

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES INC

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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION. DATED JULY 19, 2005.**

**PROSPECTUS**

**9,850,000 Shares  
Common Stock**

This is a public offering of our shares of common stock. All of the shares are being sold by the selling shareholders identified in this prospectus. In connection with this offering, certain of our optionholders are exercising options to purchase the shares that they are selling in this offering. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of shares by the selling shareholders other than proceeds from the exercise of these options. Concurrently with this offering, certain selling shareholders are selling in a private placement an aggregate of \$75.0 million of our shares at the public offering price to investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic LLC. The closing of the private placement is expected to occur concurrently with the closing of this offering.

Our common stock is quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol NOUT.OB. The last reported sale price of our common stock on July 14, 2005 was \$18.00 per share. We currently expect the public offering price to be between \$18.00 and \$20.00 per share. Our common stock has been approved for quotation on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol UEPS.

**Investing in our common stock involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 11 to read about factors you should consider before buying shares of our common stock.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

	Per Share	Total
Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to selling shareholders	\$	\$

We have granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional 1,477,500 shares of common stock to cover over-allotments at the public offering price less underwriting discounts and commissions.

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares to purchasers on \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

**Morgan Stanley**

**JPMorgan**

**Robert W. Baird & Co.**

**Jefferies & Company, Inc.**

**Thomas Weisel Partners LLC**

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. Neither we nor the selling shareholders have authorized anyone to provide you with different information. The selling shareholders are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of our shares of common stock.

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**PROSPECTUS SUMMARY**

*You should read the following summary together with the entire prospectus, including the more detailed information in our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes as well as the unaudited interim financial information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. You should consider carefully, among other matters, the matters we discuss in Risk Factors. All references in this prospectus to we, us, or our are references to Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, collectively, except as otherwise indicated or where the context indicates otherwise. All references in this prospectus to Net 1 are to Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc., all references to New Aplitec are to Net 1 Applied Technologies South Africa Limited and all references to Aplitec are to Net 1 Applied Technology Holdings Limited. All dollar amounts referred to in this prospectus are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated. As of July 14, 2005, the exchange rate for South African Rand to U.S. dollars was ZAR 6.67 = US\$1.00.*

**Our Company**

We provide our universal electronic payment system, or UEPS, as an alternative payment system for the unbanked and under-banked populations of developing economies. We believe that we are the first company worldwide to implement a system that can enable the estimated four billion people who generally have limited or no access to a bank account to enter affordably into electronic transactions with each other, government agencies, employers, merchants and other financial service providers. To accomplish this, we have developed and deployed the UEPS. This system uses secure smart cards that operate in real-time but offline, unlike traditional payment systems offered by major banking institutions that require immediate access through a communications network to a centralized computer. This offline capability means that users of our system can enter into transactions at any time with other card holders in even the most remote areas so long as a portable offline smart card reader is available. In addition to payments and purchases, our system can be used for banking, health care management, international money transfers, voting and identification.

Our technology is widely used in South Africa today. We have over 3.3 million clients in five provinces who receive social welfare grants using our smart cards. We have started to implement our UEPS for employers to pay wages and provide financial services to their employees. In addition, we are working closely with non-governmental organizations to deploy our new medical application into a number of hospitals and clinics. This application of our system is used to administer the treatment of HIV/ AIDS and other high-risk diseases, record patient progress and manage drug inventory.

Recently, Cell C (Proprietary) Limited, a mobile telephone service provider in South Africa, chose our solution as the transaction payment system for its planned roll-out of approximately 52,000 public cellular pay phones that will provide lower income consumers with telephone access at reduced rates. We believe the implementation of this project could provide us with up to 10,000 access points through which we will be able to market and sell our financial products. This deployment is part of a government initiative for the empowerment of small businesses in rural and semi-urban areas of South Africa.

Outside of South Africa, the Reserve Bank of Malawi has implemented our solution as a national payment system. To date, seven local financial institutions and BP p.l.c., a bulk fuel supplier, are using our system for transaction switching and settlement. We have deployed smaller, more limited versions of our system in Burundi, Ghana, Latvia, Mozambique, Rwanda, and Zimbabwe.

Unlike a traditional credit or debit card where the operation of the account occurs on a centralized computer, each of our smart cards effectively operates similar to an individual bank account in the case of financial services or an individual record management system in the case of medical services. All transactions that take place through our system occur between two smart cards at the point of service, or POS, with all of the relevant information necessary to perform and record a transaction held on the smart cards.

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The transfer of money or other information can take place without any communication with a centralized computer since all validation, creation of audit records, encryption, decryption and authorization take place on, or are generated between, the smart cards themselves. Importantly, the cards are protected through the use of biometric fingerprint identification, which is designed to ensure the security of funds and card holder information. Transactions are generally settled by merchants and other commercial participants in the system by sending the transaction data to a mainframe computer on a batch basis. Settlement can be performed online or offline. The mainframe computer provides a central database of transactions, creating a complete audit trail that enables us to replace lost smart cards while preserving the notional account balance, and to identify fraud.

We generate our revenues by charging transaction fees to government agencies, employers, merchants and other financial service providers, by providing financial services such as loans and by selling hardware, software and related technology. In South African rand, our revenues and operating income increased by 32% and 39%, respectively, from fiscal 2003 to 2004, and by 29% and 34%, respectively, from fiscal 2002 to 2003. In South African rand, our revenues and operating income increased 31% and 62%, respectively, for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, as compared to the nine months ended March 31, 2004. We believe this growth reflects the accelerating adoption of our solution.

**Market Opportunity**

According to the United States Census Bureau, the world's population currently exceeds 6.4 billion people. Yet of this total, it has been reported that over four billion people earn less than the purchasing parity equivalent of two dollars per day. In general, these people either have no bank account or very limited access to banking services. This situation arises when banking fees are too high relative to an individual's income, a bank account provides little meaningful benefit or there is insufficient infrastructure to provide banking services economically in the individual's geographical market. We refer to these people as the unbanked and the under-banked. These individuals generally receive wages, welfare benefits or loans in the form of cash and conduct commercial transactions, including buying food and clothing, in cash.

The use of cash, however, presents significant problems. In the case of recipients, they generally have no secure way of protecting that cash other than by converting it immediately into goods, carrying it with them or hiding it. In cases where an individual has access to a bank account, deposit, withdrawal and account fees meaningfully reduce the money available to meet basic needs. For government agencies and employers, using cash to pay welfare benefits or wages results in significant expense due to the logistics of obtaining that cash, moving it to distribution points and protecting it from theft.

The use of cash or lack of access to a bank account can dramatically increase the cost to, and in some cases completely prevent, individuals from engaging in basic financial transactions. These basic transactions include the routine payment of insurance premiums, the transfer of money to relatives and the use of credit. Without a bank account, it is also difficult for an individual to obtain a loan on attractive terms since that individual lacks a credit history and usually cannot present a reliable means of repayment to the lender.

For governments, assistance programs face significant challenges when dependent on the use of cash. In addition to the costs and difficulties of using cash, corruption becomes an even more challenging problem since there is no clear audit trail. In fact, the absence of an electronic system for the distribution of goods, including foodstuff or medicine, or welfare benefits presents a significant obstacle to ensuring the fair and reliable implementation of government policy or deployment of foreign aid.

Traditional payment systems offered today by the major banking institutions do not address the key requirements of the unbanked and the under-banked populations. In addition to the high cost of maintaining a bank account relative to a customer's income level, customers must generally have basic literacy, administrative and record-keeping abilities and a minimum income level. Additionally, banks operate through online transaction settlement systems, which are often unavailable or costly to implement in undeveloped areas. Finally, having a bank account does not eliminate the need for significant quantities of cash in many instances because customers must withdraw large sums at one time to avoid incremental transaction fees.

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**Our Solution**

We believe that we are the first company to enable the affordable delivery of financial products and services to the world's unbanked and under-banked people. Our approach takes full advantage of moving processing away from a centralized point to the computer chip embedded on a smart card. A smart card reader or other POS device is used to enable communication between smart cards in real-time during a transaction and indirectly with our mainframe computer at a later time. This architecture has significant implications in terms of the products and services that we can deliver compared to those offered by banking institutions or other card providers.

First, our system enables offline transactions, which is essential in serving the unbanked and under-banked. Second, it means that while offline, the smart card can engage in sophisticated transaction processing, using data encryption and biometric fingerprint protection to ensure security. In fact, our smart cards can calculate the interest owed to the card holder for having funds recorded onto our system without ever coming online. Third, with all of the software and transaction records on the smart card, the POS device itself requires far fewer components, circuitry and memory, substantially reducing costs. Fourth, each transaction is recorded on both participating smart cards, copied in subsequent transactions to additional smart cards, and ultimately reported to our mainframe computer. This creates a full audit trail that significantly reduces the potential for corruption, theft and fraud. Lastly, instead of having to build the overall system to handle peak loads, our system further reduces costs by smoothing the transaction flow over time.

We believe that our solution delivers benefits to each of the users of our system, including:

*Individuals.* There is no minimum income requirement for individuals to use our smart card, making our solution universally accessible. It is also inexpensive since the overall cost of the system is much less than widely available solutions, including cash, bank accounts and bank cards that require online access. Our solution additionally has the advantage of working everywhere, including remote areas where many unbanked and under-banked people live. Even more importantly, our solution is secure and smart cards are replaceable. This means that individuals do not have to fear that their money will be stolen or that they will be charged for fraudulent transactions. Since the smart card performs all of the required processing and contains all of the different service features, the smart card can be tailored to meet the needs of the individual. Card holders can also receive interest on their card balances, a benefit not available to them when transacting solely in cash. We believe our solution has the potential to enhance significantly the living standards of the unbanked and under-banked by reducing transaction costs and providing them with new and additional financial products and services.

*Merchants and Financial Service Providers.* Merchants derive several different benefits from our system. Our system decreases the amount of cash they must hold, improving security and reducing expenses. In addition, it provides a record of transactions that is useful for administrative purposes. For instance, by providing financial services through our POS devices, merchants benefit from new income streams at no additional incremental cost. For formal financial service providers, the use of smart cards provides opportunities to directly sell products and services to a market that was previously difficult to reach. For instance, insurance companies can offer their products with the premium deducted directly from the individual's smart card. In the case of lending, administrative costs are decreased along with the expense of holding cash. Again, the collection of payments can occur directly from the smart card, reducing credit risk and helping to establish credit history.

*Employers.* Our system enables employers to eliminate cash from the wage payment process. This reduces expenses by avoiding cash handling and management, the need to insure or transport that cash and the bank transaction fees associated with obtaining cash in the first place. The process of paying employees using cash is also time consuming, taking up to half a day per pay period in some instances. The use of our system eliminates this process and thereby increases productivity. In addition, because cash payments are distributed in packets to employees, disputes can arise as to the amount of cash in the packet. Our system also eliminates this problem since the amount reflected on the card holders' accounts are recorded on the back-end system and then distributed on the smart cards. Finally, employers frequently provide

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additional services to their employees out of necessity, particularly loans. Our system enables other service providers to deliver these products.

*Government Agencies.* A fundamental policy goal for almost any government is to enhance the welfare of the poorest citizens in the country. Yet the use of cash is a poor method for delivering social welfare grants since it is difficult to track, and the recipients endure a range of expenses and dangers that reduce their options. By using our system, government agencies enjoy reduced costs in the delivery of benefits to recipients by eliminating the use of cash while increasing the options available to the recipient. This use of our system intrinsically increases the welfare that government agencies can provide from the same amount of taxes collected. Our system also has the potential to increase the amount of taxes collected by bringing informal businesses into the formal economy. The presence of a full audit trail also means that government agencies can combat corruption. Moreover, the use of smart cards for the delivery of additional services, including insurance products, means that regulatory bodies can expand their oversight of transactions for individuals who are frequently least able to protect themselves. In regard to medical benefits, our system provides comprehensive inventory management and has the potential to improve the treatment of patients significantly. For instance, we have deployed an artificial intelligence program on our smart cards used for the treatment of HIV/ AIDS in South Africa that can be used to adjust a patient's prescription based on data entered by a trained medical worker through the POS device.

**Our Business Strengths**

We believe our business strengths include:

*Technology Leadership.* We believe we are the first company to develop, implement and operate an affordable, flexible and secure electronic payment system for the unbanked and under-banked that works offline. Of equal importance, our smart cards have a broad range of additional functionality through the use of wallets that can be turned on as needed or as services become available. We can deliver these services to the population at a fraction of the cost of traditional systems. Our ability to implement an HIV/ AIDS system on the same smart card as financial services demonstrates the flexibility of our approach. In addition, we have validated the security of our smart cards along with our overall system, forming the foundation for a trusted solution. Independent third parties have reviewed and published our security protocols and we have refined our system in a way to provide system integrity over the life of the smart cards. From our inception in 1989 to date, we have not suffered any security breaches or losses of transactions or funds on our system.

*Proven Solution.* Our system is proven and has been increasingly used. Today over 3.3 million clients in South Africa receive monthly welfare or pension payments through our system under contracts with five provinces. Historically, welfare and pension recipients would only download cash from smart cards, but these recipients increasingly choose to use their smart cards at merchant locations, which generates additional revenue for us. During the nine months ended March 31, 2005, the rate of client purchases using our smart cards rather than merely downloading the value for cash grew at a compounded monthly growth rate of 71% while the value of those transactions grew at a compounded monthly growth rate of 60%. As of March 31, 2005, we had 2,406 POS devices installed at 1,441 participating retail merchants. For the nine months ended March 31, 2005, the total value of transactions processed through our UEPS merchant network was approximately \$59.7 million. During the nine months following our implementation of these retail merchant POS devices in July 2004, the percentage of transactions which consisted of merchant purchases, as opposed to cash downloading only, increased from approximately 0% to approximately 23% of the total number of processed transactions.

*Versatile Application.* Once an individual begins using our smart card, we become a logical provider of a broad range of additional products and services. For instance, a card holder using our system for the administration of medical treatment can also use the same smart card for receiving welfare payments or wages as well as making purchases. Because use of each smart card is secured biometrically, the smart card can also be used for identification and voting. These additional uses mean that once we have enrolled

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and delivered a smart card to an individual, our revenue potential increases significantly beyond the initial service for which that individual has signed up.

*Broad Appeal that Drives Opportunities.* Because our system provides economic benefits to all participants, we believe there are strong incentives for government agencies and employers to adopt our system in many developing countries. Our solution is also appealing because a single deployment enables the delivery of a broad array of new services to those who are potentially most in need of them, often at a lower cost than alternative distribution methods.

*Increasing Returns to Scale.* The initial establishment of our system in a province or country requires upfront expenditures for computers, distribution infrastructure and card holder registration. Once in place, though, the cost to us of supplying additional products to users is low. For instance, if a customer receives welfare payments on one of our smart cards and then chooses to purchase insurance through our system, there is almost no additional expense for us to deduct the insurance premium regularly. As a result, the operating margin for that customer increases significantly, offset only by any marketing or administrative costs associated with that product.

**Our Strategy**

We intend to provide the leading system for the world's estimated four billion unbanked and under-banked people to engage in electronic transactions globally. To achieve this goal, we intend to pursue the following strategies:

*Disciplined Approach to New Markets.* We carefully evaluate new opportunities in order to deploy our business development resources effectively. We believe there are significant opportunities for our system in developing economies, such as Brazil, India, Mexico and Indonesia, where the unbanked and under-banked comprise a majority of the population. Where we believe it makes sense, we will use partnerships or make acquisitions to accelerate our entry into new markets.

*Unlock Target Markets with a Key Product.* The first step in establishing our system within a new province or country is to establish a broad base of smart card users around a single application. One of our preferred routes is to secure contracts to implement payment systems for government programs having large numbers of potential card holders. We believe another effective route will be the delivery of medical management applications, such as for HIV/AIDS. However, we are not dependent on government agencies to establish an initial base. Employers are widely examining our system to address their wage payment challenges and we are currently pursuing opportunities to deliver this solution.

*Expand Our Products Within the Markets We Serve.* With the establishment of a strong base of card holders and related infrastructure, we can then move to providing additional products and services. As part of broadening our card holders' options, we will also sell our smart card readers and POS devices to merchants to enable them to enter into transactions. Additionally, we will work to establish relationships with post offices, banks and other financial service providers with the goal of making our system ubiquitous in the markets we serve.

*Provide Products and Services Ourselves Where the Profit Potential is Compelling.* Our system can dramatically reduce transaction costs and improve data collection for a broad set of products and services. We intend to offer those products and services ourselves where the profit potential is significant. For instance, we engage in lending in South Africa. We are able to offer this service at a lower interest rate than competitors due to our ability to deduct interest and principal directly from a borrower's smart card and our knowledge of that individual's payment history.

*Establish Partnerships or Make Acquisitions When Appropriate.* As part of our disciplined approach to growing our presence globally, we will evaluate and enter into partnerships where we can draw on local knowledge and infrastructure to drive the rapid adoption of our system. We believe that this will enable us to focus on our core strength in technology as well as product development and delivery. In some instances, we will make acquisitions where we believe that our approach will enable us to gain customers and realize operational benefits rapidly from the deployment of our more efficient solution.



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**Concurrent Private Placement**

Concurrently with this offering, certain selling shareholders are selling in a private placement an aggregate of \$75.0 million of our shares at the public offering price to investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic LLC, or General Atlantic. The closing of the private placement is expected to occur concurrently with the closing of this offering. Under the General Atlantic stock purchase agreement, we will add one seat to our board of directors and cause to be elected to the board one person designated by General Atlantic. See Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions General Atlantic Private Placement.

**Corporate Information**

We were incorporated in Florida in May 1997. In June 2004, we acquired substantially all of the business and assets of Aplitec, a South African company listed on the JSE Securities Exchange South Africa, and the former shareholders of Aplitec obtained a majority voting interest in us. The Aplitec transaction is discussed in more detail under Corporate History.

Our principal executive offices are located at President Place, 4th Floor, Cnr. Jan Smuts Avenue and Bolton Road, Rosebank, Johannesburg, South Africa. Our phone number is (2711) 343-2000. Our website address is [www.net1ueps.com](http://www.net1ueps.com). The information on our website, including any information accessible by a hyperlink or on another website accessible through our website, does not constitute part of this prospectus.

Our trademarks include NET1, FTS and UEPS. All other trademarks, trade names and service marks appearing in this prospectus are the property of their respective owners.

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	<b>Summary of the Offering</b>
Common stock offered by the selling shareholders	9,850,000 shares
Common stock outstanding prior to this offering, as of March 31, 2005	27,175,135 shares
Special convertible preferred stock outstanding prior to this offering, as of March 31, 2005	27,525,259 shares
Special convertible preferred stock converted into common stock and sold in this offering	9,186,163 shares
Common stock outstanding after this offering and concurrent private placement	36,606,493 shares
Special convertible preferred stock outstanding after this offering and concurrent private placement	18,339,096 shares
Total shares outstanding after this offering and concurrent private placement	54,945,589
Use of proceeds	Certain of the selling shareholders may exercise options to purchase the shares of common stock that they are selling in this offering. We will not receive any proceeds from this offering other than proceeds we receive from the exercise of any of these options and from any shares sold pursuant to the exercise by the underwriters of the over-allotment option. We will use any proceeds we receive for working capital and general corporate purposes.
Purposes of this offering	To achieve a broader shareholder base, to increase visibility in the U.S. marketplace and to provide increased liquidity for our shareholders. The offering is also intended to provide our existing South African shareholders who desire to sell their shares with the opportunity to sell their shares in a broadly marketed underwriting.
Nasdaq National Market symbol	UEPS
The number of shares of our common stock referred to above as outstanding after the offering and concurrent private placement and, unless otherwise indicated, the other information in the prospectus excludes:	
27,525,259 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of an equal number of outstanding shares of our special convertible preferred stock; and	
2,906,980 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of options and other stock-based awards outstanding as of March 31, 2005, granted under our 2004 Stock Incentive Plan at a weighted average exercise price of \$1.50 per share.	
Unless otherwise indicated, the information in this prospectus:	

reflects a one-for-six reverse stock split of our common stock and special convertible preferred stock which became effective on June 13, 2005. The effect of this reverse stock split was to decrease the number of issued and outstanding shares by a factor of six and correspondingly increase the earnings per share by a factor of six; and

assumes no exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option.

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**The South African Invitation to Participate**

An invitation to participate was distributed in South Africa on June 17, 2005, which invited holders of our linked units to offer for sale in this offering their shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of the special convertible preferred stock these holders are entitled to receive upon giving of an irrevocable exercise form to the trustee of the South African trust. As described under Corporate History The Aplitec Transaction, the South African trustee holds for the benefit of the linked unit holders the New Aplitec B class loan accounts and B class preference shares which are part of the linked units. Our invitation to participate was sent only to holders of linked units who have mailing addresses in South Africa as reflected on the records of the South African trustee. We did not recommend that any holders of linked units participate in this offering, and we are not purchasing any of the shares of common stock offered in this offering.

The selling shareholders in this offering include holders of linked units who accepted the invitation to participate and gave the conversion notice to the trustee of the South African trust. Each holder of linked units who has elected to participate in this offering has deposited with the trustee of the South African trust an irrevocable exercise form instructing the trustee of the South African trust to convert up to a specified number of special convertible preferred shares, effective only upon the closing of the offering.

The successful completion of these transactions by us, the selling shareholders and the trustee is a condition precedent to the underwriters' obligations to purchase any shares in the offering.

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The following table sets forth our summary consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2005 and our consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended June 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002, and for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004. You should read the following summary consolidated financial data together with Selected Consolidated Financial Data, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and other financial information included elsewhere in this prospectus. In connection with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, we accounted for the Aplitec transaction as a reverse acquisition, which requires that the company whose shareholders retain a majority voting interest in a combined business be treated as the acquiror for accounting purposes. Therefore, for all periods after June 7, 2004, our consolidated financial statements and management's discussion and analysis reflect the operations of Net 1 and its consolidated subsidiaries and, for prior periods, reflect the operations of Aplitec and its consolidated subsidiaries, but not Net 1. The summary consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended June 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002, have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements which are included elsewhere in this prospectus. Our audited consolidated financial statements are prepared in U.S. dollars and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The summary consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2005 and the summary consolidated statements of operations data for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004 are derived from unaudited interim financial information and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the entire year. You should also read the following summary of consolidated financial data in conjunction with the exchange rate information contained in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Currency Exchange Rate Information.

	<b>Nine Months Ended March 31,</b>		<b>Year Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>					
<b>Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:</b>					
Revenue	\$ 134,885	\$ 91,463	\$ 131,098	\$ 74,924	\$ 51,793
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	41,207	28,206	39,134	25,935	14,170
General and administrative charges	33,804	25,625	39,677	26,399	21,637
Depreciation and amortization	4,897	4,110	5,676	3,323	3,128
Reorganization costs		3,537	11,133		
Operating income	54,977	29,985	35,478	19,267	12,858
Interest, net	1,497	2,464	3,640	2,600	1,381
Income before taxes	56,474	32,449	39,118	21,867	14,239
Income tax expense	22,534	13,896	25,927	9,473	5,554
Income from continuing operations	34,420	18,553	13,278	11,942	8,518
Net income attributable to shareholders(1)	34,420	18,553	13,278	13,117	8,518
Income from continuing operations per share:					
Basic(2)	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.27
Diluted(2)	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.27
Cash dividend per share(3)	\$	\$	\$ 1.14	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.06

- (1) Net income attributable to shareholders for 2003 includes an extraordinary item of \$0.9 million and the results of a change in accounting policy of \$0.3 million as a result of the adoption and application of *Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*.

