allowances against $\$ 1,313,000$ of the $\$ 1,504,000$ of deferred tax assets.

At December 31, 2008, our current assets included a deferred tax asset of $\$ 496,000$ arising out of the tax deductions that were recognized by reason of the compensation expense recorded in connection with the grant of non-employee supplier stock options in 1999. Certain of those options expired unexercised during the three months ended March 31, 2009 and, as a result, the amount of that deferred tax asset was written down by $\$ 433,000$ to $\$ 63,000$ at March 31, 2009. In accordance with SFAS 123R and related interpretations, that write-down has been recognized as a reduction to additional-paid-in capital at March 31, 2009. It is expected that the remainder of these options will expire unexercised because their exercise prices are higher than the Company's current share price. As a result, the remaining $\$ 63,000$ deferred tax asset is expected to be written off as a reduction in additional-paid-in capital in the three months ending June 30, 2009.

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The deferred income tax liability of $\$ 305,000$ recorded on our balance sheet at March 31, 2009 results from timing differences related to goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets that are amortizable for income tax purposes but not for financial reporting purposes under GAAP.

Results of Continuing Operations - Three and Nine Months Ended March 31, 2009 and 2008

## Net Revenues

Net revenues consist primarily of fees that we generate from the authentication and grading of high-value collectibles, including coins, trading cards, autographs and stamps. To a lesser extent, we generate collectibles related service revenues (referred to as "other related revenues") from sales of collectibles club memberships and advertising on our websites and in printed publications and collectibles price guides; subscription-based revenues primarily related to our CCE dealer-to-dealer Internet bid-ask market for coins authenticated and graded by us; and fees earned from promoting, managing and operating collectibles conventions. Net revenues also include, to a significantly lesser extent, revenues from the sales of products, consisting primarily of coins that we purchase under our warranty policy and are not considered to be an integral part of our on-going revenue generating activities.

The following tables breakout total net revenues for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 by product revenues, grading and authentication services revenues, and other related services revenues:


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The following tables set forth certain information regarding the increases (decreases) in net revenues in our larger markets (which are inclusive of revenues from our other related services) and in the number of units graded and authenticated in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008.

Three Months Ended March 31,

(Dollars in thousands)

| Product revenues | $\$$ | 196 | $2.1 \%$ | $\$$ | 21 | $0.2 \%$ | $\$$ | 175 | $833.3 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Coins | 5,489 | $58.9 \%$ | 6,134 | $59.3 \%$ | $(645)$ | $(10.5) \%$ | $(79,500)$ | $(16.4) \%$ |  |
| Trading cards | 1,863 | $20.0 \%$ | 2,226 | $21.5 \%$ | $(363)$ | $(16.3) \%$ | $(54,000)$ | $(16.5) \%$ |  |
| Other (1) | 1,767 | $19.0 \%$ | 1,966 | $19.0 \%$ | $(199)$ | $(10.1) \%$ | $(14,600)$ | $(23.8) \%$ |  |
| Net Revenues | $\$ 9,315$ | $100.0 \%$ | $\$ 10,347$ | $100.0 \%$ | $(1,032)$ | $(10.0) \%$ | $(148,100)$ | $(17.0) \%$ |  |

Nine Months Ended March 31,
20082009 vs. 2008 Increase (Decrease)

|  |  |  | Increase (Decrease) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount of Net |  |  | of Net |  | Revenues |  | Units Processed |
| Revenues | Amount | Revenues | Amount | Percent | Number | Percent |  |

(Dollars in thousands)

| Product revenues | $\$$ | 299 | $1.1 \%$ | $\$ 913$ | $3.0 \%$ | $\$(614)$ | $(67.2) \%$ | - | - |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Coins | 14,752 | $56.4 \%$ | 16,811 | $56.3 \%$ | $(2,059)$ | $(12.3) \%$ | $(119,800)$ | $(10.5) \%$ |  |
| Trading cards | 6,059 | $23.2 \%$ | 6,710 | $22.5 \%$ | $(651)$ | $(9.7) \%$ | $(111,600)$ | $(11.4) \%$ |  |
| Other (1) | 5,064 | $19.3 \%$ | 5,437 | $18.2 \%$ | $(373)$ | $(6.9) \%$ | $(37,600)$ | $(20.0) \%$ |  |
| Net Revenues | $\$ 26,174$ | $100.0 \%$ | $\$ 29,871$ | $100.0 \%$ | $\$(3,697)$ | $(12.4) \%$ | $(269,000)$ | $(11.6) \%$ |  |

(1) Consists of autographs, stamps, CCE subscription business, CFC dealer financing business, and our collectibles convention business.