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- (2) The basic and diluted earnings per share have been restated as a result of the transaction described in notes 1, 10 and 11 to our consolidated financial statements and the one-for-six reverse stock split.
- (3) The cash dividend per share has been restated as a result of the transaction described in notes 1, 10 and 11 to our consolidated financial statements and the one-for-six reverse stock split. The cash dividend per share for 2004 was calculated based on 32,161,190 Aplitec shares and represents the dividend paid to shareholders of Aplitec as a result of the transaction.

As of March 31, 2005

(In thousands)

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	92,712
Total current assets		141,960
Total assets		175,318
Total current liabilities		32,650
Total debt		
Total shareholders equity		128,680

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**RISK FACTORS**

*Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the following risk factors, as well as the other information in this prospectus, before deciding to invest in our shares of common stock. If any of the following risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition and results of operations would suffer. If this happens, the trading price of our common stock would likely decline and you might lose all or part of your investment in our common stock.*

**Risks Relating to Our Business**

***The provincial governments of South Africa are our largest customers, and any non-renewal or termination of our government social welfare contracts would materially and adversely affect our business and revenues, results of operations and cash flows.***

A substantial portion of our current business involves the distribution of social welfare grants on behalf of five of the nine provincial governments of South Africa. For the foreseeable future, our revenues, results of operations and cash flows will depend on this concentrated group of customers. During the year ended June 30, 2004 and the nine months ended March 31, 2005, we derived approximately 82% and 77%, respectively, of our revenues from our government social welfare contracts. In general, these contracts provide for terms of three years and are extendable at the option of the provincial governments for an additional two year period. Our contracts with the governments of the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and North West provinces will expire in 2005, unless renewed by consent of both parties. Our contracts with the governments of the Limpopo and Northern Cape provinces currently are scheduled to expire in November and December 2006, respectively. In addition, any of these contracts may be terminated at any time by the respective governments in the event of a material breach. The early termination, or our failure to obtain extensions, of any of these contracts would have a material adverse effect on our business and revenues, results of operations and cash flows. Moreover, because we incur a significant portion of the expenses associated with these contracts during the initial implementation phase, we have historically enjoyed higher profit margins on these contracts after the completion of the implementation period, which averages approximately 18 months. Therefore, the early termination of, or our failure to extend, any of these contracts would also adversely affect our margins. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in renewing any of these contracts upon expiration of the respective contract periods or that they will not otherwise be terminated.

In addition, there are legislative proposals and other initiatives underway in South Africa that could materially affect the way we do our business. The South African government passed legislation during 2004 for the creation of the South African Social Security Agency, or SASSA. The primary purpose of SASSA is to consolidate at the central government level the administration of social welfare grants, which is currently performed primarily at the provincial level. SASSA commenced operations on April 1, 2005. SASSA may appoint a single contractor to perform the distribution of social welfare grants on a national basis, following the expiration of the various contracts entered into by the individual provinces. If SASSA does not appoint us as a national social welfare grant contractor, then we may not be able to renew some or all of our social welfare distribution contracts when they expire, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

***We may not maintain our current level of profitability or rates of growth.***

We believe that our continued profitability and growth will depend in large part on our ability to do the following:  
continue to enroll new smart card users in South Africa;

hire and train personnel capable of marketing, installing and integrating our solution, supporting customers and managing operations;

continue to expand the range of applications that use our technology and to market these applications successfully;



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successfully identify and enter other markets for our products; and

manage the costs of our business, including the costs associated with maintaining and developing our technology and expanding our operations internationally.

If we are not able to achieve any or all of the above, our profitability and/or growth rate will likely decline.

***Changes in current government regulations relating to social welfare grants could adversely affect our revenues and cash flows.***

We derive a substantial portion of our current business from the distribution of social welfare grants onto smart cards in South Africa and the transaction fees resulting from use of these smart cards. Because social welfare eligibility and grant amounts are regulated by the government, any changes to or reinterpretations of the government regulations relating to social welfare may result in the non-renewal or reduction of grants for certain individuals, or a determination that currently eligible social welfare grant recipients are no longer eligible. If any of these changes were to occur, the number of smart cards in use could decrease, the amount of money on any particular smart card could decrease or the amount of transactions effected on any particular smart card may decrease, all of which could result in a reduction of our revenues and cash flows.

***We may have difficulty managing our growth which could limit our ability to increase sales and cash flow.***

We have recently been experiencing significant growth, both in the scope of our operations and size of our organization. This growth is placing significant demands on our management, as well as on our operational resources. In order to achieve our business objectives, however, we anticipate that we will need this growth to continue. Continued growth would increase the challenges involved in:

implementing appropriate operational and financial systems;

expanding our sales and marketing infrastructure and capabilities;

providing adequate training and supervision to maintain high quality standards; and

preserving our culture and values.

Additionally, continued growth will place significant additional demands on our management and our financial and operational resources, and will require that we continue to develop and improve our operational, financial and other internal controls. If we cannot scale and manage our business appropriately, we will not experience our projected growth and our financial results may suffer.

***There are risks relating to operating in South Africa that could adversely affect our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.***

Our primary operations are located in South Africa and we currently generate substantially all of our revenues from our operations in South Africa. As a result, we are subject to any political, economic and regulatory uncertainties in South Africa.

*The changing political and social environment.* South Africa faces certain social, political and economic challenges, which may adversely affect our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition. The country is experiencing high levels of unemployment and there are significant differences in the level of economic and social development among its people, with large parts of the population, particularly in the rural areas, having limited access to education, healthcare, housing and other basic services. Furthermore, South Africa faces challenges in building adequate infrastructure. These problems, together with a shortage of skilled labor, may in the future have an adverse impact on productivity.

*Inflation and interest rates.* The economy of South Africa is currently characterized by low inflation and interest rates. As of May 2005, the inflation rate was approximately 3.9%. The Reserve Bank

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base lending rate is currently approximately 7.0% per annum. However, the economy of South Africa in the past has been, and in the future may be characterized by high rates of inflation and high interest rates. High rates of inflation could increase our South African-based costs and decrease our operating margins. High interest rates could adversely affect our ability to obtain cost-effective debt financing in South Africa.

*Regulatory uncertainty regarding black economic empowerment.* The South African government, over the past five years, has been developing an economic indigenization program referred to as black economic empowerment, or BEE. BEE is regulated pursuant to an Act of the South African Parliament, namely the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act 53 of 2003, or the BBBEE Act. The BBBEE Act recognizes two distinct mechanisms for the achievement of BEE objectives: (1) codes of good practice issued under the Act and (2) sectoral transformation charters developed by specific industry sectors and which may be recognized by the Minister of Trade and Industry if they have been developed by the major stakeholders in the relevant industry and advance the objectives of the BBBEE Act. Draft codes of good practice have recently been published for public comment, but none of them is, as yet, enforceable. The information and communication technology sector, or ICT sector, and the financial services sector have both developed sectoral transformation charters, but they have not yet been published in the Government Gazette and, consequently, they do not currently enjoy any formal status. The ICT sector has attempted to ensure as great a degree of comparability between its sectoral transformation charter and the draft codes of good practice, thereby assuring the probable publication of that charter in the Government Gazette by the Minister of Trade and Industry. By contrast, there are no indications that the financial services sector has made any attempt to achieve significant alignment between its transformation charter and the draft codes of good practice. Once the codes of good practice become law, all businesses in South Africa will be subject to those codes unless they form part of a sector in respect of which the Minister of Trade and Industry has published an industry charter in the Government Gazette as a code of good practice. The current uncertainty as to the final form of the regulatory regime poses a risk, but there are indications that the regime will be settled in the next 12 months. We are likely to be subject to the ICT sector's charter if this document is published in the Government Gazette as a code of good practice. This charter applies, among others, to companies that manufacture equipment for, or provide services relating to, the electronic capturing, transmission and display of data and information. Compliance with the charter is not enforced through civil or criminal sanction, but only through its effect on the ability to secure contracts in the public and private sectors. One of the components of BEE is that a certain percentage of ownership by black South Africans or historically disadvantaged South Africans of our South African business should be achieved over a period of time which is generally thought to be ten to 15 years. Although BEE is not expropriatory in nature, there may be a dilutive effect to current shareholders in the South African business and there may be a cost associated with increasing the level of black shareholders or historically disadvantaged South Africans, both of which factors may represent a risk. However, given that non-BEE compliance may place in jeopardy existing and future South African public and private sector contracts, the loss of which could cause a loss of revenue, the attendant risk associated with BEE non-compliance is material.

*Exchange control regulation.* South Africa's exchange control regulations restrict the export of capital from South Africa, the Republic of Namibia and the Kingdoms of Lesotho and Swaziland, known collectively as the Common Monetary Area. Transactions between South African residents, including companies, and non-residents of the Common Monetary Area are subject to exchange controls enforced by the South African Reserve Bank. In October 2004, the South African exchange control regulations were liberalized by the abolishment of exchange control limits on new investments outside of South Africa by South African companies. However, according to the circular giving notice of this liberalization, the South African Reserve Bank retains an oversight function, the exact nature of which is not entirely clear from the circular. According to the circular, South African companies investing outside of South Africa must now apply to the South African Reserve Bank only for monitoring purposes and for the approval of the South African Reserve Bank pursuant to existing foreign direct investment criteria, including demonstrated benefit to South Africa. The South African Reserve Bank reserves the right to stagger capital outflows relating to very large investments outside of South Africa by South African companies, so as to manage any potential impact on the foreign exchange market. Also, these liberalization measures permit South



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African companies to retain, outside of South Africa, dividends received in relation to shares held by them in non-South African companies.

South African exchange controls are expected to continue for the foreseeable future. The South African government, however, has committed itself to gradually relaxing exchange controls, and significant relaxations have occurred in recent years. Nevertheless, under the current exchange control regulations, our management may be limited in its ability to consider strategic options and our shareholders may not be able to realize the premium over the current trading price of our shares.

Although Net 1 is a U.S. corporation and is not itself subject to these regulations, the ability of New Aplitec to raise and deploy capital outside the Common Monetary Area is restricted. As of March 31, 2005, approximately 87% of our cash and cash equivalents were held by New Aplitec and its subsidiaries. During the year ended June 30, 2004 and the nine months ended March 31, 2005, substantially all of our revenues were generated by New Aplitec and its subsidiaries. In particular, New Aplitec will generally not be permitted to export capital from South Africa or to hold foreign currency without the approval of the South African Reserve Bank, unless such export of capital or foreign currency holding is permitted by the October 2004 liberalization measures. This restriction may affect New Aplitec's ability to pay dividends to Net 1. Moreover, although the requirement that the South African Reserve Bank approve investments by South African companies outside of South Africa has been relaxed, this requirement could restrict our future international expansion.

South African Reserve Bank approval is required for New Aplitec to receive loans from and repay loans to non-residents of the Common Monetary Area. In addition, New Aplitec may not use income earned in South Africa to repay or service foreign debts, without the South African Reserve Bank approval. Repayment of principal and interest on such loans will usually be approved at the time of the granting of such loans, where the payment is limited to the amount borrowed and a market related rate of interest. New Aplitec will also need South African Reserve Bank approval to raise capital involving a currency other than South African rand, which approval may be provided subject to conditions. Thus, unless we can obtain funding at the Net 1 level, these restrictions could prevent us from obtaining adequate funding on acceptable terms for acquisitions and other business opportunities outside South Africa.

*Trade unions and labor laws.* Most of South Africa's major industries are unionized, and the majority of employees belong to trade unions. In the past, trade unions have had a significant impact on the collective bargaining process as well as on social and political reform in South Africa in general. We currently have approximately 109 unionized employees which represents approximately 6% of our workforce. Although in recent years we have not experienced any labor disruptions, such labor disruptions may occur in the future. In addition, the cost of complying with labor laws may adversely affect our operations.

*Regional instability.* Historically, there has been regional, political, and economic instability in the countries surrounding South Africa. Such political or economic instability in neighboring countries could affect the social, political and economic conditions in South Africa, for example, as a result of immigration, and this could have a negative impact on our ability to manage our operations in the country.

*HIV/AIDS.* HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, which is exacerbated in the presence of HIV/AIDS, are major healthcare challenges in South Africa and other sub-Saharan countries. HIV infection among women in antenatal clinics throughout South Africa has risen from 1% in 1990 to nearly 25% in 2000. According to the most recent research published by the Medical Research Council of South Africa, over five million South Africans were HIV positive in 2004, resulting in a total population prevalence rate of approximately 11%. Under South African law, we are generally prohibited from testing employees to determine their HIV status. Due to the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS in South Africa, we may incur costs relating to the loss of personnel and the related loss of productivity as well as the costs relating to recruiting and training of new personnel. We are not able to quantify these costs accurately and cannot assure you that the costs we will incur in connection with this epidemic will not have a material adverse effect on us and our financial condition.

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***There are risks relating to other countries in which we intend to operate that could adversely affect our future business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.***

In the future, we intend to expand operations into countries and regions, including African countries outside South Africa, South America, Southeast Asia and Central Europe, that are subject to significantly differing political, economic and market conditions. Specific country and regional risks that may have a material impact on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition include:

political and economic instability;

loss due to civil strife, acts of war, guerrilla activities and insurrection;

competition from existing market participants that may have a longer history in or greater familiarity with the foreign markets we enter;

government interventions and protectionism;

potential adverse changes in laws and regulatory practices, including import and export license requirements, tariffs, legal structures and tax laws;

cancellation of contractual rights;

trade barriers;

difficulties in staffing and managing operations;

import and export restrictions;

adverse tax consequences;

the lack of well-developed legal systems which could make it difficult for us to enforce our intellectual property and contractual rights;

security and safety of employees;

restrictions on the right to convert or repatriate currency or export assets;

greater risk of uncollectible accounts and longer collection cycles;

currency fluctuations;

indigenization and empowerment programs;

logistical and communications challenges;

changes in labor conditions;

discrimination against U.S. companies; and

exposure to liability under U.S. securities laws, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Many of these countries and regions are in various stages of developing institutions and legal and regulatory systems that are characteristic of democracies. However, institutions in these countries and regions may not yet be as firmly established as they are in democracies in the developed world. Many of these countries and regions are also in the process of transitioning to a market economy and, as a result, are experiencing changes in their economies and their government policies that can affect our investments in these countries and regions. Moreover, the procedural safeguards of the new legal and regulatory regimes in these countries and regions are still being developed and, therefore, existing laws and regulations may be applied inconsistently. In some circumstances, it may not be possible to obtain the legal remedies provided under those laws and regulations in a timely manner.

As the political, economic and legal environments remain subject to continuous development, investors in these countries and regions face uncertainty as to the security of their investments. Any unexpected changes in the political or economic conditions in these or neighboring countries or others in

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the region may have a material adverse effect on the international investments that we have made or may make in the future, which may in turn have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

***Volatility in the South African Rand to U.S. dollar exchange rate may adversely affect our reported operating results.***

The South African rand, or ZAR, is the primary operating currency for our business operations while our financial results are reported in U.S. dollars. Because our sales are primarily denominated in ZAR, a decline in the value of the ZAR against the U.S. dollar may have a significant adverse effect on our reported results of operations. During the two years ended June 30, 2002, the ZAR steadily depreciated against the U.S. dollar, moving at an average rate per U.S. dollar from ZAR 6.35 in 2000 to ZAR 7.61 in 2001 to ZAR 10.15 in 2002. However, since June 2002, the ZAR has appreciated against the U.S. dollar, mainly due to a general depreciation of the U.S. dollar and the strengthening of the South African economy and commodity and precious metals prices, reaching ZAR 6.67 on July 14, 2005. Over this period, the exchange rate has been volatile and we expect this volatility to continue in the foreseeable future.

Trends in sales and profits may experience significant fluctuations as the rate of exchange between the ZAR and the U.S. dollar fluctuates. We cannot assure you what effect, if any, changes in the exchange rate of the ZAR against the U.S. dollar will have on our results of operations and financial condition.

We do not currently engage in any currency hedging transactions intended to reduce the effect of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates on our results of operations, other than economic hedging relating to our inventory purchases which are settled in U.S. dollars or euros. We have used forward contracts in order to hedge our economic exposure to the ZAR/ U.S. dollar and ZAR/ euro exchange rate fluctuations from these foreign currency transactions. We cannot guarantee that we will enter into hedging transactions in the future or, if we do, that these transactions will successfully protect us against currency fluctuations.

***The loss of the services of Dr. Belamant or any of our other executive officers would adversely affect our business.***

Our future financial and operational performance depends, in large part, on the continued contributions of our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Dr. Serge Belamant, as well as Mr. Herman Kotze, our Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Brenda Stewart, our Senior Vice President-Marketing and Sales, and Mr. Nitin Soma, our Senior Vice President-Information Technology. Many of our key responsibilities are performed by these four individuals, and the loss of the services of any of them could disrupt our development efforts or business relationships and our ability to continue to innovate and to meet customers' needs, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial performance. We do not have employment agreements with our executive officers, any of whom may terminate their employment at any time, nor do we maintain any key person life insurance policies.

***We face a highly competitive employment market and may not be successful in attracting and retaining a sufficient number of skilled employees, particularly in the technical and sales areas and senior management.***

Our future success depends on our ability to continue to develop new products that use our UEPS technology and to market these products to our target users. In order to succeed in our product development and marketing efforts, we need to identify, attract, motivate and retain sufficient numbers of qualified technical and sales personnel. An inability to hire and retain such technical personnel would adversely affect our ability to enhance our existing intellectual property, to introduce new generations of technology and to keep abreast of current developments in technology. Demand for personnel with the range of capabilities and experience we require is high and there is no assurance that we will be successful in attracting and retaining these employees. The risk exists that our technical skills and sales base may be

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depleted over time because of natural attrition. Furthermore, social and economic factors in South Africa have led, and continue to lead, numerous qualified individuals to leave the country, thus depleting the availability of qualified personnel in South Africa. In addition, our multi-country strategy will also require us to hire and retain highly qualified managerial personnel in each of these markets. If we cannot recruit and retain people with the appropriate capabilities and experience and effectively integrate these people into our business, it could negatively affect our product development and marketing activities.

***We pre-fund the payment of social welfare grants on behalf of our South African government customers and any payment defaults by these customers would adversely affect our operations.***

We use our internal cash resources and facilities to fund the payment of social welfare grants under our contracts with the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape provincial governments. We recover these funds from the KwaZulu-Natal provincial government on a seven-day cyclical basis and from the Eastern Cape provincial government on a 14-day cyclical basis. Therefore, these pre-funding obligations expose us to the risk of default by the applicable provincial government. Although no provincial government has ever defaulted on a repayment of funds at the end of the payment cycle, we cannot guarantee that such a default will not occur in the future. Any such default could have a material adverse effect on us, our financial position and results of operations.

***Our ability to operate our wage payment and insurance products businesses may be limited by existing South African banking and financial services laws and regulations.***

The South African retail banking market is highly regulated, but the South African government has identified the need to service the unbanked market through the liberalization of the regulatory environment in order for retailers and non-banking service providers to innovate products and delivery channels for the unbanked market. However, under current law and regulations, a portion of our South African wage payment business activities in the unbanked market requires us to be registered as a bank in South Africa. We are not currently so registered and therefore are not entitled to perform these activities in South Africa and may face prosecution if we do. We are in the process of appointing expert advisers to assist us in making application for the appropriate banking license. While we believe that we will be able to obtain this license, there is a possibility that our application may not be successful or that a grant of the license may be delayed. In addition, the South African Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002, requires persons who give advice regarding the purchase of financial products or who act as intermediaries between financial product suppliers and consumers in South Africa to register as financial service providers. We have applied for a license under this Act in order to continue to provide advice and intermediary services in respect of the financial products on which we advise and the payment processing services we provide in South Africa on behalf of insurers and other financial product suppliers. While the license application is pending, we are entitled to continue this part of our business in South Africa. If we fail to obtain this license, we may be stopped from continuing this part of our business in South Africa.

***We may face competition from the incumbent retail banks in South Africa in the unbanked market segment.***

The incumbent South African retail banks recently announced a joint initiative to create a common banking product to offer to the significant portion of South Africa's population that does not have access to traditional banking services, or the unbanked. This bank account, generally referred to as the Mzansi account, was introduced in October 2004 and offers limited transactional capabilities at reduced charges, when compared to the accounts traditionally offered by these banks. We believe that currently there are approximately one million Mzansi account holders. The social welfare beneficiaries who are currently paid through our smart card system may elect to use these accounts to receive their grants. A decision by a substantial number of these beneficiaries to elect to use these accounts rather than our smart card system may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.



**Table of Contents*****We may face increased competition as our sales and product offerings increase.***

In addition to competition that we face from the use of cash, checks, credit and debit cards, existing payment systems and the providers of financial services, we have identified a number of other products currently being produced that use smart card technology in connection with a funds transfer system and the companies that promote them. These include EMV, a system that is being promoted by Visa International Service Association, MasterCard International and Europay International; Mondex International Limited, a subsidiary of MasterCard; and Proton World International N.V., a subsidiary of STMicroelectronics Belgium N.V. In South Africa, and specifically in the payment of social welfare grants, our competitors also include AllPay Consolidated Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd., which is responsible for social welfare payments in the Free State, Gauteng and Western Cape provinces and a small portion of the Eastern Cape province, and Empilweni Payout Services, which is responsible for payments in the Mpumalanga province. We also may face competition from companies to which we have licensed our technology, including Visa and BGS Smart Card Systems AG. Moreover, as our product offerings increase and gain market acceptance, banks in South Africa and other jurisdictions in which we operate may seek governmental or other regulatory intervention if they view us as infringing on their funds transfer or other businesses.

***Patent competition may adversely affect our products or processes, and limited patent protection, a lack of proprietary protection and the potential to incur costly litigation could be harmful to our operations.***

Our products and technology have unique characteristics and structures and, as a result, are subject to patent protection, the extent of which varies from country to country. During the life of a patent, a product is only subject to competition by non-infringing products. However, aggressive patenting by our competitors and potential patent piracy may threaten protected products and processes and may result in an increased patent infringement risk, especially in emerging economies such as those where we currently operate. The expiration of a patent may also result in increased competition in the market for the previously patented products and processes. The patents for our funds transfer system, or FTS, will expire, at the latest, in Namibia in 2007; in South Africa, Botswana, Swaziland and Hong Kong in 2009; and in the United States in 2011. In addition, our European Union FTS patent has been challenged and revoked. Consequently, we do not have any patent protection in the member countries of the European Union. Additionally, we could have difficulty asserting the Hong Kong patent as it is not registered in our name and it could be difficult to record our ownership of that patent. Further, BGS, the local system operator in the Commonwealth of Independent States has stopped paying licensing fees to us on the grounds that the revocation of the European FTS patent relieves it from the obligation to pay such fees, although we believe that the licensing fees relate to BGS's use of our UEPS technology rather than the FTS patent. There is a risk that a similar refusal to pay our licensing fees can occur elsewhere. Moreover, although we have certain patent rights in the United States, these are not expected to have significant utility in our business given that our management does not expect the U.S. market to become a material part of our business in the future. Each of these factors could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition. In addition, to date, we have relied not only on patent protections, but also on trade secret, trademark and copyright laws, as well as nondisclosure, licensing and other contractual arrangements to protect the proprietary aspects of our solutions. Other than the patents discussed above, we do not own any other patents that protect important aspects of our current solutions. We will, however, prepare patent applications where possible for technology related to our smart cards and UEPS system when we believe it is appropriate to do so. These applications and contractual arrangements and our reliance on these laws may not be successful.