For the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, our net revenues decreased by $\$ 1,032,000$, or $10.0 \%$, and by $\$ 3,697,000$, or $12.4 \%$, respectively, compared to the corresponding periods of the prior fiscal year. The decrease in net revenues in the three months ended March 31, 2009 was primarily attributable to decreases of $\$ 1,213,000$, or $14.3 \%$, in grading and authentication service fees partially offset by increases of $\$ 6,000$, or $0.3 \%$, in other service related revenues, and $\$ 175,000$ in revenues from product sales of collectible coins. The net revenue decrease in the nine months ended March 31, 2009 was primarily attributable to decreases of $\$ 2,946,000$, or $12.3 \%$, in authentication and grading service fees of $\$ 137,000$, or $2.7 \%$, in other service related revenues, and $\$ 614,000$ in revenues from product sales of collectible coins. As discussed above, revenues from product sales are not considered to be an integral part of the Company's revenue generating activities. Therefore, excluding such product revenues, total service revenues decreased by $11.7 \%$ and $10.6 \%$ in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, respectively, compared to the same respective periods of the prior fiscal year.

Overall, the decreases in authentication and grading revenues were primarily attributable to decreases in grading submissions, which we believe were the result of the continuing economic recession and credit crisis in the United States, which caused declines in confidence among collectibles dealers and their customers.

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Our coin grading and authentication business experienced decreased grading and authentication fees of $\$ 615,000$ or $10.9 \%$ and $\$ 1,815,000$ or $11.8 \%$ in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, respectively, compared to the same periods of the prior year, and was attributable to the general economic conditions currently prevailing and net decreases due to (i) lower coin trade show grading revenues of $\$ 437,000$ or $33 \%$ in the third quarter and $\$ 1,362,000$ or $34 \%$ for the nine months, which we believe was due to the continued high price and a high level of volatility in the price of gold in the three and nine month periods, and (ii) lower modern coin grading revenues, (which can be impacted by specific customer programs in place in a given period) of $\$ 127,000$ or $6 \%$ in the third quarter and $\$ 876,000$ or $17 \%$ in the nine months, due primarily to lower activity combined with higher average service fees earned in the third quarter and lower average service fees earned in the nine months, due to the mix of coins graded and customer programs in the periods; and (iii) a small decrease of $\$ 51,000$ or $2 \%$ in the third quarter and an increase of $\$ 423,000$ or $4 \%$ in the nine months in our vintage coin grading submissions.

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The volumes of our trading card grading and authentication submissions and authentication and grading submissions to our other collectibles authentication and grading units, which primarily authenticate and grade stamps and autographs, also were adversely affected by the continuing economic recession and credit crisis. As a result, revenues generated from trading card submissions declined by $\$ 329,000$, or $17.4 \%$, and by $\$ 569,000$, or $10 \%$, in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, respectively, as compared to the same respective periods of the prior fiscal year; while revenues generated by our other grading and authentication businesses also declined by about $28 \%$ in the third quarter and by about $19 \%$ in the nine months ended March 31, 2009, respectively, as compared to corresponding periods of fiscal 2008.

The decrease in revenues from other related services of $\$ 137,000$ or $2.7 \%$ in the nine months ended March 31, 2009, was primarily attributable to lower collector club revenues as a result of lower club subscription renewals.

## Gross Profit

Gross profit is calculated by subtracting the cost of revenues from net revenues. Gross profit margin is gross profit stated as a percent of net revenues. The costs of authentication and grading revenues consist primarily of labor to authenticate and grade collectibles, production costs, credit card fees, warranty expense, occupancy, security, depreciation, amortization and insurance costs that directly relate to providing authentication and grading services. Cost of revenues also includes printing, other direct costs of the revenues generated by our other non-grading related services and the costs of product revenues, which represent the carrying value of the inventory of products (primarily collectible coins) that we sold and any inventory related reserves, considered necessary. In addition, costs of revenues include stock-based compensation attributable to employees whose compensation is classified as part of the costs of authentication and grading revenues.

Set forth below is information regarding our gross profits in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, 20092008 |  |  |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended March 31, 20092008 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount |  | Gross <br> Profit <br> Margin | Amount |  | Gross <br> Profit <br> Margin | Amounts |  | Gross <br> Profit <br> Margin | Amount |  | Gross <br> Profit <br> Margin |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross profit-products | \$ | (4) | (2.0)\% | \$ | 1 | 4.8\% | \$ | (207) | (69.2)\% | \$ | 86 | 9.4\% |
| Gross profit-services |  | 5,209 | 57.1\% |  | 5,418 | 52.5\% |  | 14,105 | 54.5\% |  | 14,740 | 50.9\% |
| Gross profit-totals | \$ | 5,205 | 55.9\% | \$ | 5,419 | 52.4\% | \$ | 13,898 | 53.1\% | \$ | 14,826 | 49.6\% |

As indicated in the above table, our total gross profit margin increased from $52.4 \%$ and $49.6 \%$ in the three months and nine months ended March 31, 2008, respectively, to $55.9 \%$ and $53.1 \%$ in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, respectively. Excluding the gross profit on product revenues for all periods, which are not an integral part of our core revenues generating activities, and increased warranty costs of $\$ 822,000$ in the first nine months of fiscal 2008 as a result of unexpected claims in significant dollar amounts that arose during that period, the gross profit margin for grading and authentication and other related services were $57.1 \%$ and $54.5 \%$ for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, respectively, compared with $52.5 \%$ and $53.7 \%$ for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2008, respectively. Those improvements in the gross profit margins of our collectibles service businesses are the result primarily of cost reductions implemented in our coin grading business, as a result of a cost reduction program that has been implemented in the first nine months of 2009 in response to an anticipated decline in revenues as a result of the economic recession and credit crisis, partially offset by a lower gross margin on trading card authentication and grading revenues due primarily to the decrease in such revenues in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009.

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Selling and Marketing Expenses
Selling and marketing expenses include advertising and promotions costs, trade-show related expenses, customer service personnel costs, depreciation and third-party consulting costs. Set forth below is information regarding our selling and marketing expenses in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008.

|  | Three Months Ended |  | Nine Months Ended |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March 31, |  | March 31, |  |
|  | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Selling and marketing expenses | $\$ 1,058,000$ | $\$ 1,514,000$ | $\$ 3,304,000$ | $\$ 3,980,000$ |
| Percent of net revenue | $11.4 \%$ | $14.6 \%$ | $12.6 \%$ | $13.3 \%$ |

The decreases of $\$ 456,000$ and $\$ 676,000$, respectively, in selling and marketing expenses in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, as compared to the same periods of fiscal 2008, were primarily attributable to personnel reductions and reductions in the expenses we incurred in providing coin and trading card grading services at trade shows in response to the decline in coin and trading card grading submissions at those shows, as well as changes in the mix of trade shows attended, particularly during the third quarter of 2009. Costs reductions in the first two quarters of the current year, as compared to the same periods of the prior year related to personnel changes that occurred in fiscal 2008, which had the effect of reducing selling and marketing expenses in the fist half of fiscal 2009 relative to the same period of 2008.

## General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative ("G\&A") expenses are comprised primarily of compensation paid to general and administrative personnel, including executive management, finance and accounting and information technology personnel, and facilities management costs, depreciation, amortization and other miscellaneous expenses.

|  | Three Months Ended |  | Nine Months Ended |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March 31, |  | March 31, |  |
|  | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| General and administrative expenses | $\$ 3,086,000$ | $\$ 3,287,000$ | $\$ 9,552,000$ | $\$ 9,900,000$ |
| Percent of net revenues | $33.1 \%$ | $31.8 \%$ | $36.5 \%$ | $33.1 \%$ |

We were able to reduce G\&A expenses by $\$ 201,000$ and $\$ 348,000$ in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 , respectively, as compared to the same three and nine months of fiscal 2008, due primarily to personnel reductions and other cost savings measures implemented during those periods and decreases in stock-based compensation expense of $\$ 188,000$ and $\$ 212,000$, respectively, in the third quarter and first nine months of the current year. Those reductions in G\&A expenses were partially offset by (i) severance costs of approximately $\$ 400,000$ recognized, in the third quarter of fiscal 2009, in connection with the departure of the Company's former chief executive officer and (ii) an increase in technology related legal fees incurred by our Gemprint business. The decreases in stock based compensation expense were due primarily to a reduction in the number of options granted, the vesting of some outstanding stock options and an increase in option forfeitures, during this year's third quarter.

## Amortization of Intangible Assets

Amortization of intangible assets is comprised of amortization of intangible assets that were acquired through acquisitions and amortization of software development costs.

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|  | March 31, |  |  |  | March 31, |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  |  | 2009 | 2008 |  | 2009 | 2008 |  |
| Amortization expense | $\$$ | 253,000 | $\$$ | 202,000 | $\$$ | 717,000 |  |
| Percent of net revenues |  | $2.7 \%$ |  | 543,000 |  |  |  |

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The increase in the amortization expense was primarily related to the amortization of capitalized software costs incurred in connection with the upgrading of computer systems used in our grading businesses, including our autograph and memorabilia grading businesses, for which amortization commenced as the development projects were completed. Although those development projects are now substantially complete, such costs are amortized over a three-year period commencing on the date upgraded software is placed in service. Therefore, we expect to continue recognizing such expenses in subsequent years, but in lesser amounts, as such capitalized costs became fully amortized.