Litigation to enforce our intellectual property rights or protect our trade secrets could result in substantial costs and may not be successful. Any loss of or inability to protect intellectual property in our technology could diminish our competitive advantage and also seriously harm our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition. In addition, the laws of certain foreign countries may not protect our intellectual property rights to the same extent as do the laws of South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland, the United States and the European Union. Our means of protecting our intellectual

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property rights in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland, the United States and the European Union or any other country in which we operate, may not be adequate to fully protect our intellectual property rights. Similarly, if third parties claim that we infringe their intellectual property rights, we may be required to incur significant costs and devote substantial resources to the defense of such claims. We may be required to discontinue using and selling any infringing technology and services, to expend resources to develop non-infringing technology or to purchase licenses or pay royalties for other technology. In addition, if we are unsuccessful in defending any such third-party claims, we could suffer costly judgments and injunctions that could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations or financial condition.

***The copyrights and certain related intellectual property rights in earlier versions of our UEPS software are jointly owned and potentially subject to non-exclusive rights, which may reduce our future revenues.***

While we own the exclusive copyrights in the current version of the UEPS software, these copyrights are subject to the preexisting copyrights in the earlier versions of our software that are owned jointly by us and Nedbank. As joint owners of the copyrights in these earlier versions of our software that existed prior to July 2000, there is a risk that Nedbank could license these works to others and otherwise commercially exploit these earlier works. Under our Nedbank agreements, Nedbank also acquired the right to request a license of our South African and U.S. FTS patents and of all technology and know-how relating to the UEPS described in those earlier patents from us for entities partly owned by Nedbank that are located anywhere within South Africa and neighboring countries. Under these licenses, Nedbank would pay us a license fee, with us supplying smart cards or being paid a royalty if the cards are obtained from a third party. If Nedbank licenses our works to others or otherwise commercially exploits our technology and know-how related to UEPS, our future revenues may be reduced.

***Our current license agreement with Visa imposes long-term restrictions on our ability to license rights in our technology and could inhibit our ability to realize additional revenue from these rights in our technology.***

In 1997, we entered into a technology license agreement with Visa. Under that agreement, Visa purchased a non-exclusive, perpetual, worldwide license to our technology rights, as defined in the agreement, relating to our UEPS technology and an exclusive, perpetual, worldwide license under our patents, as defined in the agreement, licensed to Visa that is exclusive to the financial services industry, as defined in the agreement. Our Visa agreement grants back to us the non-exclusive right under our Visa-licensed patents to make, use and sell our payment systems and other products in the financial services industry as discussed in the agreement. In our Visa agreement, Visa agrees not to grant a sublicense to any payment system to any entities in the financial services industry who are not members of Visa already if such entity already has a right to use such payment systems from us. The agreement permits Visa to sublicense our licensed technology rights to any of its members, any entity in the financial services industry or any entity outside of the financial services industry that provides products to Visa or its sublicensees. The agreement prohibits us from licensing our technology rights, not just our licensed patents, to any of Visa's competitors, including MasterCard, Europay, American Express Company, Discover Financial Services, Diners Club International Credit Card Co., Carte Blanche Card or JCB International Credit Card Co. or any of their parents, subsidiaries or affiliates. We may need Visa's consent, not to be unreasonably withheld, in order to transfer or assign our rights and obligations under the agreement. As this agreement does not contain a termination date and contains restrictions on our ability to license our technology rights in the financial services industry and to competitors of Visa, we may not be able to realize the full value of our technology rights.

***Our license agreement with Visa substantially impacts our ability to defend and enforce our patents licensed to Visa and could substantially inhibit our ability to protect the rights in our technology.***

Under our license agreement with Visa, we are restricted from suing Visa, its members and any third-party vendors or customers of Visa or its members for infringement of our technology rights licensed to Visa in connection with their manufacture, use or sale of any product or service offered by Visa. The

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license also grants Visa sole discretion with regard to enforcement of any of the licensed technology rights against third parties in the financial services industry. Under the agreement, Visa has the right to control the prosecution and maintenance of the patents and related patent applications we have licensed to Visa in all jurisdictions, and we are obligated to cooperate and support any of Visa's actions in this regard. This arrangement could substantially impact our ability to defend these patents, and could make enforcement actions against our competitors more difficult.

***We depend upon third-party suppliers, making us vulnerable to supply shortages and price fluctuations, which could harm our business.***

We obtain our smart cards, POS devices and the other hardware we use in our business from a limited number of suppliers, and do not manufacture this equipment ourselves. We generally do not have long-term agreements with our manufacturers or component suppliers. If our suppliers become unwilling or unable to provide us with adequate supplies of parts or products when we need them, or if they increase their prices, we may not be able to find alternative sources in a timely manner and could be faced with a critical shortage. This could harm our ability to implement new systems and cause our revenues to decline. Even if we are able to secure alternative sources in a timely manner, our costs could increase. A supply interruption or an increase in demand beyond current suppliers capabilities could harm our ability to distribute our equipment and thus, to acquire a new source of customers who use our UEPS technology. Any interruption in the supply of the hardware necessary to operate our technology, or our inability to obtain substitute equipment at acceptable prices in a timely manner, could impair our ability to meet the demand of our customers, which would have an adverse effect on our business.

***Escalating pricing pressures from our retail customers may adversely affect our business.***

We have recently begun to experience pressure from our retail merchant customers seeking to negotiate the fees we charge them. This pressure is likely to continue. This pricing pressure could cause us to reduce the level of the fees we charge to these customers, which could adversely impact our revenues and profit margins.

***Our strategy of partnering with companies outside South Africa may not be successful.***

In order for us to expand our operations into foreign markets, it may be necessary for us to establish partnering arrangements with companies outside South Africa. Some of these partnering arrangements may take the form of joint ventures in which we receive a minority interest. Minority ownership carries with it numerous risks, including dependence on partners to provide knowledge of local market conditions and to facilitate the acquisition of any necessary licenses and permits, as well as the inability to control the joint venture vehicle and to direct its policies and strategies. Such a lack of control could result in the loss of all or part of our investment in such entities. In addition, our foreign partners may have different business methods and customs which may be unfamiliar to us and with which we disagree. Our joint venture partners may not be able to implement our business model in new areas as efficiently and quickly as we have been able to do in South Africa. Furthermore, limitations imposed on New Aplitec by South African exchange control regulations, as well as limitations imposed on us by the Investment Company Act of 1940, may limit our ability to establish partnerships or entities in which we do not obtain a controlling interest. In addition, certain of our licensees, including BGS and Visa, have become our competitors and this could occur with our joint venture partners in the future.

We have lost license fees in the CIS as a result of a dispute with BGS, the local system operator, which claims that the revocation of the European FTS patent relieves it from the obligation to pay us licensee fees. We believe that the licensing fees due from BGS relate to its use of our UEPS technology rather than the FTS patent and, therefore, we are currently evaluating our options on this matter.

***System failures, including breaches in the security of our system, could harm our business.***

We may experience system failures from time to time, and any lengthy interruption in the availability of our back-end system computer, could harm our revenues and profits, and could subject us to the

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scrutiny of our government customers. Frequent or persistent interruptions in our services could cause current or potential customers and users to believe that our systems are unreliable, leading them to avoid our technology altogether, and could permanently harm our reputation and brands. These interruptions would increase the burden on our engineering staff, which, in turn, could delay our introduction of new applications and services. Finally, because our customers may use our products for critical transactions, any system failures could result in damage to our customers' businesses. These customers could seek significant compensation from us for their losses. Even if unsuccessful, this type of claim could be time consuming and costly for us to address.

Although our systems have been designed to reduce downtime in the event of outages or catastrophic occurrences, they remain vulnerable to damage or interruption from earthquakes, floods, fires, power loss, telecommunication failures, terrorist attacks, computer viruses, computer denial-of-service attacks and similar events. Some of our systems are not fully redundant, and our disaster recovery planning may not be sufficient for all eventualities.

Protection against fraud is of key importance to the purchasers and end users of our solutions. We incorporate security features, including encryption software, biometric identification and secure hardware, into our solutions to protect against fraud in electronic transactions and to provide for the privacy and integrity of card holder data. Our solutions may be vulnerable to breaches in security due to defects in the security mechanisms, the operating system and applications or the hardware platform. Security vulnerabilities could jeopardize the security of information transmitted using our solutions. If the security of our solutions is compromised, our reputation and marketplace acceptance of our solutions will be adversely affected, which would cause our business to suffer, and we may become subject to damage claims. We have not yet experienced any security breaches affecting our business.

Despite any precautions we may take, the occurrence of a natural disaster or other unanticipated problems with our system could result in lengthy interruptions in our services. Our current business interruption insurance may not be sufficient to compensate us for losses that may result from interruptions in our service as a result of system failures.

***We may not be able to exploit technological advances quickly and successfully, which could impair our competitive position and operations.***

Most of our operations depend on the use of advanced technological methods, which must keep pace with rapid technological changes, new product introductions by competitors, evolving industry and government performance and security standards and changes in customer and end-user requirements. The use of the appropriate advanced technological procedures can affect, among other things, the competitiveness of our products, the safety of transactions performed using our products, the continuity of our operations and the capacity and efficiency of our production.

We believe that new technologies may emerge and that existing technologies may be further developed in the fields in which we operate. Unexpected rapid changes in employed technologies that affect our operations and product range could render the technologies we use obsolete or less competitive in the future. Difficulties in accessing new technologies may impede us from implementing them and competitive pressures may force us to implement these new technologies at a substantial cost. In addition, limited access to sources of new capital to acquire new technologies may adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

We cannot predict the effect of technological changes on our business or on our ability to provide competitive products. Our ability to meet the competition will depend on our timely and cost-effective implementation of new technological advances. It will also depend on our success in commercializing these advances in spite of competition we face by patents registered by our competitors. If we are unable to implement new technologies in a timely or cost-efficient basis or penetrate new markets in a timely manner in response to changing market conditions or customer requirements, we could experience a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows and financial condition.

**Table of Contents*****We may incur material losses in connection with our distribution of cash to recipients of social welfare grants.***

Many social welfare recipients use our services to access cash using their smart cards. We use armored vehicles to deliver large amounts of cash to rural areas across South Africa to enable these welfare recipients to receive this cash. In some cases, we also store the cash that will be delivered by the armored vehicles in depots overnight or over the weekend to facilitate delivery to these rural areas. We cannot insure against the risk of loss or theft of cash from our delivery vehicles as we have not identified any insurance underwriters willing to accept this risk. Therefore, we will bear the full cost of any loss or theft in connection with the delivery process, and such loss could materially and adversely affect our financial condition, cash flows and results of operations. During the year ended June 30, 2004 and the nine months ended March 31, 2005, we incurred losses in connection with our cash delivery system of \$4.2 and \$2.2 million, respectively.

***We may not recover outstanding amounts owed to our micro-finance businesses.***

We operate a traditional micro-finance business, with approximately 100 branches throughout South Africa. These branches extend short-term loans for periods ranging from 30 days to six months at loans bearing interest rates of 12% to 30% per month. Despite the fact that we attempt to reduce credit risk by employing credit profiling techniques, the rate of default on loans has been high due to the high credit risk of these borrowers and the difficulty of collecting outstanding repayments. We may therefore not recover some or all of the principal and interest amounts currently owed by our borrowers, which on March 31, 2005, totaled \$4.1 million, or ZAR 25.8 million. Our inability to recover some or all of these amounts may have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

***We may undertake acquisitions that could increase our costs or liabilities or be disruptive to our business.***

One of our strategies is to pursue selective acquisitions. Although we do not currently have any commitments, contracts or understandings to acquire any specific businesses or other material operations, we have made a number of acquisitions in the past and will consider other acquisitions in the future. We may not be able to locate suitable acquisition candidates at prices that we consider appropriate or to finance acquisitions on terms that are satisfactory to us. If we do identify an appropriate acquisition candidate, we may not be able to successfully negotiate the terms of an acquisition, finance the acquisition or, if the acquisition occurs, integrate the acquired business into our existing business. Acquisitions of businesses or other material operations may require debt financing or additional equity financing, resulting in additional leverage or dilution of ownership. Integration of acquired business operations could disrupt our business by diverting management away from day-to-day operations. The difficulties of integration may be increased by the necessity of coordinating geographically dispersed organizations, integrating personnel with disparate business backgrounds and combining different corporate cultures. We also may not be able to maintain key employees or customers of an acquired business or realize cost efficiencies or synergies or other benefits that we anticipated when selecting our acquisition candidates. In addition, we may need to record write downs from future impairments of intangible assets, which could reduce our future reported earnings. At times, acquisition candidates may have liabilities or adverse operating issues that we fail to discover through due diligence prior to the acquisition.

***We may be subject to privacy laws in South Africa and other jurisdictions in which we operate.***

Our collection, storage and processing, and any disclosure of, customer and employee personal information must comply with South Africa's privacy laws, which are at various stages of legislative and judicial development. However, South African common law and the South African Constitution do recognize an individual's right to privacy, and there are some statutes and other regulations which have been enacted that apply to us and the way we operate our business. For example, one statute sets out a framework for the electronic collection, processing, storage and disclosure of personal information. Although compliance with this statute is voluntary, a South African court could determine that we would

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be violating an individual's right to privacy if we do not operate in compliance with this framework. In addition, South African law requires that we must keep confidential the HIV status of the people that participate in our HIV/ AIDS program.

New privacy laws may be enacted in the future which could adversely affect the way we do business, and we could be required to devote substantial management time and resources to comply with these new laws. In addition, if we violate, or are judged to have violated, the privacy rights of people whose information we collect, store and process, we could become liable for damages, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, cash flows or results of operations.

***Our international operations require us to comply with a number of U.S. and international regulations.***

We need to comply with a number of international regulations in countries outside of the United States. In addition, we must comply with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, or FCPA, which prohibits U.S. companies or their agents and employees from providing anything of value to a foreign official for the purposes of influencing any act or decision of these individuals in their official capacity to help obtain or retain business, direct business to any person or corporate entity or obtain any unfair advantage. Any failure by us to adopt appropriate compliance procedures and ensure that our employees and agents comply with the FCPA and applicable laws and regulations in foreign jurisdictions could result in substantial penalties and/or restrictions in our ability to conduct business in certain foreign jurisdictions. The U.S. Department of The Treasury's Office of Foreign Asset Control, or OFAC, administers and enforces economic and trade sanctions against targeted foreign countries, entities and individuals based on U.S. foreign policy and national security goals. As a result, we are restricted from entering into transactions with certain targeted foreign countries, entities and individuals except as permitted by OFAC which may reduce our future growth.

***We may incur significant costs to ensure compliance with U.S. corporate governance and accounting requirements.***

We may incur significant costs associated with our public company reporting requirements, costs associated with newly applicable corporate governance requirements, including requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and other rules implemented by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Nasdaq National Market. Moreover, many of these corporate governance requirements will not apply to us until our shares become listed for quotation on the Nasdaq National Market. We expect all of these newly applicable rules and regulations to increase our legal and financial compliance costs and to make some activities more time-consuming and costly. We also expect that these newly applicable rules and regulations may make it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance and we may be required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. As a result, it may be more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve on our board of directors or as executive officers. We are currently evaluating and monitoring developments with respect to these newly applicable rules, and we cannot predict or estimate the amount of additional costs we may incur or the timing of such costs.

***We may not be able to meet the accelerated filing and internal control reporting requirements imposed by the SEC.***

We became an accelerated filer on June 30, 2005. As an accelerated filer, we are required to file our Annual Report on Form 10-K by September 13, 2005. While we expect to meet the accelerated filer deadlines, there is a risk that we may not be able to comply with these accelerated filing requirements. If we fail to meet the accelerated filing requirements by the time we are required to file our Annual Report on Form 10-K, then the market price for our common stock may decline.

As directed by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the SEC adopted rules requiring each public company to include a report of management on the company's internal controls over financial reporting in its annual reports. In addition, the independent registered public accounting firm auditing a company's

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financial statements must also attest to and report on management's assessment of the effectiveness of the company's internal controls over financial reporting as well as the operating effectiveness of the company's internal controls. We were not subject to these requirements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. We are in the process of evaluating our internal control systems in order to allow our management to report on, and our independent registered public accounting firm to attest to, our internal controls as a required part of our Annual Report on Form 10-K beginning with our report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

While we have been expending significant resources in developing the necessary documentation and testing procedures required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, there is a risk that we may not be able to comply timely with all of the requirements imposed by this rule. At present, there is no precedent available with which to measure compliance adequacy. We have identified items that constitute deficiencies in some of our internal control processes. In the event that we conclude that these are significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and we cannot remediate such significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in a timely manner or we are unable to receive a positive attestation from our independent registered public accounting firm with respect to our internal controls, investors and others may lose confidence in the reliability of our financial statements and our stock price and ability to obtain equity or debt financing as needed could suffer.

In addition, in the event that our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to rely on our internal controls in connection with its audit of our financial statements, and in the further event that it is unable to devise alternative procedures in order to satisfy itself as to the material accuracy of our financial statements and related disclosures, it is possible that we would be unable to file our Annual Report on Form 10-K with the SEC, which could also adversely affect the market price of our common stock and our ability to secure additional financing as needed.

***We may be required to raise additional financing by issuing new securities with terms or rights superior to those of our shares of common stock, which could adversely affect the market price of our shares of common stock.***

We may require additional financing to fund future operations, including expansion in current and new markets, programming development and acquisition, capital costs and the costs of any necessary implementation of technological innovations or alternative technologies. Because of the early stage of development of our operations and exposure to market risks associated with economies in emerging markets, we may not be able to obtain financing on favorable terms or at all. If we raise additional funds by issuing equity securities, the percentage ownership of our current shareholders will be reduced, and the holders of the new equity securities may have rights superior to those of the holders of shares of common stock, which could adversely affect the market price and voting power of shares of common stock. If we raise additional funds by issuing debt securities, the holders of these debt securities would similarly have some rights senior to those of the holders of shares of common stock, and the terms of these debt securities could impose restrictions on operations and create a significant interest expense for us.

***We may have difficulty raising necessary capital to fund operations as a result of market price volatility for our shares of common stock.***

In recent years, the securities markets in the United States have experienced a high level of price and volume volatility, and the market price of securities of many companies have experienced wide fluctuations that have not necessarily been related to the operations, performances, underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. For these reasons, our shares of common stock can also be expected to be subject to volatility resulting from purely market forces over which we will have no control. If our business development plans are successful, additional financing may be required to continue to develop and exploit existing and new technologies and to expand into new markets. The exploitation of our technologies may, therefore, be dependent upon our ability to obtain financing through debt and equity or other means.

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***Our quarterly operating results may fluctuate significantly as a result of factors outside of our control, which could cause the market price of our common stock to decline.***

We expect our revenues and operating results to vary from quarter to quarter. As a consequence, our operating results in any single quarter may fall below the expectations of securities analysts and investors, which could cause the price of our common stock to decline. Factors that may affect our operating results include:

demand for and acceptance of our new product offerings;

delays in the implementation and delivery of our products and services, which may impact the timing of our recognition of revenue;

variations in product mix and cost during any period;

development of new relationships and maintenance and enhancement of existing relationships with customers and strategic partners;

difficulties with component supplies, manufacturing or distribution;

deferral of customer contracts in anticipation of product or service enhancements;

timing of commencement, implementation or completion of major implementation projects;

the relative mix of net revenues from established markets, including South Africa, and unestablished markets;

fluctuations in currency exchange rates;

the fixed nature of many of our expenses; and

industry and economic conditions, including competitive pressures and inventory obsolescence.

In particular, differences in relative growth rates between our businesses in our established markets for certain products and unestablished markets may have a significant effect on our operating results, particularly our reported operating profit percentage, in any individual quarter, with unestablished market sales typically carrying lower margins in the initial phases of our operations in a new area or the introduction of a new product to an area in which we already operate. Certain transactions that occur infrequently, including the bulk supply of hardware to a customer, may also have a significant effect on our operating results. For example, during the nine months ended March 31, 2005, we supplied a customer with POS devices, pin-pads and smart cards for \$10.4 million. Sales of this nature are infrequent and cause fluctuations in revenue and operating income when they occur.

***The period between our initial contact with a potential customer and the sale of our products or services to that customer tends to be long and may be subject to delays which may have an impact on our revenues.***

The period between our initial contact with a potential customer and the purchase of our products and services is often long and subject to delays associated with the budgeting, approval and competitive evaluation processes that frequently accompany significant capital expenditures. A lengthy sales cycle may have an impact on the timing of our revenues, which may cause our quarterly operating results to fall below investor expectations. A customer's decision to purchase our products and services is often discretionary, involves a significant commitment of resources, and is influenced by customer budgetary cycles. To sell our products and services successfully we generally must educate our potential customers regarding the uses and benefits of our products and services, which can require the expenditure of significant time and resources; however, there can be no assurance that this significant expenditure of time and resources will result in actual sales of our products and services.



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***We may become subject to a U.S. tax liability for failing to withhold on certain distributions on instruments issued in connection with the Aplitec transaction.***

There is no statutory, judicial or administrative authority that directly addresses the tax treatment of non-U.S. holders that elected to receive units in a trust representing beneficial interests in B class preference shares and B class loan accounts issued by New Aplitec pursuant to the reinvestment option in connection with our acquisition of Aplitec. We believe these interests should be treated for United States federal income tax purposes as, and we did treat them as, separate and distinct interests in New Aplitec. As such, we and our affiliates do not presently intend to withhold any amounts for U.S. federal taxes in respect of any distributions paid on such interests. There is a risk, however, that these interests, together with the special convertible preferred stock, may be treated as representing a single direct equity interest in us for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In such case, distributions received with respect to the B class preference shares and B class loan accounts could be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax, and we could be liable for failure to withhold such taxes in our capacity as withholding agent. In addition, our failure to collect and remit U.S. federal withholding tax may also subject us to penalties.

***Shipments of our electronic payment systems may be delayed by factors outside of our control, which can harm our reputation and our relationships with our customers.***

The shipment of payment systems requires us or our manufacturers, distributors or other agents to obtain customs or other government certifications and approvals and, on occasion, to submit to physical inspection of our systems in transit. Failure to satisfy these requirements, and the very process of trying to satisfy them, can lead to lengthy delays in the delivery of our solutions to our direct or indirect customers. Delays and unreliable delivery by us may harm our reputation in the industry and our relationships with our customers.

***Force majeure events, such as terrorist attacks, other acts of violence or war, political instability and health epidemics may adversely affect us.***

Terrorist attacks, war and international political instability, along with health epidemics, may disrupt our ability to generate revenues. These events may negatively affect our ability to maintain sales revenue and to develop new business relationships. Because a substantial and growing part of our revenues is derived from sales and services to customers outside of the United States and we have our electronic payment systems manufactured outside the United States, terrorist attacks, war and international political instability anywhere may decrease international demand for our products and inhibit customer development opportunities abroad, disrupt our supply chain and impair our ability to deliver our electronic payment systems, which could materially adversely affect our net revenues or results of operations. Any of these events may also disrupt global financial markets and precipitate a decline in the price of our common stock.

**Risks Relating to this Offering**

***The price for shares of our common stock quoted on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board may not be indicative of their fair value.***

The shares of our common stock are currently quoted on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board, or OTCBB. The trading volume for shares of our common stock historically has been limited. During the period from our completion of the Aplitec transaction on June 7, 2004 through July 14, 2005, the average daily trading volume of our shares of common stock has been approximately 38,404 shares. During this period, the market price of our shares of common stock has ranged from \$5.94 to \$61.50, after giving effect to the one-for-six reverse stock split. On July 14, 2005, the closing price per share of our common stock as quoted on the OTCBB was \$18.00. Although the trading volume of our common stock has increased since we completed the Aplitec acquisition, the prices at which our common stock has been quoted since that time may not be indicative of their fair value. If you purchase shares of our common stock, you may not be able to resell those shares at or above the public offering price.