Impairment Losses

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended March 31, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2009 |  |  |
| Impairment losses | \$ | - | \$ |  | 1,516,000 | \$ | - |
| Percent of net revenue |  |  |  |  | 5.8\% |  |  |

The impairment losses in the nine months ended March 31, 2009, are due to the impairment of our Gemprint product. The impairment was the result of continued losses and the continued uncertainty of the timing and magnitude of future revenues and related cash flows that are used in the determination of fair value. Under circumstances in which the fair values of long-lived assets are not recoverable on the basis of future cash flows, or other more applicable fair value methods, we record impairment losses such that the carrying values of these assets reflect their current estimate of fair values. Impairment losses for this product had already been recorded in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 (see further discussion under Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates: Long-Lived Assets Other Than Goodwill and Goodwill).

## Stock-Based Compensation

As discussed in Note 1 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, in accordance with SFAS 123(R) the Company recognized the following stock-based compensation expenses in the periods presented below:

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Included in: |  | 2009 |  | 2008 |  | 2009 |  | 2008 |
| Cost of revenues | \$ | 78,000 | \$ | 91,000 | \$ | 230,000 | \$ | 195,000 |
| Selling and marketing expenses |  | - |  | - |  |  |  | $(7,000)$ |
| General and administrative expenses |  | 29,000 |  | 217,000 |  | 402,000 |  | 614,000 |
|  | \$ | 107,000 | \$ | 308,000 | \$ | 632,000 | \$ | 802,000 |

Stock-based compensation expense is recorded over the vesting period, or the service period, of the stock-based award. The decreases in stock-based compensation expense in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, primarily related to the stock options being fully vested and less option grants in recent periods, as well as forfeitures due to the departure of the Company's former Chief Executive Officer.

Stock-based compensation expense in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 also reflects a forfeiture rate of $5 \%$, compared to $9 \%$ for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2008. Such change in the forfeiture rate on stock awards was recognized in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008.

The total amount of compensation cost related to non-vested awards not yet recognized at March 31, 2009 was $\$ 288,000$, which is expected to be recognized as compensation expense through fiscal 2012, as set forth in the following table, assuming the employees to whom those awards were granted continue to be employed by us. However, such amounts do not include the effect on compensation costs of any additional stock awards that may be granted in the future or any changes that may occur in the applicable forfeiture percentage.


Interest Income, Net

|  | Three Months Ended <br> March 31, |  | Nine Months Ended <br> March 31, |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2009 |  | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Interest Income, <br> net | $\$ 53,000$ | $\$ 238,000$ | $\$ 252,000$ | $\$$ | 978,000 |
| Percent of net <br> revenue | $0.5 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ |  |

Interest income is generated on cash and cash equivalent balances that we invest primarily in highly liquid money market accounts, and short-term tax-free securities. Interest income, net was $\$ 53,000$ and $\$ 252,000$ in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, respectively, compared with $\$ 238,000$ and $\$ 978,000$, respectively, in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2008. These decreases in interest income were primarily attributable to (i) a shift of our cash and cash equivalent balances into lower yielding government guaranteed money market funds; (ii) a decrease in our average cash balances in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, compared to the three and nine months ended March 31, 2008, due to our use of a portion of our available cash to fund payments of quarterly dividends and capital expenditures; and (iii) a decrease in interest rates earned on our cash and cash equivalent balances in the nine months ended March 31, 2009, compared to the nine months ended March 31, 2008, due to reductions in prevailing market rates of interest as a result of actions taken by the Federal Reserve Board in response to the increased severity of the economic recession and credit crisis.

Income Tax Expense

|  |  | Three Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended March 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2009 |  | 2008 |  | 2009 |  |  | 08 |
| Provision for income taxes | \$ | 109,000 | \$ | 384,000 | \$ | 1,319,000 | \$ |  | 62,000 |

The income tax expense recognized for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2008 reflected a tax expense at the effective tax rate for those periods. The income tax provision of $\$ 109,00$ and $\$ 1,319,000$ for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 reflected valuation allowances established against the Company's deferred tax assets due to uncertainty as to the realization of such deferred tax assets. In accordance with SFAS 109, all such valuation

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allowances for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, are attributable to continuing operations. See further discussion under Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates: Income Tax and Deferred Tax Assets.

Discontinued Operations

|  | Three Months Ended <br> March 31, |  | Nine Months Ended <br> March 31, |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 |

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The loss from discontinued operations for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, primarily reflects (i) losses recognized on the closure of our jewelry grading businesses in the third quarter of fiscal 2009;
(ii) impairment losses recognized at December 31, 2008 to the carrying values of long lived assets and goodwill of our jewelry businesses; (iii) losses incurred from the on-going operations of our jewelry businesses through the date of closure, which was March 2, 2009; and (iv) the discontinued operations of our currency business through the date of sale, which was February 4, 2009. No income tax benefits were recognized in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, due to uncertainly as to the realization of deferred tax assets in future periods. See "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates--Long-Lived Assets Other Than Goodwill-Goodwill and Income Taxes and Deferred Tax Assets" above for a discussion of the impairment losses to the carrying values of our jewelry businesses recognized at December 31, 2008.

The loss from discontinued operations for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2008, reflects the losses from the operations of our discontinued businesses through March 31, 2008, offset by income tax benefits recognized in those periods.

The losses from the on-going operations of our discontinued businesses were approximately $\$ 1,361,000$ and $\$ 4,403,000$ in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009, compared with approximately $\$ 1,957,000$ and $\$ 5,270,000$ before income tax benefits in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2008. The decline in such losses in this year's third quarter is primarily attributable to the fact that we implemented cost reductions in those businesses, earlier in the year, in an attempt to reduce the operating losses of those businesses; however, due to declines in revenues, our cost reduction efforts were substantially offset by the reduction in revenues.

Impairment losses recognized in the nine months ended March 31, 2009 related to our jewelry grading businesses (excluding the Gemprint business, which the Company will continue to operate) were approximately $\$ 6,179,000$. As a result of the recognition of those impairment losses, the remaining carrying values of the goodwill and intangible assets of those businesses were written down to zero at December 31, 2008.

Estimated losses of approximately $\$ 4,183,000$ on, primarily, the closure of our jewelry businesses were recognized in the nine months ended March 31, 2009 and comprised of operating lease accruals of approximately $\$ 3,110,000$, estimated losses on the disposal of the assets of our jewelry businesses of approximately $\$ 734,000$ and approximately $\$ 339,000$ of severance costs incurred. The estimated lease loss accruals of $\$ 3,110,000$ reflects the estimated loss associated with exiting our facility leases for both our former diamond and colored gemstone laboratories at March 31, 2009. Such accrual, on a discounted basis, reflects the estimated time to lease the spaces based on our estimate of current market rates for rent for the remainder of the lease periods. Management is in the process of seeking prospective subtenants for these spaces, and will re-evaluate its estimated loses and update the lease accrual, as considered necessary for those lease commitments as new information becomes available. Approximately $\$ 4,181,000$ of those losses, which included $\$ 31,000$ of losses in connection with the sale of our currency grading business, were recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2009.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

At March 31, 2009, we had cash and cash equivalents of approximately $\$ 20,771,000$, as compared to cash and cash equivalents of \$23,345,000 at June 30, 2008.

Historically, we have relied on internally-generated funds, rather than borrowings, as our primary source of funds to support our grading operations.

During the nine months ended March 31, 2009, our operating activities from continuing operations generated cash of $\$ 2,736,000$, reflecting income from continuing operations, as adjusted for non-cash expenses (including impairment losses), and changes in current assets and current liabilities, due to the timing of activities during the nine month
period.
Discontinued operations used cash of $\$ 5,523,000$ in the nine months ended March 31, 2009, which principally consisted of (i) losses arising from the discontinuance of the jewelry grading businesses of $\$ 14,765,000$, adjusted for non-cash items that included $\$ 6,179,000$ of impairment losses and the $\$ 3,110,000$ lease accrual discussed above; and (ii) the timing of the payment of costs incurred and severance obligations in connection with the closure of the jewelry grading businesses. We expect that cash used by our discontinued operations will decline significantly in future periods, primarily because a substantial portion of the costs of closing the jewelry grading businesses were recognized in this year's third quarter, although there will continue to be cash obligations associated with facility lease obligations (see Outstanding Finance Obligation: Discontinued Operations below).

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Investing activities generated net cash of $\$ 2,626,000$ during the nine months ended March 31, 2009 and consisted primarily of $\$ 2,436,000$ of net cash generated by CFC notes receivable collections, and cash generated from collection of receivables from discontinued operations of $\$ 489,000$, of which $\$ 420,000$ was related to the sales of the jewelry and currency grading businesses, which were partially offset by capitalized software costs of $\$ 249,000$.

In the nine months ended March 31, 2009, financing activities used net cash of $\$ 2,413,000$, related to the payment of cash dividends of $\$ 2,091,000$ to stockholders and the repurchase of $\$ 484,000$ of common stock from the Company's former Chief Executive Officer, partially offset by proceeds of $\$ 161,000$ from the sale of common stock to two of our directors.

## Outstanding Financial Obligations

## Continuing Operations

In December 2008, the Company obtained an extension, through March 2019, of its operating lease for its corporate headquarters offices in Santa Ana, California. The amended lease, which became effective in February 2009, provides for (i) a reduction in the square footage leased by the Company, (ii) a reduction in the base rental rate per square foot for the first four years of the term of the amended lease and (iii) a contribution by the landlord of up to $\$ 200,000$ toward tenant improvements. In accordance with GAAP, the Company recognizes the rent expense on a straight-line basis over the rental period.