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In addition, an active public trading market may not develop after completion of this offering, or if developed, may not be sustained. The lack of a trading market may result in the loss of research coverage by securities analysts. Moreover, we cannot assure you that any securities analysts will initiate or maintain coverage of our company and our common stock.

***We expect that the price of our shares of common stock will fluctuate substantially.***

We expect that after this offering the market price for our shares of common stock will be affected by a number of factors, including:

the gain or loss of significant orders or customers;

announcements of our participation in a joint venture or partnership;

recruitment or departure of key personnel;

the announcement of new products or service enhancements by us or our competitors;

changes in government regulation that directly or indirectly affect our business;

quarterly variations in our results of operations;

changes in earnings estimates, investors' perceptions, recommendations by securities analysts or our failure to achieve analysts' earnings estimates;

developments in our industry;

events and news related to the regions where we and our subsidiaries conduct our business; and

general market conditions and other factors unrelated to our operating performance or the operating performance of our competitors.

These factors and price fluctuations may materially and adversely affect the market price of our shares of common stock.

***Future sales of our common stock could reduce our stock price.***

Sales by shareholders of substantial amounts of our shares, or the perception that these sales may occur in the future, could affect materially and adversely the market price of our common stock. The shares that the selling shareholders are offering for sale in this offering will be freely tradeable immediately following this offering. Upon the closing of this offering, an aggregate of approximately 33,766,194 shares of common stock outstanding or issuable in the future upon conversion of special convertible preferred stock will be freely tradeable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act, of which 3,850,738 are subject to lock-up agreements. We have agreed to grant to South African Private Equity Fund III, L.P., or SAPEF, and Brenthurst Private Equity II Limited and their respective affiliates, and to the investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic, certain registration rights with respect to the shares of common stock owned by them. The registration rights that we will grant to the investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic will provide that these entities will first be entitled to exercise demand registration rights one year after the closing of this offering. We expect to enter into these agreements shortly after completion of the offering. Each of our directors and executive officers, certain selling shareholders who, prior to this offering, owned more than 10,000 linked units representing approximately 1,357 shares and certain of our other shareholders have agreed not to sell their shares (other than shares they are selling in this offering) for a period of 180 days after the date of this prospectus. Certain of the selling shareholders, who in the aggregate will beneficially own after this offering approximately 2.8% of our common stock, assuming full conversion of our special convertible preferred stock into common stock, are organized as unit investment trusts. These unit investment trusts may be

required to sell all or a portion of our shares beneficially owned by the trust if the manager of the trust changes or if a holder in the trust redeems its interest in the trust. To the extent that the governing documents of the unit investment trust require the sale of our shares under these circumstances, the lock-up restrictions do not apply to these selling shareholders. As of March 31, 2005, there were options to purchase 1,453,490 shares of our common stock outstanding with a weighted average exercise price per share of \$3.00 and other stock-based awards with respect to 1,453,490 shares of common stock for no cash consideration. The

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shares underlying these options will be freely tradeable upon exercise of the options and other stock-based awards after we have filed a Form S-8, which we intend to do prior to the closing of this offering or as soon as practicable after the closing of this offering. Currently, we do not have any further shares reserved for issuance of additional options or other stock-based awards under our 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. However, we intend to authorize additional shares under our 2004 Stock Incentive Plan or under a successor plan and seek shareholder approval of the increase after the closing of the offering.

***One of our shareholders will continue to hold a significant block of shares in our company after completion of this offering and, as a result, will continue to have significant influence over our company.***

Upon completion of this offering, three designees of SAPEF, one of the entities that funded the Aplitec acquisition, will continue to serve on our current seven-member board of directors and, pursuant to a common stock purchase agreement between us and SAPEF, we anticipate that representatives of SAPEF will continue to serve on our board of directors in the future. In addition, under the General Atlantic stock purchase agreement, we will add one seat to our board of directors and cause to be elected to the board one person designated by General Atlantic. See Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions SAPEF Common Stock Purchase Agreement and General Atlantic Private Placement. In addition, we expect SAPEF and its affiliates to beneficially own approximately 22.5% of the outstanding shares of our voting stock upon the closing of this offering. As a result of its right to board representation and substantial ownership interest, SAPEF may have the ability to exert significant influence on the outcome of a shareholder vote by our shareholders in respect of matters such as a merger, sale or similar transaction involving us, the issuance of capital stock and the incurrence of substantial indebtedness, and SAPEF's interests could conflict with your interests. Additionally, SAPEF is in the business of making investments in companies and may from time to time acquire and hold interests in businesses that compete or could in the future compete, directly or indirectly, with us. SAPEF may also pursue acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to our business, and as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us.

***We have not paid dividends in the past and it is not our current policy to pay dividends, and any return on investment may be limited to the value of our stock.***

We have never paid cash dividends on our shares of common stock and we do not anticipate paying cash dividends on our shares of common stock in the foreseeable future. The payment of dividends on our shares of common stock will depend on our earnings and financial condition, our growth plans and strategies and other business and economic factors affecting us at such time as our board of directors may consider relevant.

In addition, New Aplitec's dividend policy must comply with the restrictions placed by the South African Reserve Bank on the declaration of dividends by New Aplitec as a condition of its approval of the Aplitec transaction. These restrictions will apply until such time as all of our special convertible preferred stock is converted into common stock. These restrictions provide that dividends may be declared by the New Aplitec board of directors only if:

declaration of the dividend is approved by a majority of the holders of New Aplitec B class preference shares;

all B loan accounts have been paid by New Aplitec; and

the dividend does not exceed 50% of New Aplitec's annual earnings.

In addition, under South African law, New Aplitec will only be entitled to pay a dividend or other similar payment if it meets the solvency and liquidity tests set out in the South African Companies Act.

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***You may have difficulties enforcing a U.S. judgment against us, our executive officers and directors and some of the experts named in this prospectus or asserting U.S. securities laws claims in South Africa.***

A significant portion of our assets and the assets of our directors and executive officers and some of the experts named in this prospectus are located outside the United States. In addition, most of the members of our board of directors, all of our executive officers and several of our experts named in this prospectus are residents of South Africa or other foreign countries. As a result, it may not be possible for you to effect service of process, within the United States or elsewhere outside South Africa, upon our non-U.S. directors, our officers or several of our experts. Moreover, any judgment obtained against us or any of these foreign persons in the United States, including one based on the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws, may not be collectible in the United States and may not be enforced by a South African court. Further, if a foreign judgment is enforced by a South African court, it will be payable in South African currency. Also, under South Africa's Exchange Control laws, the approval of the South African Reserve Bank is required before a defendant resident in South Africa may pay money to a non-resident plaintiff in satisfaction of a foreign judgment enforced by a court in South Africa. The policy of South African courts is to award compensation only for loss or damage actually sustained by the person claiming the compensation. Punitive damages are generally not recognized by the South African legal system, on the grounds that such awards are contrary to South African public policy. Whether a judgment is contrary to public policy depends on the facts of each case. Exorbitant, unconscionable or excessive awards will generally be contrary to South African public policy. South African courts cannot consider the merits of a foreign judgment and cannot act as a court of appeal or review over the foreign court. South African courts will usually observe their own procedural laws, and where an action based on a contract governed by the laws of a foreign jurisdiction is brought before a South African court, the capacity of the parties to contract may under certain circumstances be determined in accordance with South African law. A plaintiff who is not resident in South Africa may be required to provide security for costs where proceedings are initiated in South Africa. In addition, the Rules of the High Court of South Africa require that documents executed outside South Africa must be authenticated in a prescribed manner before they may be used in South Africa. Also, under the South African Protection of Business Act, 1978, foreign judgments concerning the ownership, use or sale of any matter or material connected with South African commerce (such as production, import and export) require consent from the South African Minister of Trade and Industry to be enforced. We have been advised by Cliffe Dekker, our South African counsel, that there are difficulties related to the enforceability against us and our directors and officers in South Africa of liabilities predicated solely upon the Federal securities laws of the United States. It also may be difficult for you to assert U.S. securities law claims in original actions instituted in South Africa. For more information regarding the enforceability of civil liabilities against us, our directors and our executive officers, please see [Enforceability of Civil Liabilities](#).

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**FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Some of the statements under Summary, Risk Factors, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Business and elsewhere in this prospectus constitute forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or our future financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our or our industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed, implied or inferred by these forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among other things, those listed under Risk Factors and elsewhere in this prospectus. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, will, should, could, would, expects, plans, intends, anticipates, believe, predicts, potential or continue or the negative of such terms and other comparable terminology.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we do not know whether we can achieve positive future results, levels of activity, performance, or goals. Actual events or results may differ materially. We undertake no obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this prospectus to conform those statements to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by applicable law.

You should read this prospectus and the documents that we reference in this prospectus and have filed as exhibits to the registration statement on Form S-1, of which this prospectus is a part, that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, completely and with the understanding that our actual future results, levels of activity, performance and achievements may be materially different from what we expect. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

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Certain of the selling shareholders may exercise options to purchase the shares of common stock that they are selling in this offering. We will not receive any proceeds from this offering other than proceeds we receive from the exercise of any of these options and from any shares sold pursuant to the exercise by the underwriters of the over-allotment option. We will use any proceeds we receive for working capital and general corporate purposes.

**PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK**

Our common stock is quoted on the OTCBB under the symbol NOUT.OB. Our common stock has been approved for quotation on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol UEPS.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low bid quotations for our common stock on the OTCBB. These quotations reflect prices between dealers and do not include retail mark-ups, mark-downs, and commissions and may not necessarily represent actual transactions. The trading volume for shares of our common stock historically has been limited. The price per share of our common stock quoted on the OTCBB may not be reflective of the fair value of those shares. You should not rely on the price per share quoted on the OTCBB as an indication of the fair value per share of our common stock.

<b>Quarter Ended</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
Sep. 30, 2002	\$ 7.20	\$ 5.40
Dec. 31, 2002	\$ 7.80	\$ 5.40
Mar. 31, 2003	\$ 7.80	\$ 5.40
June 30, 2003	\$ 12.72	\$ 6.36
Sep. 30, 2003	\$ 14.40	\$ 11.40
Dec. 31, 2003	\$ 40.80	\$ 13.32
Mar. 31, 2004	\$ 60.90	\$ 31.32
June 30, 2004	\$ 64.20	\$ 9.00
Sep. 30, 2004	\$ 14.10	\$ 6.66
Dec. 31, 2004	\$ 16.20	\$ 5.94
Mar. 31, 2005	\$ 21.30	\$ 10.56
June 30, 2005	\$ 18.60	\$ 13.68
Sep. 30, 2005 (through July 14, 2005)	\$ 18.20	\$ 16.40

On July 14, 2005, the last reported sale price of our common stock was \$18.00 per share. As of March 31, 2005, there were approximately 56 shareholders of record of our common stock.

**DIVIDEND POLICY**

Net 1 has not paid any dividends on our shares of common stock since our incorporation and we presently intend to retain future earnings to finance the expansion of business. We do not anticipate that we will pay dividends in the foreseeable future. Our future dividend policy will depend on our earnings, capital requirements, expansion plans, financial condition and other business and economic factors as our board of directors may consider relevant.

In addition, New Aplitec's dividend policy must comply with the restrictions placed by the South African Reserve Bank on the declaration of dividends by New Aplitec as a condition of its approval of the Aplitec transaction. These restrictions will apply until such time as all of our special convertible preferred

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stock is converted into common stock. These restrictions provide that dividends may be declared by the New Aplitec board of directors only if:

declaration of the dividend is approved by a majority of the holders of New Aplitec B class preference shares;

all B loan accounts have been paid by New Aplitec; and

the dividend does not exceed 50% of New Aplitec's annual earnings.

In addition, under South African law, New Aplitec will only be entitled to pay a dividend or other similar payment if it meets the solvency and liquidity tests set out in the South African Companies Act. Any dividends declared by New Aplitec will be distributed to the holders of A class and B class preference shareholders pro rata in accordance with their respective ownership interests in New Aplitec.

Aplitec's dividend policy in fiscal 2003 and 2002, the nine months ended March 31, 2004 and prior fiscal periods was to declare regular annual dividend payments of between 25% and 33% of earnings for such periods. Aplitec declared a dividend of ZAR 0.90 (US\$0.09) per share in fiscal 2003, which was paid in the first quarter of fiscal 2004, and ZAR 0.66 (US\$0.06) per share in fiscal 2002.



**Table of Contents****CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of March 31, 2005. Our capitalization is presented on an actual basis and gives effect to the one-for-six reverse stock split of our common stock and special convertible preferred stock which became effective on June 13, 2005.

You should read this table in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	<b>As of March 31, 2005</b>	
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>Shareholders' equity:</b>		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 83,333,333 shares authorized; 27,175,135 shares issued and outstanding	\$	27
Special convertible preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized; 27,525,259 shares issued and outstanding		28
B Class preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 330,000,000 shares authorized; 209,809,130 shares issued and outstanding (net of shares held by us)		33
Additional paid-in-capital		71,959
Accumulated other comprehensive income		13,711
Retained earnings		42,922
 Total shareholders' equity	 \$	 128,680

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The following table sets forth our consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2005 and 2004 and as of June 30, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001 and 2000, and our consolidated statements of operations data for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004 and for the years ended June 30, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001 and 2000. You should read the following selected consolidated financial data together with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and other financial information included elsewhere in this prospectus. In connection with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, we accounted for the Aplitec transaction as a reverse acquisition, which requires that the company whose shareholders retain a majority voting interest in a combined business be treated as the acquiror for accounting purposes. Therefore, for all periods after June 7, 2004, our consolidated financial statements and the discussion and analysis below reflect the operations of Net 1 and its consolidated subsidiaries and, for prior periods, reflect the operations of Aplitec and its consolidated subsidiaries, but not Net 1. The consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended June 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002, and the consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2004 and 2003, have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements which are included elsewhere in this prospectus. The consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended June 30, 2001 and 2000, and the consolidated balance sheet data as of June 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000, have been derived from Aplitec's unaudited consolidated financial statements which are not included in this prospectus. Our audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended June 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002 and our unaudited consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended June 30, 2001 and 2000, have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or US GAAP. The selected consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2005, and the summary consolidated statements of operations data for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004, are derived from unaudited and interim financial information included elsewhere in this prospectus. Results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the entire year. You should also read the following selected consolidated financial data in conjunction with the exchange rate information in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Currency Exchange Rate Information.

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>		<b>Year Ended June 30,</b>				
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>							
<b>Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:</b>							
Revenue	\$ 134,885	\$ 91,463	\$ 131,098	\$ 74,924	\$ 51,793	\$ 73,243	\$ 68,355
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	41,207	28,206	39,134	25,935	14,170	21,983	20,568
General and administrative charges(1)	33,804	25,625	39,677	26,399	21,637	36,779	33,754
Depreciation and amortization(1)	4,897	4,110	5,676	3,323	3,128		
Reorganization costs		3,537	11,133				
Operating income(2)	54,977	29,985	35,478	19,267	12,858	14,641	14,083
Interest, net	1,497	2,464	3,640	2,600	1,381	1,443	1,419
Income before taxes	56,474	32,449	39,118	21,867	14,239	16,084	15,503
Income tax expense	22,534	13,896	25,927	9,473	5,554	7,100	4,337
Income from continuing operations	34,420	18,553	13,278	11,942	8,518	8,069	7,557

Net income attributable to shareholders(3)	\$ 34,420	\$ 18,553	\$ 13,278	\$ 13,117	\$ 8,518	\$ 8,069	\$ 7,557
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	<b>Nine Months Ended March 31,</b>		<b>Year Ended June 30,</b>				
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>							
<b>Income from continuing operations per share(4):</b>							
Basic	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.30
Diluted	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.24
Cash dividend per share(5)	\$	\$	\$ 1.14	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.06	\$	\$

- (1) Prior to 2002, we recorded depreciation as part of general and administrative charges. For the years ended June 30, 2001 and 2000, general and administrative charges included \$3.7 million and \$4.8 million, respectively, related to depreciation and amortization. After 2002, we began to present depreciation and amortization as a separate line item.
- (2) Includes \$160,000 and \$50,000 of other operating income for the years ended June 30, 2001 and 2000, respectively.
- (3) Net income attributable to shareholders for 2003 includes an extraordinary item of \$0.9 million and the results of a change in accounting policy of \$0.3 million as a result of the adoption and application of *Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*.
- (4) The basic and diluted earnings per share have been restated as a result of transaction described in notes 1, 10 and 11 to our consolidated financial statements.
- (5) The cash dividend per share has been restated as a result of the transaction described in notes 1, 10 and 11 to our consolidated financial statements. The cash dividend per share for 2004 was calculated based on 32,161,190 Aplitec shares and represents the dividend paid to shareholders of Aplitec as a result of the transaction.

	<b>Nine Months Ended March 31,</b>		<b>Year Ended June 30,</b>				
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>(In thousands)</b>							
<b>Additional Operating Data:</b>							
Cash flow from operating activities	\$ 15,576	\$ 35,357	\$ 41,895	\$ 17,644	\$ 11,753	\$ 19,005	\$ 12,677
Operating income margin	41%	33%	27%	26%	25%	20%	21%
Capital expenditures	2,982	2,392	2,802	6,712	1,919	3,640	3,460

**As of  
March 31,**

**As of June 30,**

**2005                      2004                      2003                      2002                      2001                      2000**

**(In thousands)**

**Consolidated Balance Sheet**

**Data:**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 92,712	\$ 80,282	\$ 54,313	\$ 32,150	\$ 27,033	\$ 10,172
Total current assets	141,960	117,412	78,705	45,480	43,163	33,628
Total assets	175,318	152,632	98,359	56,496	59,575	49,776
Total current liabilities	32,650	47,831	19,861	10,178	9,929	14,537
Total debt		252				751
Total shareholders equity	\$ 128,680	\$ 95,588	\$ 70,504	\$ 41,724	\$ 45,033	\$ 33,490

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF  
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with Selected Consolidated Financial Data and our consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. In addition to historical consolidated financial information, the following discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Our financial condition and results of operations may change as a result of many factors, including those we discuss in Risk Factors and elsewhere in this prospectus. In connection with generally accepted accounting principles, we accounted for the Aplitec transaction as a reverse acquisition, which requires that the company whose shareholders retain a majority voting interest in a combined business be treated as the acquirer for accounting purposes. Therefore, for all periods after June 7, 2004, our consolidated financial statements and the discussion and analysis below reflect the operation of Net 1 and its consolidated subsidiaries and, for prior periods, reflect the operation of Aplitec and its consolidated subsidiaries, but not Net 1.

**Overview**

We provide our universal electronic payment system technology as an alternative payment system to the unbanked and under-banked populations of developing economies. We believe that we are the first company worldwide to implement a system that can enable the estimated four billion people who generally have limited or no access to a bank account to effect affordably electronic transactions with one another, government agencies, employers, merchants and other financial services providers. To do this, we have developed and deployed the universal electronic payment system, or UEPS. This system uses secure smart cards that operate in real time but offline, unlike traditional payment systems offered by major banking institutions that require immediate access through a communications network to a centralized computer. This offline capability means that users of our system can enter into transactions at any time with other card holders in even the most remote areas so long as a portable offline card reader is available. In addition to payments and purchases, our system can be used for banking, health care management, international money transfers, voting and identification.

South Africa is the first major market where we achieved significant success and a high penetration rate in the areas we targeted. We believe that our operating experience in South Africa demonstrates the success of our business model in a developing economy. Currently, South Africa has a population of approximately 42 million people, of which an estimated 50% live below the poverty line. The South African unemployment rate is estimated at 30%. The success we have achieved in South Africa since commencing operations in December 1997 has primarily resulted from servicing the needs of the poorest section of the population—those who are dependent on government social welfare grants. We have designed and implemented a complete business model involving the payment, and subsequent spending, of these grants through our smart cards and UEPS technology, which provides us with the opportunity to earn multiple sources of revenue and provides our card holders with affordable functionality and lifestyle improvement. As part of our commitment to South Africa and our customer base, we have a holistic strategy in keeping with the South African government's broad-based empowerment objectives and incorporating, among other things, procurement, employment equity, corporate social investment and equity ownership initiatives. We believe we are well positioned, absolutely and relatively, in terms of meeting the country's empowerment objectives. The South African government is also actively involved in a number of initiatives which may present us with opportunities to export our South African achievements, such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the India-Brazil-South Africa Dialogue Forum, which is currently considering the establishment of an economic trade bloc between these three countries.

On the African continent outside South Africa, we have implemented our systems at the request of a variety of customers in Ghana, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi and Mozambique, which are some of the poorest countries in the world. In Malawi, our system has been implemented by the Reserve Bank of Malawi as a national payment system. We are not actively involved as either investors or operators in any of these systems, but we believe that our experience and success in South Africa, together with our



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understanding of trade in Africa, will permit us to take advantage of new opportunities both in and outside South Africa, which in some instances, may involve acquiring a minority ownership position in these owners and operators.

**Description of Our Business and Operating Segments**

We analyze our business and operations in terms of four inter-related but independent operating segments: (1) Transaction-based activities, (2) Smart card accounts, (3) Financial services, and (4) Hardware, software and related technology sales. In addition, we have a corporate eliminations segment which consists of corporate and corporate office activities that are impracticable to ascribe directly to any of the other operating segments, as well as any inter-segment eliminations. Prior to the quarter ended March 31, 2005, we included the portion of the fee we earn from provincial governments that relates to the provision of a smart card account to each social welfare recipient in our Financial services operating segment. However, we have recently started analyzing separately the revenues generated from providing a smart card account, and therefore, we have expanded our operating segment analysis to include the fee we earn from provision of the smart card accounts in a separate segment. We have restated our operating segment information for prior periods in order to provide comparability between periods.

***Transaction-Based Activities***

The Transaction-based activities operating segment consists primarily of our contracts to distribute social welfare payments in South Africa through our subsidiary Cash Paymaster Services (Proprietary) Limited, or CPS, and its operating subsidiaries. CPS's operating subsidiaries utilize the UEPS technology to administer and distribute social welfare grants in five of South Africa's nine provinces. Revenues from Transaction-based activities include all fees that we earn from provincial governments and participating retail merchants from recurring UEPS transactions that we process through our back-end system, such as the payment of social welfare grants, debit orders, payment of wages, point of sale spending, distribution of medicine, money transfers and prepayment of utility bills. The expenses associated with Transaction-based activities are primarily variable expenses such as security and guarding expenses we incur to help ensure the security of the cash we transport and the safety of our employees who transport the cash, banking fees we incur when we withdraw and redeposit cash, insurance and fixed expenses such as salaries and property rental.

Historically, a substantial majority of the revenues we derive from Transaction-based activities has consisted of the service delivery component of the fee we charge to the provincial governments with whom we contract for the distribution of social welfare grants. As stated above, the portion of the fee that relates to the provision of the smart card account is included in another segment, Smart card accounts. However, as the implementation of our POS device infrastructure gathers momentum and the usage of POS devices accelerates, we expect that the transaction fees we receive from our participating merchant base will increase significantly.

South African social welfare grants consist of eight different grant types, including social security, child support and disability grants. Provincial government contracts are typically awarded for a period of three years, with an option by the provincial government to extend the contract for an additional two years.



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The following table shows the current status of each of our provincial government contracts:

	<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>North West</b>	<b>Northern Cape</b>	<b>Eastern Cape</b>
Original year of contract award	1992	1996	1995	1997	2002
Date acquired by Net 1	October 1998	October 1998	October 1998	October 1998	n/a
Date of first Net 1 contract	January 2000	December 2003	July 2000	January 2000	November 2003
UEPS smart card implementation date	January 2000	January 2004	October 2000	September 2001	November 2003
Merchant acquiring rollout date	December 2004	March 2005	n/a	July 2004	October 2004
Current contract expiration date (including extensions)	December 2005	November 2006	December 2005	December 2006	November 2005
Further possible extensions	1 year	2 years	Negotiable	Negotiable	2 years
Number of beneficiaries paid by CPS (in the March 2005 payment cycle)	1,431,119	859,874	272,352	124,816	633,207

We believe that we currently have approximately 45% of the market share in South Africa, based on the number of beneficiaries, for the distribution of social welfare grants, including grants distributed by the South African Post Office and the formal banking sector.

A smart card-based biometric, or fingerprint, identification system is used to verify beneficiaries and effect payments of social welfare grants onto individual smart cards, with each card acting as an account for the beneficiary. The beneficiary then has the choice of either converting the electronic value to cash using automated cash dispensers or effecting electronic payments through the smart card for a range of services such as the purchase of goods, loan repayments and insurance premium payments. The system's biometric verification and audit capabilities help to reduce the risks of fraud and theft traditionally associated with the use and storage of cash.

Historically, due to the limited number of services available, almost all of the beneficiaries have downloaded the value of their grant payments onto their smart cards and then immediately accessed the full amount as cash. Our revenue has therefore been limited to fees we earn on the loading and redemption of value on the cards as well as the registration of beneficiaries rather than the provision of other services. We are, however, aggressively expanding the services available to beneficiaries to include debit orders, point of service spending and money transfers. We believe that by making these services available to beneficiaries, we have the potential to earn additional revenues in the future.

As of March 31, 2005, we have deployed our UEPS retail application into merchant stores throughout the Northern Cape, Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo provinces of South Africa. The system allows all our card holders to load their social welfare grants or salaries onto their smart cards at any participating merchant. Once their smart cards have been loaded, card holders have the flexibility to either purchase goods or receive cash offline.

We believe that the support from South African merchants has been highly favorable and we have signed contracts with merchants in rural, semi-urban and urban areas, including large chain stores. Potential benefits to merchants from

participation in the system include increased sales from a growing

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smart card client base, reduced banking charges, reduced communications and reconciliation costs and a reduction of the risks associated with fraud and theft.

Participating merchants can also generate new income streams for themselves by selling a range of financial products that we offer.

***Smart Card Accounts***

Our Smart card accounts operating segment derives revenue from the provision of smart card accounts to our card holders, which currently primarily consist of social welfare grant beneficiaries. As described under Transaction-Based Activities above, we provide a smart card account to all social welfare beneficiaries to whom we distribute payments. A portion of the fee we earn for the delivery of the service is for the provision of the smart card account and is therefore included in the Smart card accounts operating segment. The fixed costs included in this operating segment are primarily computer equipment-related and personnel costs associated with the operation of the smart card accounts.

***Financial Services***

Our Financial services operating segment derives revenues from providing financial services to card holders through our smart card delivery channel. These financial services consist primarily of short-term loans and life insurance products. We provide the loans ourselves and generate revenue from the interest earned on these loans. We sell life insurance products on behalf of registered underwriters and earn revenue through the commissions we receive on the sale of policies. The fees we earn for the collection of insurance policy premiums through our debit order system is included in the Transaction-based activities operating segment. We plan to grow and develop this business by launching new products into the provinces in which we administer social welfare grants. The fixed expenses associated with the Financial services operating segment consist primarily of costs of administrative personnel and depreciation of computer equipment.

We also operate a traditional microlending business with approximately 100 branches located throughout South Africa. These branches extend short-term loans for periods ranging from 30 days up to six months, with the majority of loans being 30-day loans. The fixed costs associated with the provision of these accounts are primarily the leasing of office premises and salaries associated with the provision of microlending loans.

***Hardware, Software and Related Technology Sales***

We have developed a range of technological competencies to service our own internal needs and to provide links with our client enterprises. We derive revenues from the Hardware, software and related technology sales operating segment by providing to customers the hardware and software required to implement our system. Typical components for a system installation are:

hardware for the back-end switching and settlement system;

customization of the UEPS software to suit local conditions, including UEPS management system, automated teller machine, or ATM, integration and POS device integration;

customization of an applications suite to client's specific requirements, such as banking, retail or wage payments;

ongoing software and hardware support/maintenance; and

license fees.

One of our largest customers in this segment is Nedbank Limited, one of South Africa's largest banks by asset size. We have an arrangement with Nedbank relating to the outsourcing of its entire POS device management system, front-end switching Stratus computer platform, software development, smart cards and POS device maintenance. We also supply hardware to Nedbank in the form of POS devices and card readers.

**Table of Contents****Description of Income Statement Line Items*****Cost of Goods Sold, IT Processing, Servicing and Support***

Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support includes all costs we incur to provide our systems. The most significant elements of these costs include (1) security and guarding expenses which we incur to help protect the security of the cash we transport and the safety of our employees who transport the cash, (2) banking expenses we incur when we withdraw and redeposit cash, (3) transportation expenses we incur, including fuel, maintenance and insurance for the automotive vehicles that travel throughout the provinces to distribute social welfare payments, (4) personnel expenses other than for our executive and administration employees, (5) rental and utilities for the facilities we operate and (6) inventory expenses, which consist primarily of spare parts to perform hardware repairs.

***General and Administrative***

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of (1) personnel expenses for our executive and administration employees, (2) costs associated with our head office facility, (3) professional fees, such as audit, legal, advisory and tax and (4) marketing and travel expenses.

***Depreciation and Amortization***

Depreciation and amortization consists of depreciation of property, plant and equipment and amortization of intangible assets.

***Reorganization Charges***

These expenses consist primarily of fees we incurred in connection with the Aplitec transaction, including financial advisory fees, legal and accounting fees, printing expenses and filing fees.

***Interest Income***

Interest income consists of interest we receive on our surplus cash in our bank accounts, net of the interest we pay on short-term borrowings. Interest income we earn from our business of providing short-term loans is included in revenue and is not included in interest income.

***Income Taxes***

We account for income taxes using the asset and liability method. This approach recognizes the amount of taxes payable or refundable for the current year, as well as deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax consequence of events we recognize in the financial statements and tax returns. Deferred income taxes are adjusted to reflect the effects of changes in tax laws or enacted tax rates. The tax rate in South Africa varies depending on whether income is distributed. The income tax rate is currently 30%, but upon distribution an additional tax of 12.5% is due based on the amount of dividends declared, net of dividends received during a dividend cycle. In February 2005, the Finance Minister of South Africa announced in his annual budget speech for the 2005/2006 tax year the decrease in statutory rate of taxation for South African-domiciled companies from 30% to 29% for all fiscal years ending on or after April 1, 2005. As at March 31, 2005, the change in the rate had not been promulgated by parliament in South Africa and thus is not the enacted rate as described in Statement of Financial Accounting Standard 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. It is difficult to predict the ratification date of the change in tax rate, however, after enactment the distributed tax rate would decrease from the current 37.78% to 36.89%. We have not completed our analysis to determine the effect of the change in tax rate on our tax expense.

***Earnings from Equity-Accounted Investment***

We use the equity method to account for investments in a company when we have a significant influence, but not control, over the operations of the investee company. Under the equity method, we initially record the investment at cost on our balance sheet. We reflect in our statements of operations our

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proportionate share of the investee company's net income or loss and we adjust the carrying value of the investment to reflect this net income or loss. Currently, our sole equity-accounted investment is our 43% interest in Permit Group 2 (Proprietary) Limited, which in turn owns 95% of the common stock of New Era Life Insurance Company, a provider of various insurance products to the South African market.

**Current Trends Affecting Our Business*****Government Decision Making***

We currently derive a significant portion of our revenues from our contracts with various South African provincial governments. The national South African government passed legislation in 2004 for creation of the South African Social Security Agency, or SASSA. The primary purpose of SASSA is to consolidate at the central government level the administration of social welfare grants. We believe that our successful record with our provincial government contracts will provide us with a good opportunity to benefit from the transition to national administration of social welfare grants because we may be able to obtain contracts to distribute grants in provinces with which we do not currently have a contractual relationship. However, there is a chance that this consolidation could lead to our losing our current contracts if the SASSA decides to appoint a single contractor to provide social welfare grant distribution and we were not chosen. During this transition period, our existing provincial government contracts will continue to be governed by their respective terms.

When a provincial government contract expires, whether at its originally scheduled expiration date or at the end of any applicable extension period, we must successfully re-tender in order to retain the contractual relationship. Usually, such a tender must be submitted as part of a competitive tender process. The fact that we previously held a particular contract does not necessarily mean that it will be awarded to us again. To date, we have successfully renewed every provincial government contract which we have been awarded. In addition, there have been occasions when a contract has not been formally renewed prior to its originally scheduled expiration date or expiration of the extension period, but in each of these cases, we and the provincial government have continued to operate under the terms of the expired contract until execution of a new contract.

***Rate of Adoption by System Participants***

An important factor in the growth of our business is the rate at which system participants use our system to effect transactions with our smart cards, which in turn depends on our success in placing POS devices at the locations of retailers where our card holders can load and spend their social welfare grants or salaries and the rate at which smart card holders effect transactions through those POS devices. We believe that increased use of our system by participants will result in a significant improvement in the lifestyle of our card holders and at the same time will reduce our costs of delivering social welfare grants in cash to beneficiaries. Beginning in July 2004, we began the rollout of our merchant acquiring system and as of March 31, 2005, we had begun enrolling participating retailers in the Northern Cape, Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo provinces. In each case, we conducted this rollout in consultation with the provincial governments and community participants to ensure a smooth and efficient implementation. We measure our success in achieving increased participant use of our system by tracking the number of new POS devices installed, the number of new participating retailer locations and the total value of transactions processed through these POS devices. During the first quarter of 2005, we enrolled 265 retail merchants and installed 340 POS devices at their locations. During the second quarter of 2005, we enrolled 435 retail merchants and installed 926 POS devices at their locations. In the third quarter of 2005, we enrolled 741 retail merchants and installed 1,140 POS devices at their locations.

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The following chart shows the growth in the value of transactions processed through our installed base of POS devices since we began implementation of our merchant acquiring system in 2004:

**Migration to Merchant Infrastructure**

(Migration to Merchant Infrastructure Chart)

	<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>Total cash withdrawal</b>	<b>Total Spent and Withdrawn</b>
Jan-04	3	7	10
Mar-04	386	599	985
May-04	668	1351	2019
Jul-04	3135	9297	12432
Sep-04	4942	11260	16202
Nov-04	16770	46741	63511
Jan-05	22307	61231	83538
Mar-05	42266	149003	191269

***Implementation of New UEPS Systems***

The implementation of new UEPS systems, particularly in developing economies outside our current markets, is a vital component of our future growth. We are currently exploring a number of opportunities to implement UEPS systems and to participate as minority investors in these projects. The success of these endeavors are, however, subject to a number of factors over which we have little or no control, such as finding suitable partners with the appropriate financial, business and technical backing and continued governmental support for planned implementations. In some countries, finding suitable partners and obtaining the appropriate support from the government involved may take a number of years before we can commence implementation.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

Our annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with US GAAP, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with absolute certainty, the determination of estimates requires management's judgment based on a variety of assumptions and other determinants such as historical experience, current and expected market conditions and certain scientific evaluation techniques. Management believes that the following accounting policies are critical due to the degree of estimation required and the impact of these policies on the understanding of the results of our operations.

***Deferred Taxation***

We estimate our tax liability through the calculations done for the determination of our current tax liability when tax returns are filed, together with assessing temporary differences resulting from the different treatment of items for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities which are disclosed on our balance sheet. Management then has to assess the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income. To the extent that we believe recovery is

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unlikely, we create a valuation reserve. The carrying value of our net deferred tax assets assumes that we will be able to generate sufficient future taxable income, based on estimates and assumptions. Management has considered future taxable income and ongoing feasible tax strategies in determining the need for the valuation allowance, but in the event that we were to determine that we would be able to realize deferred tax assets in the future, a valuation allowance may not be required which would reduce net income in the period that such determination is made.

***Accounts Receivable and Provision for Doubtful Debts***

We maintain a provision for doubtful debts in our microlending business resulting from the inability of certain of our clients to make the required payments. Our current policy is to provide for the full outstanding amount for all debts which are outstanding for 150 days and longer. As of March 31, 2005, the full amount of such debt outstanding totaled \$8.8 million (ZAR 55.7 million), which is a 2.6% increase, in rand terms, over the amount outstanding at March 31, 2004 (\$8.5 million or ZAR 54.3 million). We consider this policy to be appropriate taking into account factors such as historical bad debts, current economic trends and changes in our customer payment patterns. Additional provisions may be required should the ability of our clients to make payments when due deteriorate in the future. A significant amount of judgment is required to assess the ultimate recoverability of these receivables, including on-going evaluation of the creditworthiness of each client.

***Research and Development***

Our business activities and product offerings depend on our proprietary UEPS software. As a result, we have a large group of software engineers and developers who are constantly revising and improving the core UEPS software. We account for the development cost of software intended for sale to licensees in accordance with SFAS No. 86,

Accounting for Costs of Computer Software to be Sold, Leased, or Otherwise Marketed. SFAS 86 requires product development costs to be charged to expenses as incurred until technological feasibility is attained. Technological feasibility is attained when our software has completed system testing and has been determined viable for its intended use. The time between the attainment of technological feasibility and completion of software development has been short with immaterial amounts of development costs incurred during this period. Accordingly, we did not capitalize any development costs in fiscal 2003 or fiscal 2002, particularly because the main part of our development is the enhancement and upgrading of existing products.

We account for the costs to develop software for our internal use in accordance with Statement of Position 98-1, Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software Developed or Obtained for Internal Use (SOP 98-1), issued by the AICPA. SOP 98-1 requires these costs to be expensed as incurred, except to the extent that these costs are incurred during the application development stage. All other costs including those incurred in the project development and post-implementation stages are expensed as incurred.

A significant amount of judgment is required to separate research costs, new development costs and ongoing development costs based on the transition between these stages. A multitude of factors need to be considered by management, including an assessment of the state of readiness of the software and the existence of markets for the software. The possibility of capitalizing development costs in the future, within the criteria set by SFAS 86 or SOP 98-1, may have a material impact on our profitability in the period when the costs are capitalized, and in subsequent periods when the capitalized costs are amortized.

**Table of Contents****Currency Exchange Rate Information**

Exchange rates at and for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004, and at and for the years ended June 30, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001 and 2000, were as follows:

	Nine Months Ended March 31,		Year Ended June 30,				
	2005	2004	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
<b>Actual exchange rates</b>							
ZAR: \$ average exchange rate	6.1546	6.9971	6.9001	9.0568	10.1477	7.6109	6.3487
Highest ZAR: \$ rate during period	6.7635	7.8030	7.8030	12.3300	13.8450	8.1900	9.1950
Lowest ZAR: \$ rate during period	5.5350	6.0576	6.0576	6.9900	7.9946	6.7300	5.9350
Rate at end of period	6.3099	6.3525	6.2750	7.4700	10.3700	8.0536	6.8250

**US\$: ZAR Exchange Rates****Translation Exchange Rates**

We are required to translate our results of operations from ZAR to U.S. dollars on a monthly basis. Thus, the average rates used to translate this data at and for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004, and at and for the years ended June 30, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001 and 2000, may vary slightly from the averages shown in the table above. The translation rates we use in presenting our results of operations are the rates shown in the following table:

	Nine Months Ended March 31,		Year Ended June 30,				
	2005	2004	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Income and expense items:							
\$1 = ZAR	6.1433	6.9734	6.9183	9.0568	10.1477	7.6109	6.3487
Balance sheet items:							
\$1 = ZAR	6.3099	6.3525	6.2750	7.4700	10.3700	8.0536	6.8250

**Results of Operations**

The discussion of our consolidated overall results of operations is based on amounts in US GAAP as reflected in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. However, our discussion of results of operations for individual business segments is based on amounts in South African GAAP, or SA GAAP, as reflected in note 6, Operating Segments, of the notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements because the internal financial reporting that is used by our chief operating



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decision maker to evaluate segment performance is prepared on an SA GAAP basis. Please refer to note 6 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for information discussing certain differences between US GAAP and SA GAAP.

Additionally, our discussion analyzes our results of operations both in U.S. dollars, as presented in the consolidated financial statements, and supplementally in ZAR, because ZAR is the functional currency of the entities which contribute the majority of our profits and is the currency in which the majority of our transactions are initially incurred and measured. Due to the significant impact of currency fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and ZAR on our reported results and because we use the U.S. dollar as our reporting currency, we believe that the supplemental presentation of our results of operations in ZAR is useful to investors to understand the changes in the underlying trends of our business.

Our results for the year ended June 30, 2005 will include costs associated with this offering and our compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Our June 30, 2005 balance sheet will reflect the June 30 exchange rate of ZAR6.68=US\$1.00

**Nine Months Ended March 31, 2005 Compared to Nine Months Ended March 31, 2004**

There are three factors which significantly impacted our results of operations during the periods presented: fluctuations in the exchange rate between the South African rand, or ZAR, which is our functional currency, and the U.S. dollar, which is our reporting currency;

commencement during the first quarter of the Nedbank project to deliver POS devices and the conclusion of the project during the third quarter; and

higher volumes in transaction-based activities and financial services.

In addition, our earnings per share of common stock and linked units for each period reflect the full impact of all new shares of common and special convertible preferred stock issued in connection with the Aplitec transaction. The calculation of earnings per share for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 is based on 54,700,394 shares outstanding which, as of March 31, 2005, comprised 27,175,135 shares of common stock and 27,525,259 shares of special convertible preferred stock, compared to 32,161,190 shares of common stock used for the calculation of earnings per share for the nine months ended March 31, 2004. We discuss under the non-GAAP measures heading below how our earnings per share for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004, would have been affected if all 54,700,394 shares had been outstanding on July 1, 2003.

**Table of Contents****Consolidated Overall Results of Operations**

This discussion is based on the amounts which were prepared in accordance with US GAAP.

The following tables show the changes in the items comprising our statements of operations, both in U.S. dollars and in ZAR.

<b>In United States Dollars (US GAAP)</b>			
<b>Nine Months Ended March 31,</b>			
	<b>2005 \$ 000</b>	<b>2004 \$ 000</b>	<b>\$ % Change</b>
Revenue	134,885	91,463	47%
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	41,207	28,206	46%
General and administrative	33,804	25,625	32%
Depreciation and amortization	4,897	4,110	19%
Reorganization charges		3,537	(100)%
Operating income	54,977	29,985	83%
Interest income, net	1,497	2,464	(39)%
Income before income taxes	56,474	32,449	74%
Income tax expense	22,534	13,896	62%
Net income before earnings from equity accounted investment	33,940	18,553	83%
Earnings from equity accounted investment	480		
Net income	34,420	18,553	86%

<b>In South African Rand (US GAAP)</b>			
<b>Nine Months Ended March 31,</b>			
	<b>2005 ZAR 000</b>	<b>2004 ZAR 000</b>	<b>ZAR % Change</b>
Revenue	830,391	635,992	31%
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	254,899	194,876	31%
General and administrative	207,668	178,693	16%
Depreciation and amortization	30,084	28,661	5%
Reorganization charges		24,665	(100)%
Operating income	337,740	209,097	62%
Interest income, net	9,197	17,182	(46)%

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Income before income taxes	346,937	226,279	53%
Income tax expense	138,433	96,902	43%
Net income before earnings from equity accounted investment	208,504	129,377	61%
Earnings from equity accounted investment	2,949		
Net income	211,453	129,377	63%

Analyzed in ZAR, the increase in revenue and cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, was primarily due to the delivery of POS devices to Nedbank and the higher volumes in our transaction-based activities and financial services operating segments. The increase in depreciation and amortization for the nine months to March 31, 2005 was due, in part, to the inclusion of the Net 1 intangibles. The reorganization charges for the nine months ended March 31, 2004 relate to the Aplitec transaction.

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The increase in operating income margin to 41% for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from 33% for the nine months ended March 2004, was primarily due to improved efficiencies across all activities, performance of the Nedbank contract mentioned above and a significantly improved contribution from our contract to pay social welfare grants in the Eastern Cape province. We anticipate that as we continue to enroll participating retailers in our system, we will experience increased utilization of the installed base of our POS devices, which should result in further improvements in our operating income margins.

**Interest Received and Finance Costs**

Interest received consists of interest received on our surplus cash, while finance costs consist of interest paid on short-term borrowings. We have a unique cash flow cycle due to our obligations to pre-fund the payments of social welfare grants in the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape provinces. We provide the funds required for the grant payments on behalf of these provincial governments from our own cash resources and are reimbursed within two weeks by the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape governments, thus exposing us to these provinces' credit risk. We have overdraft facilities in the amounts of ZAR 250 million and ZAR 270 million, respectively, to assist us with our prefunding obligations under the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape contracts. The funding requirements are at peak levels for the first two weeks of every month during the year. The pre-funding requirement for the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape contracts has increased and resulted in higher finance costs. However, these increased expenses were partially offset by the decrease in the South African prime overdraft rate from an average of 12% per annum during the nine months ended March 31, 2004 to 11% per annum during the nine months ended March 31, 2005. Thus, finance costs increased from \$8.5 million (ZAR 59.3 million) for the nine months ended March 31, 2004 to \$10.1 million (ZAR 62.0 million) for the same period in 2005.

Interest on surplus cash for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 changed to \$11.5 million (ZAR 70.6 million) from \$10.8 million (ZAR 75.3 million) for the comparable period during the prior year. The decrease in ZAR was due to the lower prime overdraft rate during the 2005 period.

**Taxation**

Total tax expense for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 was \$22.5 million (ZAR 138.4 million) compared with \$13.9 million (ZAR 96.9 million) during the same period in the prior year. The increase was due to our increased profitability in all segments. In February 2005, the Finance Minister of South Africa announced in his annual budget speech for the 2005/2006 tax year the decrease in statutory rate of taxation for South African domiciled companies from 30% to 29% for all fiscal years ending on or after April 1, 2005. As of March 31, 2005, the change in the rate had not been promulgated by parliament in South Africa and has therefore not been reflected in the quarterly financial information presented. It is difficult to predict the ratification date of the change in tax rate, however, after enactment the distributed tax rate would decrease from the current 37.78% to 36.89%. We have not completed our analysis to determine the effect of the change in tax rate on our tax expense charge.

***Results of Operations by Operating Segment***

The composition of revenue and the contributions of our operating segments to operating income are illustrated below. The discussion of our operating segments is based on amounts which were prepared in accordance with SA GAAP. Our management prepares financial statements for management purposes

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under SA GAAP and our chief operating decision maker evaluates segment performance using SA GAAP measures.