We had the following financial obligations under operating leases, net of sublease income, at March 31, 2009:

| Fiscal Year | Net <br> Amount |  | Sublease Income |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2009 (remaining 3 months) | \$ | 333,000 | \$ | 9,000 |
| 2010 |  | 966,000 |  | 52,000 |
| 2011 |  | 945,000 |  | 46,000 |
| 2012 |  | 960,000 |  | 47,000 |
| 2013 |  | 941,000 |  | 49,000 |
| Thereafter |  | 5,792,000 |  | 269,000 |
|  | \$ | 9,937,000 | \$ | 472,000 |

## Discontinued Operations

At March 31, 2009, the Company had the following financial obligations under operating leases, for two facilities leased in New York City, for its former jewelry grading businesses through December 31, 2017.

| Fiscal Year | Amount |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 2009 (remaining 3 months) | $\$$ | 284,000 |
| 2010 |  | 867,000 |
| 2011 |  | 903,000 |
| 2012 | 941,000 |  |
| 2013 | 981,000 |  |
| Thereafter | $4,086,000$ |  |
|  | $\$ 8,062,000$ |  |
| Less: Accrual at March 31, 2009 | $(3,414,000)$ |  |
|  | $\$$ | $4,648,000$ |

At March 31, 2009, the Company recognized a non-cash loss of approximately $\$ 3,110,000$ associated with these lease obligations and directly-related costs, which together with the accrual for straight-line rent recognized in previous periods, equaled a total accrual of $\$ 3,740,000$ recognized at March 31, 2009.

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The cash payments required under the leases will be in accordance with the lease obligations schedule above. As discussed in Note 7 (entitled "Discontinued Operations") to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Discontinued Operations under Results of Operations, the amount of the rent under these two leases accrued at March 31, 2009 was determined by estimating, on a discounted basis, the time period to sublet the facilities and the rents at which those facilities can be sublet, based on estimated current market rental rates set forth in market analysis that we obtained from a third-party real estate valuation firm.

The Company has begun marketing these facilities to prospective subtenants and is in the process of engaging a commercial real estate broker, familiar with the rental market in New York City, for this purpose. Due to current economic conditions, there has been a substantial increase in available rental space in commercial buildings and a decline in market rental rates, which increases the difficulty of subletting these facilities. As a result, the estimates we made to establish the amount of the rent accrual will be reviewed and updated if necessary to take account of any changes in our current estimated loss.

With the exception of those obligations, we do not have any material financial obligations, such as long-term debt or capital lease or purchase obligations.

Dividends. The Company's dividend policy, through September 26, 2008, called for the payment of quarterly cash dividends of $\$ 0.25$ per common share and, in accordance with that policy, dividends in an aggregate amount of $\$ 2,091,000$ were paid to stockholders in the nine months ended March 31, 2009.

On September 26, 2008, the Board of Directors suspended the payment of future cash dividends based on its determination that, due to market and economic conditions, including the liquidity crisis in the United States, the prudent course of action would be to preserve the Company's cash resources. At the same time, the Board of Directors declared a $10 \%$ stock dividend on the Company's outstanding shares, which was distributed on November 3, 2008 to all stockholders of record as of October 20, 2008.

Stock Buyback Program. At March 31, 2009, the Company continued to have approximately $\$ 3.7$ million remaining under its buyback program. In the three months ended December 31, 2008, the Company repurchased approximately 120,000 shares under this program due to an involuntary sale of shares by its Chief Executive Officer, at a cost of approximately $\$ 484,000$. At the same time two directors purchased an aggregate of 40,000 shares for an aggregate amount of $\$ 161,000$.

Future Uses and Sources of Cash. We plan to use our cash resources, consisting of available cash and cash equivalent balances, together with internally generated cash flows, to, (i) introduce new services for our customers; (ii) fund working capital requirements; and (iii) fund obligations associated with our discontinued businesses, and for other general corporate purposes. In addition, as the Company expects its continuing operations to generate positive cash flow in future periods, the Company will evaluate its total cash requirements to fund operations in future periods and will evaluate all alternatives for the use of our cash balances. Although we have no current plans to do so, we also may seek borrowings and we may issue additional shares of our stock to finance the growth of our grading businesses. However, due to the economic recession and the credit crisis in the United States, there is no assurance that we would be able to obtain such borrowings or generate additional capital on terms acceptable to the Company, if at all.