**In United States Dollars (SA GAAP)****Nine Months Ended March 31,**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>% of</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>% of</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>\$ 000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Operating Segment</b>					
Consolidated revenue:					
Transaction-based activities	77,538	57%	59,875	66%	30%
Smart card accounts	26,362	20%	15,762	17%	67%
Financial services	15,642	12%	12,384	14%	26%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	15,343	11%	3,312	3%	363%
<b>Total consolidated revenue</b>	<b>134,885</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>91,333</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>48%</b>
Consolidated operating income (loss):					
Transaction-based activities	31,629	55%	18,626	68%	70%
Smart card accounts	11,983	21%	7,165	26%	67%
Financial services	7,579	13%	5,150	19%	47%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	6,036	11%	(236)	(1)%	
Corporate/Eliminations	(174)	0%	(3,442)	(12)%	(95)%
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>57,053</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27,263</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>109%</b>

**In South African Rand (SA GAAP)****Nine Months Ended March 31,**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>% of</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>% of</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>ZAR</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>ZAR</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Change</b>
	<b>000</b>		<b>000</b>		
<b>Operating Segment</b>					
Consolidated revenue:					
Transaction-based activities	477,346	57%	416,937	66%	14%
Smart card accounts	162,292	20%	109,755	17%	48%
Financial services	96,297	12%	86,238	14%	12%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	94,456	11%	23,062	3%	310%
<b>Total consolidated revenue</b>	<b>830,391</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>635,992</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>31%</b>

Consolidated operating income (loss):

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Transaction-based activities	194,605	55%	129,661	68%	50%
Smart card accounts	73,728	21%	49,878	26%	48%
Financial services	46,632	13%	35,847	19%	30%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	37,138	11%	(1,643)	(1)%	
Corporate/Eliminations	(1,071)	0%	(23,960)	(12)%	(96)%
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>351,032</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>189,783</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>85%</b>

***Transaction-Based Activities***

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by 30% for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by 70% for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

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In ZAR, revenues increased by 14% for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by 50% for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

These increases in revenues and operating income were due primarily to the rollout of our merchant acquiring system which began in July 2004, implementation of transacting ability at participating retailers POS devices, full operation of the Eastern Cape provincial contract, higher volumes from our other provincial contracts and annual increases in the amounts we charge under our provincial contracts. We discuss these factors in more detail below.

*Rollout of our merchant acquiring system:* During July 2004, we began a major drive to install POS devices in rural areas where the majority of our card holders spend their social welfare grants. The number of POS devices installed, the number of new UEPS participating retail locations and the total value of transactions processed through these terminals is summarized in the table below:

Province	Three Months Ended			Total Year to Date
	Sept. 2004 (includes Northern Cape)	Dec. 2004 (includes Northern Cape and Eastern Cape)	Mar. 2005 (includes Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal)	(includes Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal)
POS devices installed	340	926	1,140	2,406
Number of new UEPS participating retail locations	265	435	741	1,441
Value of transactions processed through POS devices (in \$ 000)	3,563	10,596	45,529	59,688
Value of transactions processed through POS devices (in ZAR 000)	22,711	64,518	273,800	361,029

*Full operation of Eastern Cape contract:* During the first two quarters of fiscal 2004, the implementation of our social welfare grant payment system in the Eastern Cape Province was not fully operational. We processed 5,480,916 transactions during the nine months ended March 31, 2005, compared with 3,889,783 transactions during the nine months ended March 31, 2004.

*Higher volumes from our other provincial contracts:* We have experienced growth in most of the other provinces where we administer payments of social welfare grants. This growth has been mainly due to new qualifying criteria announced in 2003 by the South African government that increased the eligibility for child support grants, and a significant increase in the number of disability grants approved by the various provincial governments. In total, the volume of payments processed during the nine months ended March 31, 2005 increased 21% to 29,435,978 from the comparable period during 2004.

*Annual price increase adjustments:* Under our Service Level Agreements with provincial governments, we are entitled to annual price increases based upon factors such as average grant size, volumes and the South African Consumer Price Index, or CPI rates.





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The higher volumes in existing contracts, as well as any price increases are detailed below:

**Nine Months Ended March 31,**

Province	Number of Payments		Average Price per Beneficiary Payment			
	2005	2004	2005 \$(1)	2004 \$(2)	2005 ZAR(1)	2004 ZAR(2)
KwaZulu-Natal	12,494,917	10,194,132	3.30	2.55	20.27	17.767
Limpopo	8,012,425	6,893,862	2.30	1.94	14.14	13.50
North West	2,366,301	2,332,115	2.92	2.31	17.93	16.10
Northern Cape	1,081,419	1,029,949	3.41	3.01	20.97	20.97
Eastern Cape	5,480,916	3,889,783	2.26	2.00	13.91	13.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,435,978</b>	<b>24,339,841</b>				

(1) The average price per payment excludes \$0.90 (ZAR 5.50) related to the provision of smart card accounts.

(2) The average price per payment excludes \$0.79 (ZAR 5.50) related to the provision of smart card accounts.

Operating income margin for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 increased to 41% from 31% for the nine months ended March 31, 2004. These profit margin improvements were mainly due to:

the increased volumes and the higher average price per payment as detailed in the table above;

the reduced losses on the Eastern Cape contract, where we incurred significant expenses during the first half of fiscal 2004 in connection with the process of optimizing the logistics of the Eastern Cape implementation, such as the number of vehicles, number of payment points and number of beneficiaries at each payment point;

the conversion of our operations in the Limpopo province during November 2003 to February 2004 to a full smart card-based payment system; and

the increase in the number of social grant beneficiaries paid through our POS device infrastructure at participating retailers, instead of payment using more costly automated cash dispensers.

**Smart Card Accounts**

In U.S. dollars, revenues and operating income each increased by 67% for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, revenues and operating income each increased by 48% for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

Operating income margin from providing smart card accounts was fairly constant at 45% for the each of the nine months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004.

Revenue from the provision of smart card based accounts grew in proportion to the higher number of beneficiaries serviced through our social welfare payment contracts. A total number of 3,321,368 smart card-based accounts were active as of March 31, 2005, compared to 2,949,976 active accounts as at March 31, 2004. The significant increase in the number of active accounts is primarily due to the conversion to a full smart card-based payment system of the beneficiaries we service in the Limpopo province. A total of 859,874 accounts were active in this province at March 31, 2005.

**Financial Services**

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by 26% for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by 47% for the three months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

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In ZAR, revenues increased by 12% for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by 30% for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

Revenues from UEPS-based lending improved as a result of growth in our loan portfolio as we expanded the areas where this service is offered. By contrast, the loan portfolio of the traditional micro-lending businesses remained static as a result of our strategic decision not to grow this business aggressively. The key indicators of these businesses are illustrated below:

	At March 31, 2005	At March 31, 2004	\$ % Change	At March 31, 2005	At March 31, 2004	ZAR % Change
	\$ 000	\$ 000		ZAR 000	ZAR 000	
Finance loans receivable:						
Traditional microlending gross	11,143	12,043	(7)%	70,313	76,502	(8)%
Provisions	(7,059)	(8,052)	(12)%	(44,541)	(51,148)	(13)%
Finance loans receivable:						
Traditional microlending net of provisions	4,084	3,991	2%	25,772	25,354	2%
Finance loans receivable:						
UEPS-based lending net and gross (i.e., no provisions)	4,746	4,550	4%	29,944	28,906	4%
	8,830	8,541		55,716	54,260	

Operating income margin for the financial services segment increased to 48% for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 from 42% for the nine months ended March 31, 2004, primarily due to the change in the composition of the lending portfolio from the lower margin and higher risk traditional microlending to the higher margin and lower risk UEPS-based lending. The provision of UEPS-based lending is volume driven and profitability improves as volumes increase, as most costs are fixed. During fiscal 2005, we have substantially reduced the staff cost associated with UEPS-based lending, as the fixed-term contracts of staff members who assisted in the establishment of this initiative expired. The change in the contribution to segment revenue and the change in the operating income margin of UEPS-based lending and traditional microlending for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004 are illustrated in the table below:

Nine Months Ended March 31,			
2005		2004	
% of Total Revenue	Profit Margin %	% of Total Revenue	Profit Margin %

UEPS-based lending	48%	76%	18%	66%
Traditional microlending	52%	22%	82%	26%
	100%		100%	

***Hardware, Software and Related Technology Sales***

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by \$12.0 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by \$6.3 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, revenues increased by ZAR 71.4 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by ZAR 38.8 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

These increases were due primarily to revenues earned from commencement of our contract to supply Nedbank with 18,500 POS devices, 5,600 pin-pads and 66,000 merchant smart cards. Total revenues from

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this contract were \$10.4 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 (approximately ZAR 63.6 million). As anticipated, we completed this project during the third quarter of fiscal 2005. Hardware sales of this nature are infrequent, and we do not anticipate revenue from similar large-scale hardware supply contracts to occur in the foreseeable future.

***Corporate/Eliminations***

In U.S. dollars, operating loss decreased by 95% for nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, operating loss decreased 96% for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

Changes in operating income resulted primarily from higher staff and audit costs. In addition, Net1's operating losses are not included in the comparative information. Operating income for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, include a gain of \$2 million (ZAR 12.8 million) relating to the closure of the insurance captive in the first quarter of 2005 and the earnings from the equity accounted investment. Operating income for the nine months ended March 31, 2004 includes the \$3.5 million (ZAR 24.7 million) reorganization charge related to the Aplitec transaction.

**Table of Contents****Year Ended June 30, 2004 Compared to Year Ended June 30, 2003**

There were two factors that had a significant impact on our results of operations for the year ended June 30, 2004:

reorganization costs associated with the Aplitec transaction; and

fluctuations in the exchange rate between the ZAR and the U.S. dollar.

**Consolidated Overall Results of Operations**

This discussion is based on the amounts which were prepared in accordance with US GAAP.

The following tables show the changes in the items comprising our statements of operations, both in U.S. dollars and ZAR:

	<b>In United States Dollars (US GAAP)</b>		
	<b>Year Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>\$ %</b>
	<b>\$ 000</b>	<b>\$ 000</b>	<b>Change</b>
Revenue	131,098	74,924	75%
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	39,134	25,935	51%
General and administrative	39,677	26,399	50%
Depreciation and amortization	5,676	3,323	71%
Reorganization charges	11,133		
Operating income	35,478	19,267	84%
Interest income, net	3,640	2,600	40%
Income before income taxes	39,118	21,867	79%
Income tax expense	25,927	9,473	174%
Net income before minority interest, earnings from equity accounted investment, extraordinary item and cumulative effect of an accounting charge	13,191	12,394	6%
Minority interest		452	(100)%
Earnings from equity accounted investment	87		
Extraordinary item		857	(100)%
Cumulative effect of an accounting change		318	(100)%
Net income	13,278	13,117	1%

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	<b>In South African Rand (US GAAP)</b>		
	<b>Year Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2004 ZAR 000</b>	<b>2003 ZAR 000</b>	<b>ZAR % Change</b>
Revenue	898,768	678,568	32%
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	265,003	234,879	13%
General and administrative	274,497	239,090	15%
Depreciation and amortization	39,268	30,096	30%
Reorganization charges	77,021		
Operating income	242,979	174,503	39%
Interest income, net	25,183	23,548	7%
Income before income taxes	268,162	198,051	35%
Income tax expense	179,371	85,795	109%
Net income before minority interest, earnings from equity accounted investment, extraordinary item and cumulative effect of an accounting charge	88,791	112,256	(21)%
Minority interest		4,094	(100)%
Earnings from equity accounted investment	602		
Extraordinary item		7,762	(100)%
Cumulative effect of an accounting change		2,880	(100)%
Net income	89,393	118,804	(25)%

Analyzed in ZAR, the increase in revenue and cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support for the year ended June 30, 2004, was primarily due the higher volumes in our transaction-based activities and financial services operating segments. The reorganization charges for the year ended June 30, 2004 relate to the Aplitec transaction.

The increase in operating income margin to 27% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from 26% for the year ended June 30, 2003, was primarily due to improved efficiencies across all activities.

**Interest Received and Finance Costs**

Interest received consists of interest received on our surplus cash, while finance costs consist of interest paid on short-term borrowings. We have a unique cash flow cycle due to our obligations to pre-fund the payments of social welfare grants in the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape provinces. We provide the funds required for the grant payments on behalf of these provincial governments from our own cash resources and are reimbursed within two weeks by the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape governments, thus exposing us to these provinces' credit risk. These obligations result in a peak funding requirement, on a monthly basis, of approximately \$36.1 million (ZAR 250 million) for the KwaZulu-Natal contract and \$26 million (ZAR 180 million) for the Eastern Cape contract. The funding requirements are at peak levels for the first two weeks of every month during the year. The significantly higher payment volumes in KwaZulu-Natal during the year ended June 30, 2004, as well as full operational implementation of the Eastern Cape provincial contract, increased our pre-funding requirements which resulted in an

increase in finance costs from \$5.5 million (ZAR 49.5 million) in 2003 to \$11.8 million (ZAR 81.5 million) in 2004.

Interest on surplus cash increased from \$8.1 million (ZAR 73.1 million) to \$15.4 million (ZAR 106.4 million), primarily due to the higher average cash on hand balances during the year ended June 30, 2004 compared with 2003. Cash on hand increased from \$54.3 million (ZAR 405.7 million) at June 30, 2003 to \$80.3 million (ZAR 503.7 million) at June 30, 2004.



**Table of Contents****Taxation**

Total tax expense for the year ended June 30, 2004 increased from \$9.5 million (ZAR 85.8 million) in 2003 to \$26.0 million (ZAR 179.4 million), mainly due to our increased profitability and the large tax payments relating to the Aplitec transaction. These taxes relate primarily to capital gains tax. The majority of the reorganization charges are also not allowed as deductions for tax purposes, which further increased the amount of income taxes payable and the effective tax rate.

**Minority Interests**

No income was attributable to minority interests during the year ended June 30, 2004, as we acquired all of these minority interests during the year ended June 30, 2003.

**Results of Operations by Operating Segment**

The composition of revenue and the contributions of our operating segments to operating income are illustrated below. The discussion of our operating segments is based on amounts which were prepared in accordance with SA GAAP. Our management prepares financial statements for management purposes under SA GAAP and our chief operating decision maker evaluates segment performance using SA GAAP measures.

**In United States Dollars (SA GAAP)**

	Year Ended June 30,				
	2004 \$ 000	% of Total	2003 \$ 000	% of Total	% Change
<b>Operating Segment</b>					
Consolidated revenue:					
Transaction-based activities	83,275	64%	44,058	58%	89%
Smart card accounts	26,584	20%	13,750	18%	93%
Financial services	16,633	13%	13,407	18%	24%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	4,606	3%	5,135	6%	(10)%
<b>Total consolidated revenue</b>	<b>131,098</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>76,350</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>72%</b>
Consolidated operating income (loss):					
Transaction-based activities	24,913	63%	10,196	53%	144%
Smart card accounts	12,055	31%	5,500	28%	119%
Financial services	6,778	17%	4,705	24%	44%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	1,232	3%	680	4%	81%
Corporate/ Eliminations	(5,735)	(14)%	(1,663)	(9)%	245%
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>39,243</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>19,418</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>102%</b>

**Table of Contents****In South African Rand (SA GAAP)****Year Ended June 30,**

	<b>2004</b>	<b>% of</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>% of</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>ZAR</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>ZAR</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Change</b>
	<b>000</b>		<b>000</b>		
<b>Operating Segment</b>					
Consolidated revenue:					
Transaction-based activities	567,910	63%	399,016	58%	42%
Smart card accounts	183,917	20%	124,533	18%	48%
Financial services	115,077	13%	121,426	18%	(5)%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	31,864	4%	46,509	6%	(31)%
<b>Total consolidated revenue</b>	<b>898,768</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>691,484</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Consolidated operating income (loss):					
Transaction-based activities	172,360	64%	92,343	53%	87%
Smart card accounts	83,599	31%	49,813	28%	68%
Financial services	46,696	17%	42,605	24%	10%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	8,525	3%	6,162	4%	38%
Corporate/Eliminations	(40,166)	(15)%	(15,055)	(9)%	167%
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>271,014</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>175,868</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>54%</b>

***Transaction-Based Activities***

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by 89% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003. Operating income increased by 144% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003.

In ZAR, revenues increased by 42% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003. Operating income increased by 87% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003.

These increases in revenues and operating income were due primarily to the full operation of the Eastern Cape provincial contract, significantly higher volumes from our other provincial contracts and annual increases in the amounts we charge under our provincial contracts. We discuss these factors in more detail below.

*Full operation of Eastern Cape contract:* The implementation of our social welfare grant payment system in the Eastern Cape province became fully operational in 2004, which dramatically increased the number of benefits processed during the year in that province to 5,482,237 transactions, compared with 1,050,833 in the prior year.

*Significantly higher volumes under existing provincial contracts:* We experienced significant growth in most of the other provinces where we administer payments of social welfare grants. This growth is mainly due to new qualifying criteria announced in 2003 by the South African government that increased the eligibility for child support grants. In total, the volume of payments processed during the year ended June 30, 2004 increased by 43% to 33,439,462 compared to the year ended June 30, 2003.

*Annual price increase adjustments:* Under our Service Level Agreements with provincial governments, we are entitled to annual price increases based upon factors such as average grant size, volumes and the South African Consumer Price Index, or CPI rates.



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The higher volumes under existing provincial contracts during the year ended June 30, 2004, as well as any price increases, relative to 2003, are detailed below:

Province	Number of Payments		Year Ended June 30,			
			Average Price per Beneficiary Payment			
	2004	2003	2004 (US\$)(1)	2003 (US\$)(2)	2004 (ZAR)(1)	2003 (ZAR)(2)
KwaZulu-Natal	14,037,541	11,125,544	2.66	1.80	18.26	15.82
Limpopo	9,402,141	7,435,326	2.04	1.45	13.98	12.64
North West	3,127,808	2,940,723	2.35	1.82	16.09	15.99
Northern Cape	1,389,735	1,180,735	3.05	2.27	20.97	20.07
Eastern Cape	5,482,237	1,050,833	2.03	1.64	13.91	14.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,439,462</b>	<b>23,733,161</b>				

(1) The average price per payment excludes \$0.70 (ZAR 5.50) related to the provision of smart card accounts.

(2) The average price per payment excludes \$0.70 (ZAR 5.00) related to the provision of smart card accounts.

Operating income margin for the year ended June 30, 2004, improved to 30.3% from 20.6% for the year ended June 30, 2003. These margin improvements were mainly due to:

reduced losses on the Eastern Cape contract, on which we experienced significant losses during 2003 as a result of the substantial establishment costs and very low transaction volumes during the contract implementation period. The increased costs we incurred during the first half of 2004 in connection with the process of optimizing the logistics of the Eastern Cape implementation, such as number of vehicles, number of payment points and number of beneficiaries at each payment point, also resulted in reduced losses on the Eastern Cape contract during the second half of 2004; and

the conversion of our operations in the Limpopo province to a full smart card-based payment system.

As we depreciate capital expenditures in respect of the Limpopo and Eastern Cape provincial contracts and we improve logistical planning in the Eastern Cape, we expect our operating income margins from transaction-based activities to improve.

**Smart Card Accounts**

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by 93% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003. Operating income increased by 119% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003.

In ZAR, revenues increased by 48% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003. Operating income increased by 68% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003.

Operating income margin from providing smart card accounts increased by 5% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003.

Revenue from the provision of smart card based accounts grew in proportion to the higher number of beneficiaries serviced through our social welfare payment contracts. A total number of 3,066,581 UEPS smart card-based accounts were active at June 30, 2004, compared to 1,852,624 active accounts as at June 30, 2003. The significant increase in the number of active accounts was primarily due to the conversion of the beneficiaries serviced in the Limpopo province to a full smart card-based payment system. A total of 840,320 accounts had been activated in this province at June 30, 2004.



**Table of Contents****Financial Services**

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by 24% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003. Operating income increased by 44% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003.

In ZAR, revenues decreased by 5% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003. Operating income increased by 10% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003.

Revenue from UEPS-based lending improved as a result of strong growth in our loan portfolio as we expanded the areas where we offer this service. In contrast, the loan portfolio of our traditional micro-lending businesses declined as a result of our strategic decision not to grow this business aggressively. The key indicators of these businesses are illustrated below:

	Year Ended June 30,					
	2004		2003		ZAR % Change	
	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ % Change	ZAR 000	ZAR 000	ZAR % Change
Finance loans receivable:						
Traditional microlending gross	12,609	10,963	15%	79,124	81,890	(3)%
Provisions	(8,352)	(6,529)	28%	(52,410)	(48,771)	8%
Finance loans receivable:						
Traditional microlending net of provisions	4,257	4,434	(4)%	26,714	33,119	(19)%
Finance loans receivable:						
UEPS-based lending net and gross (i.e., no provisions)	5,043	3,194	58%	31,647	23,861	33%
	9,300	7,628		58,361	56,980	

Operating income margin increased for the year ended June 30, 2004 to 41%, compared to 35% for the year ended June 30, 2003, primarily due to the change in the mix of the debtors book from the lower margin and higher risk traditional microlending to the higher margin and lower risk UEPS-based lending. The provision of UEPS-based lending is volume driven and profitability improves as volumes increase, as most costs are fixed. The change in the contribution of the various components to revenue and the change in the operating income margin from 2003 to 2004 are illustrated in the table below:

	Year Ended June 30,			
	2004		2003	
	% of Total Revenue	Operating Income Margin %	% of Total Revenue	Operating Income Margin %
UEPS-based lending	41%	66%	34%	58%
Traditional microlending	59%	27%	66%	31%
	100%		100%	

***Hardware, Software and Related Technology Sales***

In U.S. dollars, revenues decreased by 10% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003. Operating income increased by 81% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003.

In ZAR, revenues decreased by 31% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003. Operating income increased by 38% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003.

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These activities have limited recurring revenues, such as royalty income, and are dependent on signing new contracts and/or the expansion of UEPS systems already implemented.

The revenue decrease was expected due to a significant change in the product mix, from low margin hardware sales to high margin software sales. As a result, operating income from these activities improved and the operating income margin increased to 27% for the year ended June 30, 2004 from 13% for 2003.

A significant local customer serviced through these activities is Nedbank Limited, one of South Africa's four largest banks, which outsources certain processing and development services to us. The Nedbank business remained fairly static during 2004. On July 27, 2004, we and Nedbank announced that we had been contracted to supply Nedbank with 18,500 POS devices, 5,600 pin-pads and 66,000 merchant smart cards. The revenue from this contract for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 was approximately \$10.7 million (ZAR 66.95 million).

***Corporate/Eliminations***

In U.S. dollars, operating loss increased by 245% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003.

In ZAR, operating loss increased by 167% for the year ended June 30, 2004, from the comparable period in 2003.

The main component of the Corporate/ Eliminations segment for 2004 was costs relating to the Aplitec transaction. The total reorganization charge incurred during 2004 amounted to \$11.1 million (ZAR 77.0 million). The full amount of these costs was expensed during 2004.



**Table of Contents****Year Ended June 30, 2003 Compared to Year Ended June 30, 2002**

The fluctuation in the exchange rate between the ZAR and the U.S. dollar was the only critical factor that had a significant impact on our results of operations during the year ended June 30, 2003.

**Consolidated Overall Results of Operations**

This discussion is based on the amounts which were prepared in accordance with US GAAP.

The following tables show the changes in the items comprising our statements of operations, both in U.S. dollars and in ZAR.

	<b>In United States Dollars (US GAAP)</b>		
	<b>Year Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2003 \$ 000</b>	<b>2002 \$ 000</b>	<b>\$ % Change</b>
Revenue	74,924	51,793	45%
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	25,935	14,170	83%
General and administration	26,399	21,637	22%
Depreciation and amortization	3,323	3,128	6%
Reorganization charges			
Operating income	19,267	12,858	50%
Interest income, net	2,600	1,381	88%
Income before income taxes	21,867	14,239	54%
Income tax expense	9,473	5,554	71%
Net income before minority interest, earnings from equity accounted investment, extraordinary item and cumulative effect of an accounting charge	12,394	8,685	43%
Minority interest	452	167	171%
Earnings from equity accounted investment			
Extraordinary item	857		
Cumulative effect of an accounting charge	318		
Net income	13,117	8,518	54%

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	<b>In South African Rand (US GAAP)</b>		
	<b>Year Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	
	<b>ZAR</b>	<b>ZAR</b>	<b>ZAR</b>
	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Revenue	678,568	525,174	29%
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	234,879	143,375	64%
General and administrative	239,090	219,566	9%
Depreciation and amortization	30,096	31,742	(5)%
Reorganization charges			
Operating income	174,503	130,491	34%
Interest income, net	23,548	14,014	68%
Income before income taxes	198,051	144,505	37%
Income tax expense	85,795	56,360	52%
Net income before minority interest, earnings from equity accounted investment, extraordinary item and cumulative effect of an accounting change	112,256	88,145	27%
Minority interest	4,094	1,695	142%
Earnings from equity accounted investment			
Extraordinary item	7,762		
Cumulative effect of an accounting change	2,880		
Net income	118,804	86,450	37%

Analyzed in ZAR, the increase in revenue and cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support for the year ended June 30, 2003, was primarily due to the higher volumes in our transaction-based activities and financial services operating segments. The decrease in depreciation and amortization for the year ended June 30, 2003 was due, in part, to the additional depreciation charge from the Eastern Cape provincial contract.

The increase in operating income margin to 26% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from 25% for the year ended June 30, 2002, was primarily due to improved efficiencies across all other activities.

**Interest Received and Finance Costs**

The significantly higher payment volumes in KwaZulu-Natal during the year ended June 30, 2003, as well as the implementation of the Eastern Cape provincial contract, increased our pre-funding requirements, which resulted in an increase in finance costs in 2003 from \$1.9 million (ZAR 19 million) in 2002 to \$5.5 million (ZAR 49.5 million).

Interest on our surplus cash increased from \$3.3 million (ZAR 33.1 million) for the year ended June 30, 2002 to \$8.1 million (ZAR 73.1 million) for the year ended June 30, 2003, primarily due to an increase of \$11.7 million (ZAR 106 million) in cash on hand, as well as significantly higher interest rates earned on deposits. We also maximized our interest income through the commencement in 2002 of a cash management system, which allows for the overnight set-off of all cash balances and overdrafts across all of our subsidiaries except for microlending subsidiaries. Any cash

balances related to unpaid social welfare grants received from provincial governments where we do not pre-fund such grants (*i.e.*, North West Province, Northern Cape Province and Limpopo) are excluded from our cash management system and overnight set-off, as the ownership of these accounts remains with the provincial governments.

**Table of Contents****Taxation**

Total tax expense increased from \$5.6 million (ZAR 56.4 million) for the year ended June 30, 2002 to \$9.5 million (ZAR 85.8 million) for the year ended June 30, 2003, mainly due to our increased profitability.

The increase in the effective tax rate for 2003 was mainly due to non-deductible expenses of \$1.1 million (ZAR 10.2 million), including \$0.6 million (ZAR 5.3 million) resulting from the settlement of share options.

**Minority Interests**

Income attributable to minority interests increased from \$0.2 million (ZAR 1.7 million) for the year ended June 30, 2002 to \$0.5 million (ZAR 4.1 million) for the year ended June 30, 2003, due to the increased profitability of four subsidiaries that are involved in the social welfare payment business with outside shareholders. During 2003, we acquired the minority interests in three of these subsidiaries for a total consideration of \$1.4 million (ZAR 12.4 million), which should lead to a significant reduction in income attributable to minority interests in 2004.

**Results of Operations by Operating Segments**

The composition of revenue and the contributions of our operating segments to operating income are illustrated below. The discussion of our operating segments is based on amounts which were prepared in accordance with SA GAAP. Our management prepares financial statements for management purposes under SA GAAP and our chief operating decision maker evaluates segment performance using SA GAAP measures.

**In United States Dollars (SA GAAP)**

Operating Segment	Year Ended June 30,				
	2003 \$ 000	% of Total	2002 \$ 000	% of Total	% Change
<b>Consolidated revenue:</b>					
Transaction-based activities	44,058	58%	28,291	55%	56%
Smart card accounts	13,750	18%	8,318	16%	65%
Financial services	13,407	18%	10,465	20%	28%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	5,135	6%	4,719	9%	9%
<b>Total consolidated revenue</b>	<b>76,350</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>51,793</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Consolidated operating income (loss):</b>					
Transaction-based activities	10,196	53%	7,376	55%	38%
Smart card accounts	5,500	28%	2,772	21%	98%
Financial services	4,705	24%	900	7%	423%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	680	4%	1,611	12%	(58)%
Corporate/Eliminations	(1,663)	(9)%	642	5%	
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>19,418</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,301</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>46%</b>

**Table of Contents****In South African Rand (SA GAAP)****Year Ended June 30,**

	<b>2003 ZAR 000</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>2002 ZAR 000</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Operating Segment</b>					
Consolidated revenue:					
Transaction-based activities	399,016	58%	287,095	55%	39%
Smart card accounts	124,533	18%	84,404	16%	48%
Financial services	121,426	18%	106,196	20%	14%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	46,509	6%	47,890	9%	(3)%
<b>Total consolidated revenue</b>	<b>691,484</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>525,585</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>32%</b>
Consolidated operating income (loss):					
Transaction-based activities	92,343	53%	74,848	55%	23%
Smart card accounts	49,813	28%	28,135	21%	77%
Financial services	42,605	24%	9,131	7%	367%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	6,162	4%	16,354	12%	(62)%
Corporate/Eliminations	(15,055)	(9)%	6,532	5%	
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>175,868</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>135,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>30%</b>

***Transaction-Based Activities***

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by 56% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002. Operating income increased by 38% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002.

In ZAR, revenues increased by 39% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002. Operating income increased by 23% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002.

These increases in revenues and operating income were due primarily to the commencement of the Eastern Cape provincial contract, significantly higher volumes from our other provincial contracts and annual price adjustments in the amounts we charge under our provincial contracts. We discuss these factors in more detail below:

*New Eastern Cape contract:* In November 2002, we commenced the implementation of a social welfare grant payment system in the Eastern Cape province. At year-end, we had processed benefits for 469,918 beneficiaries. The Eastern Cape contract generated revenue of \$4.6 million (ZAR 47.1 million) in the last eight months in fiscal 2003.

*Significantly higher volumes under existing provincial contracts:* We experienced significant growth in most of the other provinces where we administer payments of social welfare grants. This growth is mainly due to new qualifying criteria announced by the South African government aimed at increasing the number of citizens eligible for social welfare grants.

*Annual price increase adjustments:* Under our Service Level Agreements with provincial governments, we are entitled to annual price increases based upon factors such as average grant size, volumes and the South African Consumer Price Index, or CPI rates.



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The higher volumes under existing provincial contracts, as well as the 2003 price increases, are detailed below:

Province	Year Ended June 30,					
	Number of Payments		2003	2002	2003	2002
	2003	2002	(US\$)(1)	(US\$)(2)	(ZAR)(1)	(ZAR)(2)
KwaZulu-Natal	11,125,544	8,834,917	1.80	1.23	15.82	12.48
Limpopo	7,435,326	6,025,866	1.45	1.07	12.64	10.82
North West	2,940,723	2,992,402	1.82	1.52	15.99	15.43
Northern Cape	1,180,735	1,005,813	2.27	1.84	20.07	18.66
Eastern Cape	1,050,833		1.64		14.41	
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,733,161</b>	<b>18,858,998</b>				

(1) The average price per payment excludes \$0.70 (ZAR 5.00) related to the provision of smart card accounts.

(2) The average price per payment excludes \$0.70 (ZAR 4.50) related to the provision of smart card accounts.

Operating income margin decreased for the year ended June 30, 2003 to 23% from 26% for the year ended June 30, 2002.

We incurred significant costs in connection with the commencement of the Eastern Cape social welfare payment system. This is typical for businesses that have significant up-front implementation costs but cannot begin collecting revenue until implementation is complete. This business model exerts pressure on our operating income margin during the early stages of a new contract. Efficiency and profitability will increase over time as more customers are converted to our payment system. The conversion period in the Eastern Cape took approximately 14 months to complete.

The losses experienced in the Eastern Cape were marginally offset by the improved profitability of our social welfare payment contracts in other provinces. As these contracts are now well beyond their establishment phases, we continue to improve the efficiencies of these systems through strict cost control measures and improved logistical planning. We try to keep any increases in operational, selling, general and administrative expenses below the total annual price increase rates under these contracts. A further positive effect on our operating income margin was that our selling, general and administrative expenses remained predominantly fixed during the year ended June 30, 2003, while our revenue from these contracts benefited from the significant increase in volumes.

**Smart Card Accounts**

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by 65% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002. Operating income increased by 98% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002.

In ZAR, revenues increased by 48% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002. Operating income increased by 77% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002.

Operating income margin from providing smart card accounts increased from 33% to 40% for the year ended June 30, 2003 as compared to the comparable period in 2002.

Revenue from the provision of UEPS smart card based accounts grew in proportion to the higher number of beneficiaries serviced through our social welfare payment contracts. A total number of 1,852,624 UEPS smart card-based accounts were active at June 30, 2003, compared to 1,154,088 active accounts as at June 30, 2002. The significant increase in the number of active accounts was primarily due

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to the implementation of the smart card-based payment system in the Eastern Cape. A total of 469,910 accounts had been activated in this province at June 30, 2003.

**Financial Services**

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by 28% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002. Operating income increased by 423% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002.

In ZAR, revenues increased by 14% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002. Operating income increased by 367% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002.

Revenue from UEPS-based lending improved as a result of strong growth in our loan portfolio as we expanded the areas where we offered this service. In contrast, the loan portfolio of our traditional micro-lending businesses remained fairly static as a result of our strategic decision not to grow this business aggressively. The key indicators of these businesses are illustrated below:

	Year Ended June 30,					
	2003	2002	\$ %	2003	2002	ZAR %
	\$ 000	\$ 000	Change	ZAR 000	ZAR 000	Change
Finance loans receivable:						
Traditional microlending gross	10,963	7,971	38%	81,890	82,664	(1)%
Provisions	(6,529)	(4,060)	61%	(48,771)	(42,102)	17%
Finance loans receivable:						
Traditional microlending net of provisions	4,434	3,911	13%	33,119	40,562	(18)%
Finance loans receivable:						
UEPS-based lending net and gross (i.e., no provisions)	3,194	1,945	64%	23,861	20,174	18%
	7,628	5,856		56,980	60,736	

Operating income margin increased for the year ended June 30, 2003 compared to 35%, compared to 9% for the year ended June 30, 2002, primarily due to the change in the mix of the debtors book from the lower margin and higher risk traditional microlending to the higher margin and lower risk UEPS-based lending. The provision of UEPS-based lending is volume driven and profitability improves as volumes increase, as most costs are fixed. The change in the contribution of the various components to revenue and the change in the operating income margin from fiscal 2002 to fiscal 2003 are illustrated in the table below:

	Year Ended June 30,			
	2003		2002	
	% of Total Revenue	Operating Income Margin %	% of Total Revenue	Operating Income Margin %
UEPS-based lending	34%	58%	21%	16%



Traditional microlending	66%	31%	79%	12%
	100%		100%	

The increases in revenues and operating income were due primarily to the full operation of UEPS-based lending during the year ended June 30, 2003 and significant improvements in traditional micro-lending activity. We discuss these factors in more detail below:

The UEPS-based lending initiative was profitable, on a monthly basis, for the entire 2003 year. During the first half of 2002, UEPS-based lending was in the start-up stage and therefore we

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incurred significant costs in connection with these activities. Accordingly, the operating income on these activities improved significantly from the break-even result achieved during 2002.

Traditional microlending activity exhibited significant improvements in operating income margins following a management change in the second half of 2002. This new management focused heavily on cost controls and managing bad debt. We also established a dedicated collection department, which produced significant cost savings during 2003 as the amount of doubtful accounts written off and provisions for doubtful debts (calculated on the same basis as in previous years) was significantly reduced, while we made meaningful progress with the recovery of debts written off in prior years. The cost of running an internal collection department is also considerably less than our previous practice of outsourcing this function.

***Hardware, Software and Related Technology Sales***

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by 9% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002. Operating income decreased by 58% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002.

In ZAR, revenues decreased by 3% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002. Operating income decreased by 62% for the year ended June 30, 2003, from the comparable period in 2002.

These activities have limited recurring revenues and are dependent on signing new contracts and/or the expansion of UEPS systems already implemented.

The decrease in revenue was expected given the very successful UEPS implementation in Malawi in 2002. While we successfully implemented systems in Mozambique and Latvia in 2003, these were much smaller than the Malawi system. The implementation of the Malawi system resulted in some additional revenue in 2003 as we continue to provide smart cards and related equipment for that system.

Nedbank, a significant local customer, outsources certain processing and development services to us. The Nedbank business remained fairly static during 2003.

The decrease in the operating income margin was mainly due to a significant change in our product mix. The implementation of the national UEPS-based payment system in Malawi, which dominated the 2002 results, yielded significantly high margin revenue for that year. During 2003, we implemented systems in Latvia and Mozambique, but these were much smaller than the Malawi system. As a result, our low-margin products such as hardware sales and our outsourcing business with Nedbank, which remained fairly static during the year, had a significant impact on the margins reported for 2003.

**Use of Non-GAAP Measures**

Our results of operations for the periods presented were significantly affected by the issuance of shares of common stock and linked units in connection with the Aplitec transaction. In the table below, we have restated our as reported basic earnings per share of common stock and linked units, after giving effect to the one-for-six reverse stock split, using an aggregate of 54.7 million shares outstanding upon completion of the Aplitec transaction as if such issuance had occurred on July 1, 2003. The restated number of outstanding shares of common stock issued at June 30, 2004, was 54.7 million. The restated number of outstanding shares of common stock issued at March 31, 2004 and June 30, 2003, was 32.2 million. We

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have presented the non-GAAP per share and linked unit data because our management believes that this information will assist investors in comparing our financial performance between the periods presented.

	<b>Nine Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Earnings per share (U.S. cents)</b>		
Basic earnings per common share and linked unit		
using shares in issue for period (as reported)	62.9	57.7
using shares issued as at March 31, 2005 (non-GAAP measure)	61.8	57.7
<b>Number of shares (thousands)</b>		
weighted average number of shares (as reported)	54,700	32,161
number of shares in issue as at March 31, 2005 (used in non-GAAP measure)	54,700	54,700

	<b>Year Ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Earnings per share (U.S. cents)</b>			
Basic earnings per common share and linked unit			
using shares in issue for period (as reported)	39.6	40.8	27.0
using shares issued as at March 31, 2005 (non-GAAP measure)	24.6	24.0	15.6
<b>Number of shares (thousands)</b>			
weighted average number of shares (as reported)	33,581	32,161	31,215
number of shares in issue as at March 31, 2005 (used in non-GAAP measure)	54,700	54,700	54,700

***Quarterly Results of Operations***

The following table presents our unaudited quarterly results of operations for the eleven quarters in the period ended March 31, 2005. This unaudited information has been prepared in accordance with SA GAAP, which was the basis on which we prepared our financial statements for periods prior to June 7, 2004, when we completed the Aplitec transaction. We have reconciled this information to US GAAP information for periods after June 30, 2003, when we began reporting our results of operations in US GAAP. We have not reconciled this information to US GAAP information for prior periods because we believe that preparing such a reconciliation would involve an unreasonable effort and expense. The operating results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results for any future quarters or for a full year.

**In United States Dollars**  
**Three Months Ended (SA GAAP)**

<b>June 30, 2003</b>	<b>Mar 31, 2003</b>	<b>Dec 31, 2002</b>	<b>Sept 30, 2002</b>	<b>Total YTD</b>
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(In thousands except per share data)

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Revenue	21,861	20,169	16,204	18,116	76,350
Operating income (loss)	5,676	5,493	3,388	4,861	19,418
Net Income	4,468	3,463	2,656	3,345	13,932
Earnings per share (common stock and linked units)					
Basic earnings per share (US cents)	13.8	10.8	8.4	10.8	43.8
Diluted earnings per share (US cents)	13.8	10.8	8.4	10.8	43.8

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**In United States Dollars**  
**Three Months Ended (SA GAAP)**

	<b>June 30, 2004</b>	<b>Mar 31, 2004</b>	<b>Dec 31, 2003</b>	<b>Sept 30, 2003</b>	<b>Total YTD</b>
<b>(In thousands except per share data)</b>					
Revenue	39,765	36,144	29,338	25,851	131,098
Operating income (loss)	11,892	12,468	7,501	7,294	39,155
Net Income	(4,570)	8,208	5,503	4,866	14,007
Earnings per share (common stock and linked units)					
Basic earnings per share (US cents)	(12.0)	25.8	17.4	15.0	42.0
Diluted earnings per share (US cents)	(12.0)	25.8	17.4	15.0	40.2

**In United States Dollars**  
**Three Months Ended**  
**(SA GAAP)**

	<b>Mar 31, 2005</b>	<b>Dec 31, 2004</b>	<b>Sept 30, 2004</b>	<b>Total YTD</b>
<b>(In thousands except per share data)</b>				
Revenue	45,667	45,995	43,223	134,885
Operating income (loss)	20,544	18,343	18,166	57,053
Net income	13,951	13,616	12,991	40,558
Earnings per share (common stock and linked units)				
Basic earnings per share (US cents)	25.8	24.6	24.0	74.4
Diluted earnings per share (US cents)	25.2	24.6	23.4	72.6

We expect that the amount and timing of our sales expenses will vary from quarter to quarter depending on our level of actual and anticipated business activities.

Our sales and operating results are difficult to forecast and will fluctuate, and we believe that period-to-period comparisons of our operating results will not necessarily be meaningful. See Risk Factors Our quarterly operating results may fluctuate significantly as a result of factors outside of our control, which could cause the market price of our shares of common stock to decline.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our business has historically generated high levels of cash and we maintain large cash reserves (\$92.7 million at March 31, 2005). Cash on hand decreased from \$93.1 million at March 31, 2004 to \$92.7 million at March 31, 2005 as a result of a late payment by the Eastern Cape provincial government. All cash balances as at March 31, 2004 were ZAR denominated, whereas the cash balances as at March 31, 2005 were comprised of ZAR-denominated balances of ZAR 510 million (\$81 million), U.S. dollar-denominated balances of \$12 million and euro-denominated balances of 0.014 million (\$0.018 million).

Surplus cash held by our South African operations is invested in overnight call accounts in the South African money market, and surplus cash held by our non-South African companies is invested in the United States and

European money markets.

We generally finance all operations, research and development, working capital, capital expenditure and acquisitions through our internally generated cash. Last year, however, we did raise cash from a group of South African private equity funds in connection with the Aplitec transaction. We have no long-term indebtedness. We maintain various overdraft facilities including a \$79.2 million (ZAR 500 million) revolving credit facility. From time to time, we borrow under these facilities on a short-term basis when our pre-funding requirements exceed the available cash on hand. We take the following factors into account when considering whether to borrow under our financing facilities:

cost of capital;

cost of financing;

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opportunity cost of utilizing surplus cash; and

availability of tax efficient structures to moderate financing costs.

The significant increase in social welfare grant beneficiaries in the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape provinces may require external financing in the medium to long-term for the pre-funding of these grants payments. We believe that our cash reserves, and availability under our current overdraft facility and revolving credit facility will be sufficient to fund our activities and expansion plans for the foreseeable future.

***Cash Flows from Operating Activities***

Cash flows from operating activities for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 totaled \$15.6 million (ZAR 96.0 million) compared to \$35.4 million (ZAR 247.3 million) for the nine months ended March 31, 2004. The decrease was due primarily to the late payment mentioned above and to the taxes we paid on higher profits and as a result of the reorganization. In addition, cash received from customers and cash paid to suppliers and employees was higher in the nine months ended March 31, 2005 than during the comparable period during 2004 due to the sales to Nedbank and the increased levels of business activity in all of our operating segments.

Cash flows from operating activities for the year ended June 30, 2004 were \$41.8 million (ZAR 290.4 million) compared to \$17.6 million (ZAR 159.8 million) for the year ended June 30, 2003. This increase was primarily due to higher levels of revenue and operating profit and an increase in net interest earned, partially offset by an increase in working capital, as increased receivables and inventory partially offset increased payables, and by higher taxes and the payment of dividends during the year ended June 30, 2003. The slight increase in inventory was due to higher levels of spares stock at year end. The increase in receivables was due to a portion of the June 2004 Eastern Cape pre-funding owing to Net 1 by the Eastern Cape government, as well as higher pre-payments for smart cards bought for the Limpopo contract, which are paid for monthly, as part of the service fee, over the duration of the contract period. Payables increased mainly due to the bulk of the reorganization costs that were not paid at year end.

***Cash Flows from Investing Activities***

Cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, included capital expenditure of \$3.0 million (ZAR 18.4 million), of which \$0.4 million (ZAR 2.8 million) related to the purchase of an additional transaction processing computer at head-office and \$1.1 million (ZAR 5.7 million) related to the purchase of POS and pin-pad devices for use at retailers participating in our merchant acquiring project. Cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended March 31, 2004, included one-time costs we incurred to support the administration and distribution of welfare grants in the Eastern Cape province.

Cash used in investing activities for the years ended June 30, 2004 and 2003 was \$5.7 million (ZAR 39.7 million) and \$7.4 million (ZAR 67.0 million), respectively. This decrease was due to a \$8.3 million (ZAR 56.9 million) capital expenditure during the year ended June 30, 2003 related to start-up costs on the Eastern Cape contract.

Investing activities during the year ended June 30, 2004 consisted mainly of capital expenditures of \$2.8 million (ZAR 19.4 million), a loan of \$1.6 million (ZAR 11.4 million) to The Permit Group (Proprietary) Limited ( Permit ) to enable Permit to acquire 95% of the issued share capital of New Era Life Insurance Company Ltd., and the acquisition of contract rights in the Limpopo province amounting to \$1.3 million (ZAR 9.0 million).

***Cash Flows from Financing Activities***

The dividend declared by Aplitec for fiscal year end June 30, 2003 was paid in the three months ended September 30, 2003. Net cash raised from the issue of common stock and preferred stock of \$53.7 million (ZAR 336.8 million) during the year ended June 30, 2004, resulted from the issuance of

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shares of common stock to the Brait Group in connection with the Aplitec transaction. The cash distribution and dividend paid to shareholders during the year ended June 30, 2004 consisted of \$72.7 million (ZAR 456.0 million) as a result of the Aplitec transaction and \$5.1 million (ZAR 35.5 million) paid to Aplitec shareholders as a dividend pursuant to Aplitec's dividend policy at the time. All cash raised from the issue of share capital during the year ended June 30, 2003, was due to the issuance of ordinary shares under the Aplitec employee share incentive scheme. The dividend paid during fiscal 2003 was effected pursuant to Aplitec's dividend policy at the time.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements.

**Capital Expenditures**

Capital expenditures for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004 were approximately \$3.0 million (ZAR 18.5 million) and \$2.4 million (ZAR 16.7 million), respectively. Capital expenditures for the years ended June 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002 were approximately \$2.8 million (ZAR 19.5 million), \$6.7 million (ZAR 60.8 million) and \$1.9 million (ZAR 19.5 million), respectively.

We operate in an environment where our contracts for the payment of social welfare grants require substantial capital investment to establish our operational infrastructure when a contract commences. Further capital investment is required when the number of beneficiaries increase to the point where the maximum capacity of the original infrastructure is exceeded.

As mentioned above, our capital expenditures for the nine months ended March 31, 2005 related mainly to the acquisition of a new transaction processing computer at our corporate headquarters and the acquisition of POS and pin-pad devices that we lease to participating retailers. Our capital expenditure for the nine months ended March 31, 2004 was mainly due to expansion in all provinces, as we experienced significant growth in the number of customers we had to service. Capital expenditures during the year ended June 30, 2004 were primarily due expansion in all provinces, as we experienced significant growth in the number of customers we had to service. Capital expenditures during the year ended June 30, 2004 were primarily due to start-up costs we incurred in connection with the implementation of our Eastern Cape provincial contract. Capital expenditures during the year ended June 30, 2002 related primarily to our expansion in the KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo provinces, where we experienced significant growth in the number of customers we had to service.