## Risks and Uncertainties That Could Affect Our Future Financial Performance

There are a number of risks and uncertainties to which our continuing and discontinued business operations are subject that could affect our future operating results and financial condition and which could cause our future operating results to differ materially from those expected at the present time. Those risks and uncertainties include,
but are not limited to:

- a worsening of the current banking and credit crisis in the United States, or worsening conditions in the collectibles markets in which we operate, including a possible decline in the popularity of some high-value collectibles, any of which could reduce the volume of authentication and grading submissions to us and, therefore, the grading fees we generate;


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- a lack of diversity in our sources of revenues and, more particularly, our dependence on collectible coin authentication and grading for a significant percentage of our total revenues, which makes us more vulnerable to adverse changes in economic conditions affecting the collectible coin market, including volatility in the prices of gold and other precious metals or recessionary or other conditions that could lead to reduced coin and other collectibles submissions or trade show activities that would, in turn, result in reductions in our revenues and income;
- our dependence on certain key executives and collectibles experts, the loss of the services of any of which could adversely affect our ability to obtain authentication and grading submissions and, therefore, could harm our operating results;
- the risk that we will be unable to sublet the laboratory and office facilities that had been occupied by our jewelry grading businesses within the time period and at the rental rates that we used to determine our estimated lease loss accruals for those facilities, which would adversely affect our cash flows more significantly by reducing the amount of rent we could realize from the subletting of those facilities and, therefore, require us to increase the loss accrual for those facilities as arising from the discontinuance of our jewelry grading businesses;
- the fact that for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 and the nine months ended March 31, 2009, our six largest coin authentication and grading customers accounted, in the aggregate, for approximately $11 \%$ and $13 \%$ of our net revenues, respectively, which means that the loss of one or more of those customers, or a significant reduction in their grading submissions to us, could result in a decline in our revenues and adversely affecting our results of operations;
- the risk that competition from other collectibles' authentication and grading companies will increase, which would result in reductions in collectibles submissions to us or could require us to reduce the prices we charge for our services, either of which could result in reductions in our revenue and income;
- the risks that we will incur unanticipated liabilities under our authentication and grading warranties and that warranty claims will increase to a higher level than in the past such that we will have to increase our warranty accruals to cover potential higher claims in the future, either of which would increase our operating expenses and reduce our operating income;
- the risk that newer collectibles service offerings and business initiatives, such as autograph and stamps, will not gain market acceptance;
- the risks that we will encounter problems with or failures of our computer systems that would interrupt our services or result in loss of data that we need for our business;
- the potential of increased government regulation of our businesses that could cause operating costs to increase; and
- the risks involved in acquiring existing or commencing new authentication and grading businesses, including the risks that we will be unable to successfully integrate new businesses into our operations; that new businesses may not gain market acceptance; that business expansion may result in a costly diversion of management time and resources from our existing businesses and increase our operating expenses; that we will not achieve adequate returns on the investments we may make in acquiring other or establishing any new businesses, which would reduce our profitability or cause us to incur losses.

Certain of these risks and uncertainties, as well as other risks, are more fully described above in this Section of this Report (entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations"), and in Item 1A of Part 1, entitled "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, as filed with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and investors are urged to read that section of that Annual Report.

Due to these and other possible uncertainties and risks, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this Report, which speak only as of the date of this Report. We also disclaim any obligation to update forward-looking statements contained in this Report or in our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) Financial Accounting Standard (FAS) 157-4, Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly. Based on the guidance, if an entity determines that the level of activity for an asset or liability has significantly decreased and that a transaction is not orderly, further analysis of transactions or quoted prices is needed, and a significant adjustment to the transaction or quoted prices may be necessary to estimate fair value in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157 Fair Value Measurements. This FSP is to be applied prospectively and is effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009 with early adoption permitted for periods ending after March 15, 2009. The company will adopt this FSP for its quarter ending June 30, 2009. There is no expected impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2 Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments. The guidance applies to investments in debt securities for which other-than-temporary impairments may be recorded. If an entity's management asserts that it does not have the intent to sell a debt security and it is more likely than not that it will not have to sell the security before recovery of its cost basis, then an entity may separate other-than-temporary impairments into two components: 1) the amount related to credit losses (recorded in earnings), and 2) all other amounts (recorded in other comprehensive income). This FSP is to be applied prospectively and is effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009 with early adoption permitted for periods ending after March 15, 2009. The company will adopt this FSP for its quarter ending June 30, 2009. There is no expected impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP FAS 107-1 and Accounting Principles Board (APB) 28-1 Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments. The FSP amends SFAS No. 107 Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments to require an entity to provide disclosures about fair value of financial instruments in interim financial information. This FSP is to be applied prospectively and is effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009 with early adoption permitted for periods ending after March 15, 2009. The company will include the required disclosures, if any, in its quarter ending June 30, 2009.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations, which became effective January 1, 2009 via prospective application to business combinations. This Statement requires that the acquisition method of accounting be applied to a broader set of business combinations, amends the definition of a business combination, provides a definition of a business, requires an acquirer to recognize an acquired business at its fair value at the acquisition date and requires the assets and liabilities assumed in a business combination to be measured and recognized at their fair values as of the acquisition date (with limited exceptions). The company will adopt this Statement on July 1, 2009. The impact upon adoption and its effects on future periods will depend on the nature and significance of business combinations subject to this statement.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP FAS 141(R)-1, Accounting for Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed in a Business Combination That Arise from Contingencies. This FSP requires that assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination that arise from contingencies be recognized at fair value if fair value can be reasonably estimated. If fair value cannot be reasonably estimated, the asset or liability would generally be recognized in accordance with SFAS No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies and FASB Interpretation No. 14, Reasonable Estimation

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of the Amount of a Loss. Further, the FASB removed the subsequent accounting guidance for assets and liabilities arising from contingencies from SFAS No. 141(R). The requirements of this FSP carry forward without significant revision the guidance on contingencies of SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations, which was superseded by SFAS No. 141(R) (see previous paragraph). The FSP also eliminates the requirement to disclose an estimate of the range of possible outcomes of recognized contingencies at the acquisition date. For unrecognized contingencies, the FASB requires that entities include only the disclosures required by SFAS No. 5. This FSP will be adopted effective July 1, 2009. The impact upon adoption and its effects on future periods will depend on the nature and significance of business combinations subject to this statement.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 142-3, "Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets". The FSP states that in developing assumptions about renewal or extension options used to determine the useful life of an intangible asset, an entity needs to consider its own historical experience adjusted for entity-specific factors. In the absence of that experience, an entity shall consider the assumptions that market participants would use about renewal or extension options. This FSP is to be applied to intangible assets acquired after January 1, 2009. The adoption of this FSP did not have an impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## ITEM 2A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market risk represents the risk of loss that may impact our financial position, results of operations or cash flows due to adverse changes in financial market prices, including interest rate risk, foreign currency exchange rate risk, commodity price risk and other relevant market rate or price risks.

Due to the cash and cash equivalent balances that we maintain, we are exposed to risk of changes in short-term interest rates. At March 31, 2009, we had approximately $\$ 20,771,000$ in cash and cash equivalents, primarily invested in low-yield money-market funds that invest in government-guaranteed securities. Reductions in short-term interest rates could result in reductions in the amount of that income. However, the impact on our operating results of such changes is not expected to be material.

The Company has no activities that would expose it to foreign currency exchange rate risk or commodity price risks.

## ITEM 3. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including our CEO and CFO, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, our management recognized that any system of controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, as ours are designed to do, and management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

In connection with the preparation of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our CEO and CFO, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Based on that evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended March 31,2009 , that has materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There were no material changes in the risk factors that were disclosed under the caption "Risk Factors" in Part IA of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, except for the addition of the following risk factor set forth above under the caption "Risks and Uncertainties That Could Affect Our Future Financial Performance" in Item 2 of Part I of this Report.

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## ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Estimated losses of approximately $\$ 4,183,000$ on primarily the closure of our jewelry businesses were recognized in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2009 and comprised lease accruals of approximately $\$ 3,110,000$, estimated losses on the disposal of the assets of our jewelry businesses of approximately $\$ 734,000$ and approximately $\$ 339,000$ of severance costs incurred. The estimated lease accruals of $\$ 3,110,000$ reflects the estimated loss associated with exiting our facility leases for both our former diamond and colored gemstone laboratories at March 31, 2009. Such accrual, on a discounted basis, reflects the estimated time to lease the spaces based on our estimate of current market rates for rent for the remainder of the lease periods. Management is in the process of seeking prospective subtenants for these spaces, and will re-evaluate its estimated loses and update the lease accrual, as considered necessary for those lease commitments as new information becomes available.

## ITEMEXHIBITS

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(a) Exhibits:

Exhibit 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
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$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Exhibit } & \text { Separation Agreement and Mutual Release dated as of March 16, } 2009 \text { between the Company and } \\ 10.99 & \text { Michael R. Haynes }\end{array}$ 10.99 Michael R. Haynes

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement 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.

|  |  | COLLECTORS UNIVERSE, INC. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date: | May 11, 2009 | /s/ MICHAEL J. MCCONNELL |
|  |  | Michael J. McConnell |
|  |  | Chief Executive Officer |
|  |  | COLLECTORS UNIVERSE, INC. |
| Date: | May 11, 2009 | /s/ JOSEPH J. WALLACE |
|  |  | Joseph J. Wallace |
|  |  | Chief Financial Officer |

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