Our other business activities require relatively little capital investment. The most notable exception was the capital expenditure incurred to establish the UEPS-based lending initiative within the financial services division during the year ended June 30, 2002.

All of our capital expenditures for the past three fiscal years were funded through internally generated funds. We had no outstanding capital commitments at March 31, 2005. We anticipate that capital spending for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005 will relate primarily to the equipment required to service the increased number of beneficiaries in all provinces and the purchase of additional POS and pin-pad devices to be leased to participating retailers. We expect to fund these expenditures through internally generated funds.



**Table of Contents****Contingent Liabilities, Commitments and Contractual Obligations**

We lease various premises under operating leases. Our minimum future commitments for lease premises as well as other commitments are as follows:

**Payments Due by Period, as of March 31, 2005 (in \$ 000s)**

	<b>Due Within 1 Year</b>	<b>Due Within 2 Years</b>	<b>Due Within 3 Years</b>	<b>Due Within 4 Years</b>	<b>Due Within 5 Years</b>	<b>More than 5 Years</b>	<b>Total</b>
Contractual obligations							
Long term debt obligations							
Long-term payables							
Capital lease obligations							
Operating lease obligations	1,642	1,026	809	486	48	4	4,015
Purchase obligations	98						98

Other than shown in the table above, we have no other purchase commitments, obligations or specific capital commitments for the next three years.

**Dividends**

Our future dividend policy will depend on our earnings, capital requirements, expansion plans, financial condition and other relevant factors. New Aplitec's future dividend policy also has to comply with the restrictions place by the South African Reserve Bank as a condition of its approval of the Aplitec transaction. These restrictions will apply until such time as all of our special convertible preferred stock has been converted into common stock. These restrictions provide that dividends may be declared by the New Aplitec board of directors only if (i) declaration of the dividend is approved by a majority of the holders of New Aplitec B class preference shares, (ii) all loan accounts have been paid by New Aplitec and (iii) the dividend does not exceed 50% of New Aplitec's annual earnings. In addition, under South African law, New Aplitec will only be entitled to pay a dividend if it meets the solvency and liquidity tests set out in the South African Companies Act. However, because the New Aplitec board will be appointed by Net 1, Net 1 will ultimately determine whether any dividends are declared by New Aplitec, subject to the above conditions. Any dividends declared by New Aplitec will be distributed to the holders of A class and B class preference shareholders pro rata in accordance with their respective ownership interests in New Aplitec.

Aplitec's dividend policy in the nine months ended March 31, 2004 and prior fiscal periods was to declare regular annual dividend payments of between 25% to 33% of earnings for such periods. There were no dividends declared in the nine month period ended March 31, 2005. Dividends declared for the year ended June 30, 2003 were paid in the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

**Acquisitions and Dispositions**

We made no acquisitions or dispositions during the nine months ended March 31, 2005 or 2004. During January 2003, Aplitec acquired the minority interests in CPS (KwaZulu-Natal), CPS (Northern Cape) and CPS (Northern). These acquisitions consolidated Aplitec's social welfare payment businesses under a single holding company, thus improving operating and tax efficiency. Profits (attributable to the minority interests acquired) were recognized and consolidated from January 1, 2003. During January 2002, Aplitec sold the assets and liabilities of its security guarding business for a total cash consideration of \$0.7 million (ZAR 4.913 million).

**Equity-Accounted Investment**

On April 1, 2004, Aplitec purchased a 43% interest in Permit Group 2 (Proprietary) Limited (Permit). Our balance sheet includes Permit as an equity-accounted investment. Permit owns 95% of the common stock of New Era Life Insurance Company (New Era), a provider of various insurance



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products to the South African market. In connection with this acquisition, Aplitec loaned Permit approximately \$0.8 million at the then current South African prime interest rate (11% at March 31, 2005) with no fixed repayment terms. Permit used the proceeds of this loan to purchase 43% of a 95% interest in New Era.

For the nine months ended March 31, 2005, earnings from our equity accounted investment totaled \$0.5 million (ZAR 3 million). Future earnings from our equity accounted investment are expected to be comparable with the current quarter's earnings.

**Employee Benefits**

We do not provide retirement benefits to any of our employees. We provide our employees with a choice of two health care service providers to which we make the monthly contribution. We do not provide any post-retirement health benefits.

**Insurance**

We annually assess our risk exposure. At March 31, 2005, we believe that all risks were adequately covered by third party insurers, except where we considered the cost of insurance coverage to be excessive in relation to the probability and extent of loss or we were unable to find any insurance underwriters willing to accept the risks associated with certain aspects of our business. We have confronted the latter with respect to insurance for losses or theft of cash from our delivery vehicles.

The main categories of our insurance are: loss or damage to vehicles, electronic equipment and other assets; business interruption; motor vehicle third party claims; group personal accident; and employment practices liability.

**Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We seek to reduce our exposure to currencies other than the South African rand through a policy of matching, to the extent possible, assets and liabilities denominated in those currencies. In addition, we use financial instruments in order to economically hedge our exposure to exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations arising from our operations. We are also exposed to credit risks.

***Currency Exchange Risk***

We are subject to currency exchange risk because we purchase inventories that we are required to settle in other currencies, primarily the euro and U.S. dollar. We have used forward contracts in order to limit our exposure in these transactions to fluctuations in exchange rates between the South African rand, on the one hand, and the U.S. dollar and the euro, on the other hand. As of March 31, 2005, the outstanding foreign exchange contracts were as follows as of the dates indicated:

**Table of Contents****As of March 31, 2005**

<b>Notional Amount</b>	<b>Strike Price</b>	<b>Maturity</b>
USD 98,000	ZAR 6.0542	September 30, 2005

**As of June 30, 2004**

<b>Notional Amount</b>	<b>Strike Price</b>	<b>Maturity</b>
EUR 16,250	ZAR 7.8475	July 12, 2004
EUR 202,000	ZAR 8.1822	August 2, 2004
EUR 16,250	ZAR 7.8878	August 10, 2004
EUR 16,250	ZAR 7.9299	September 10, 2004
EUR 16,250	ZAR 7.9749	October 12, 2004
EUR 263,200	ZAR 8.2129	October 29, 2004
EUR 4,243,000	ZAR 8.5225	January 7, 2005
USD 167,900	ZAR 6.2950	September 22, 2004

**As of June 30, 2003**

None

**As of June 30, 2002**

<b>Notional Amount</b>	<b>Strike Price</b>	<b>Maturity</b>
USD 16,250	ZAR 12.643	January 8, 2003

***Translation Risk***

Translation risk relates to the risk that our results of operations will vary significantly as the U.S. dollar is our reporting currency, but we earn most of our revenues and incur most of our expenses in ZAR. The U.S. dollar to ZAR exchange rate has fluctuated significantly over the past two years. As exchange rates are outside our control, there can be no assurance that future fluctuations will not adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

***Interest Rate Risk***

As a result of our normal borrowing and leasing activities, our operating results are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates, which we manage primarily through our regular financing activities. We generally maintain limited investment in cash equivalents and have occasionally invested in marketable securities. Typically, for every 1% increase in the South African Reserve Bank's repo rate, our interest expense on pre-funding social welfare grants in the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape provinces increases by \$15,594 per month, while interest earned per month on any surplus cash increases by \$13,672 per \$16.6 million (ZAR 100 million).

***Credit Risk***

Credit risk relates to the risk of loss that we would incur as a result of non-performance by counterparties. We maintain credit risk policies with regard to our counterparties to minimize overall credit risk. These policies include an evaluation of a potential counterparty's financial condition, credit rating, and other credit criteria and risk mitigation tools as our management deems appropriate.

With respect to credit risk on financial instruments, we maintain a policy of entering into such transactions only with South African and European financial institutions that have a credit rating of BBB or better, as determined by Standard & Poor's.

***Microlending Credit Risk***

We are exposed to credit risk in our microlending activities, which provides unsecured short-term loans to qualifying customers. We manage this risk by assigning each prospective customer a creditworthiness score, which takes into account a variety of factors such as employment status, salary earned, other debts and total expenditures on normal household and lifestyle expenses.

**Table of Contents****BUSINESS****Our Company**

We provide our universal electronic payment system, or UEPS, as an alternative payment system for the unbanked and under-banked populations of developing economies. We believe that we are the first company worldwide to implement a system that can enable the estimated four billion people who generally have limited or no access to a bank account to enter affordably into electronic transactions with each other, government agencies, employers, merchants and other financial service providers. To accomplish this, we have developed and deployed the UEPS. This system uses secure smart cards that operate in real-time but offline, unlike traditional payment systems offered by major banking institutions that require immediate access through a communications network to a centralized computer. This offline capability means that users of our system can enter into transactions at any time with other card holders in even the most remote areas so long as a portable offline smart card reader is available. In addition to payments and purchases, our system can be used for banking, health care management, international money transfers, voting and identification.

Our technology is widely used in South Africa today. We have over 3.3 million clients in five provinces who receive social welfare grants using our smart cards. We have started to implement our UEPS for employers to pay wages and provide financial services to their employees. In addition, we are working closely with non-governmental organizations to deploy our new medical application into a number of hospitals and clinics. This application of our system is used to administer the treatment of HIV/AIDS and other high-risk diseases, record patient progress and manage drug inventory.

Recently, Cell C (Proprietary) Limited, a mobile telephone service provider in South Africa, chose our solution as the transaction payment system for its planned roll-out of approximately 52,000 public cellular pay phones that will provide lower income consumers with telephone access at reduced rates. We believe the implementation of this project could provide us with up to 10,000 access points through which we will be able to market and sell our financial products. This deployment is part of a government initiative for the empowerment of small businesses in rural and semi-urban areas of South Africa.

Outside of South Africa, the Reserve Bank of Malawi has implemented our solution as a national payment system. To date, seven local financial institutions and BP p.l.c., a bulk fuel supplier, are using our system for transaction switching and settlement. We have deployed smaller, more limited versions of our system in Burundi, Ghana, Latvia, Mozambique, Rwanda and Zimbabwe.

Unlike a traditional credit or debit card where the operation of the account occurs on a centralized computer, each of our smart cards effectively operates similar to an individual bank account in the case of financial services or an individual record management system in the case of medical services. All transactions that take place through our system occur between two smart cards at the point of service, or POS, with all of the relevant information necessary to perform and record a transaction held on the smart cards.

The transfer of money or other information can take place without any communication with a centralized computer since all validation, creation of audit records, encryption, decryption and authorization take place on, or are generated between, the smart cards themselves. Importantly, the cards are protected through the use of biometric fingerprint identification, which is designed to ensure the security of funds and card holder information. Transactions are generally settled by merchants and other commercial participants in the system by sending the transaction data to a mainframe computer on a batch basis. Settlement can be performed online or offline. The mainframe computer provides a central database of transactions, creating a complete audit trail that enables us to replace lost smart cards while preserving the notional account balance, and to identify fraud.

We generate our revenues by charging transaction fees to government agencies, employers, merchants and other financial service providers, by providing financial services such as loans and by selling hardware, software and related technology. In South African rand, our revenues and operating income increased by

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32% and 39%, respectively, from fiscal 2003 to 2004, and by 29% and 34%, respectively, from fiscal 2002 to 2003. In South African rand, our revenues and operating income increased 31% and 62%, respectively, for the nine months ended March 31, 2005, as compared to the nine months ended March 31, 2004. We believe this growth reflects the accelerating adoption of our solution.

**Market Opportunity**

According to the United States Census Bureau, the world's population currently exceeds 6.4 billion people. Yet of this total, it has been reported that over four billion people earn less than the purchasing parity equivalent of two dollars per day. In general, these people either have no bank account or very limited access to banking services. This situation arises when banking fees are too high relative to an individual's income, a bank account provides little meaningful benefit or there is insufficient infrastructure to provide banking services economically in the individual's geographical market. We refer to these people as the unbanked and the under-banked. These individuals generally receive wages, welfare benefits or loans in the form of cash and conduct commercial transactions, including buying food and clothing, in cash.

The use of cash, however, presents significant problems. In the case of recipients, they generally have no secure way of protecting that cash other than by converting it immediately into goods, carrying it with them or hiding it. In cases where an individual has access to a bank account, deposit, withdrawal and account fees meaningfully reduce the money available to meet basic needs. For government agencies and employers, using cash to pay welfare benefits or wages results in significant expense due to the logistics of obtaining that cash, moving it to distribution points and protecting it from theft.

The use of cash or lack of access to a bank account can dramatically increase the cost to, and in some cases completely prevent, individuals from engaging in basic financial transactions. These basic transactions include the routine payment of insurance premiums, the transfer of money to relatives and the use of credit. Without a bank account, it is also difficult for an individual to obtain a loan on attractive terms since that individual lacks a credit history and usually cannot present a reliable means of repayment to the lender.

For governments, assistance programs face significant challenges when dependent on the use of cash. In addition to the costs and difficulties of using cash, corruption becomes an even more challenging problem since there is no clear audit trail. In fact, the absence of an electronic system for the distribution of goods, including foodstuff or medicine, or welfare benefits presents a significant obstacle to ensuring the fair and reliable implementation of government policy or deployment of foreign aid.

Traditional payment systems offered today by the major banking institutions do not address the key requirements of the unbanked and the under-banked populations. In addition to the high cost of maintaining a bank account relative to a customer's income level, customers must generally have basic literacy, administrative and record-keeping abilities and a minimum income level. Additionally, banks operate through online transaction settlement systems, which are often unavailable or costly to implement in undeveloped areas. Finally, having a bank account does not eliminate the need for significant quantities of cash in many instances because customers must withdraw large sums at one time to avoid incremental transaction fees.

**Our Solution**

We believe that we are the first company to enable the affordable delivery of financial products and services to the world's unbanked and under-banked people. Our approach takes full advantage of moving processing away from a centralized point to the computer chip embedded on a smart card. A smart card reader, or POS device, is used to enable communication between smart cards in real-time during a transaction and indirectly with our mainframe computer at a later time. This architecture has significant implications in terms of the products and services that we can deliver compared to those offered by banking institutions or other card providers.

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First, our system enables offline transactions, which is essential in serving the unbanked and under-banked. Second, it means that while offline, the smart card can engage in sophisticated transaction processing, using data encryption and biometric fingerprint protection to ensure security. In fact, our smart cards can calculate the interest owed to the card holder for having funds recorded onto our system without ever coming online. Third, with all of the software and transaction records on the smart card, the POS device itself requires far fewer components, circuitry and memory, substantially reducing costs. Fourth, each transaction is recorded on both participating smart cards, copied in subsequent transactions to additional smart cards, and ultimately reported to our mainframe computer. This creates a full audit trail that significantly reduces the potential for corruption, theft and fraud. Lastly, instead of having to build the overall system to handle peak loads, our system further reduces costs by smoothing the transaction flow over time.

We believe that our solution delivers benefits to each of the users of our system, including:

*Individuals.* There is no minimum income requirement for individuals to use our smart card, making our solution universally accessible. It is also inexpensive since the overall cost of the system is much less than widely available solutions, including cash, bank accounts and bank cards that require online access. Our solution additionally has the advantage of working everywhere, including remote areas where many unbanked and under-banked people live. Even more importantly, our solution is secure and smart cards are replaceable. This means that individuals do not have to fear that their money will be stolen or that they will be charged for fraudulent transactions. Since the smart card performs all of the required processing and contains all of the different service features, the smart card can be tailored to meet the needs of the individual. Card holders can also receive interest on their card balances, a benefit not available to them when transacting solely in cash. We believe our solution has the potential to enhance significantly the living standards of the unbanked and under-banked by reducing transaction costs and providing them with new and additional financial products and services.

*Merchants and Financial Service Providers.* Merchants derive several different benefits from our system. Our system decreases the amount of cash they must hold, improving security and reducing expenses. In addition, it provides a record of transactions that is useful for administrative purposes. For instance, by providing financial services through our POS devices, merchants benefit from new income streams at no additional incremental cost. For formal financial service providers, the use of smart cards provides opportunities to directly sell products and services to a market that was previously difficult to reach. For instance, insurance companies can offer their products with the premium deducted directly from the individual's smart card. In the case of lending, administrative costs are decreased along with the expense of holding cash. Again, the collection of payments can occur directly from the smart card, reducing credit risk and helping to establish credit history.

*Employers.* Our system enables employers to eliminate cash from the wage payment process. This reduces expenses by avoiding cash handling and management, the need to insure or transport that cash and the bank transaction fees associated with obtaining cash in the first place. The process of paying employees using cash is also time consuming, taking up to half a day per pay period in some instances. The use of our system eliminates this process and thereby increases productivity. In addition, because cash payments are distributed in packets to employees, disputes can arise as to the amount of cash in the packet. Our system also eliminates this problem since the amount reflected on the card holders' accounts are recorded on the back-end system and then distributed on the smart cards. Finally, employers frequently provide additional services to their employees out of necessity, particularly loans. Our system enables other service providers to deliver these products.

*Government Agencies.* A fundamental policy goal for almost any government is to enhance the welfare of the poorest citizens in the country. Yet the use of cash is a poor method for delivering social welfare grants since it is difficult to track, and the recipients endure a range of expenses and dangers that reduce their options. By using our system, government agencies enjoy reduced costs in the delivery of benefits to recipients by eliminating the use of cash while increasing the options available to the recipient. This use of our system intrinsically increases the welfare that government agencies can provide from the



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same amount of taxes collected. Our system also has the potential to increase the amount of taxes collected by bringing informal businesses into the formal economy. The presence of a full audit trail also means that government agencies can combat corruption. Moreover, the use of smart cards for the delivery of additional services, including insurance products, means that regulatory bodies can expand their oversight of transactions for individuals who are frequently least able to protect themselves. In regard to medical benefits, our system provides comprehensive inventory management and has the potential to improve the treatment of patients significantly. For instance, we have deployed an artificial intelligence program on our smart cards used for the treatment of HIV/AIDS in South Africa that can be used to adjust a patient's prescription based on data entered by a trained medical worker through the POS device.

**Our Business Strengths**

We believe our business strengths include:

*Technology Leadership.* We believe we are the first company to develop, implement and operate an affordable, flexible and secure electronic payment system for the unbanked and under-banked that works offline. Of equal importance, our smart cards have a broad range of additional functionality through the use of wallets that can be turned on as needed or as services become available. We can deliver these services to the unbanked population at a fraction of the cost of traditional systems. Our ability to implement an HIV/AIDS system on the same smart card as financial services demonstrates the flexibility of our approach. In addition, we have validated the security of our smart cards along with our overall system, forming the foundation for a trusted solution. Independent third parties have reviewed and published our security protocols and we have refined our system in a way to provide system integrity over the life of the smart cards. From our inception in 1989 to date, we have not suffered any security breaches or losses of transactions or funds on our system.

*Proven Solution.* Our system is proven and has been increasingly used. Today over 3.3 million clients in South Africa receive monthly welfare or pension payments through our system under contracts with five provinces. Historically, welfare and pension recipients would only download cash from smart cards, but these recipients increasingly choose to use their smart cards at merchant locations, which generates additional revenue for us. During the nine months ended March 31, 2005, the rate of client purchases using our smart cards rather than merely downloading the value for cash grew at a compounded monthly growth rate of 71% while the value of those transactions grew at a compounded monthly growth rate of 60%. As of March 31, 2005, we had 2,406 POS devices installed at 1,441 participating retail merchants. For the nine months ended March 31, 2005, the total value of transactions processed through our UEPS merchant network was approximately \$59.7 million. During the nine months following our implementation of these retail merchant POS devices in July 2004, the percentage of transactions which consisted of merchant purchases, as opposed to cash downloading only, increased from approximately 0% to approximately 23% of the total number of processed transactions.

*Versatile Application.* Once an individual begins using our smart card, we become a logical provider of a broad range of additional products and services. For instance, a card holder using our system for the administration of medical treatment can also use the same smart card for receiving welfare payments or wages as well as making purchases. Because use of each smart card is secured biometrically, the smart card can also be used for identification and voting. The additional uses mean that once we have enrolled and delivered a smart card to an individual, our revenue potential increases significantly beyond the initial service for which that individual has signed up.

*Broad Appeal that Drives Opportunities.* Because our system provides economic benefits to all participants, we believe there are strong incentives for government agencies and employers to adopt our system in many developing countries. Our solution is also appealing because a single deployment enables the delivery of a broad array of new services to those who are potentially most in need of them, often at a lower cost than alternative distribution methods.

*Increasing Returns to Scale.* The initial establishment of our system in a province or country requires upfront expenditures for computers, distribution infrastructure and card holder registration. Once in place,

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though, the cost to us of supplying additional products to users is low. For instance, if a customer receives welfare payments on one of our smart cards and then chooses to purchase insurance through our system, there is almost no additional expense for us to deduct the insurance premium regularly. As a result, the operating margin for that customer increases significantly, offset only by any marketing or administrative costs associated with that product.

**Our Strategy**

We intend to provide the leading system for the world's estimated four billion unbanked and under-banked people to engage in electronic transactions globally. To achieve this goal, we intend to pursue the following strategies:

*Disciplined Approach to New Markets.* We carefully evaluate new opportunities in order to deploy our business development resources effectively. We believe there are significant opportunities for our system in developing economies, such as Brazil, India, Mexico and Indonesia, where the unbanked and under-banked comprise a majority of the population. Where we believe it makes sense, we will use partnerships or make acquisitions to accelerate our entry into new markets.

*Unlock Target Markets with a Key Product.* The first step in establishing our system within a new province or country is to establish a broad base of smart card users around a single application. One of our preferred routes is to secure contracts to implement payment systems for government programs having large numbers of potential card holders. We believe another effective route will be the delivery of medical management applications, such as for HIV/AIDS. However, we are not dependent on government agencies to establish an initial base. Employers are widely examining our system to address their wage payment challenges and we are currently pursuing opportunities to deliver this solution.

*Expand Our Products Within the Markets We Serve.* With the establishment of a strong base of card holders and related infrastructure, we can then move to providing additional products and services. As part of broadening our card holders' options, we will also sell our smart card readers and POS devices to merchants to enable them to enter into transactions. Additionally, we will work to establish relationships with post offices, banks and other financial service providers with the goal of making our system ubiquitous in the markets we serve.

*Provide Products and Services Ourselves Where the Profit Potential is Compelling.* Our system can dramatically reduce transaction costs and improve data collection for a broad set of products and services. We intend to offer those products and services ourselves where the profit potential is significant. For instance, we engage in lending in South Africa. We are able to offer this service at a lower interest rate than competitors due to our ability to deduct interest and principal directly from a borrower's smart card and our knowledge of that individual's payment history.

*Establish Partnerships or Make Acquisitions When Appropriate.* As part of our disciplined approach to growing our presence globally, we will evaluate and enter into partnerships where we can draw on local knowledge and infrastructure to drive the rapid adoption of our system. We believe that this will enable us to focus on our core strength in technology as well as product development and delivery. In some instances, we will make acquisitions where we believe that our approach will enable us to gain customers and realize operational benefits rapidly from the deployment of our more efficient solution.

**Our Technology**

We developed our technology to enable the affordable delivery of financial products and services to the world's unbanked and under-banked people. Our proprietary technology is designed to provide the secure delivery of these products and services in the most under-developed or rural environments, even in those that have little or no communications infrastructure.

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***System Components***

Our platform consists of three fundamental components: (1) our FTS patent, (2) our UEPS and (3) our security protocol.

*FTS Patent.* The FTS patent describes a method by which funds can be transferred from one smart card to another in a secure and offline manner. The term *offline* refers to transactions that are effected without the need to contact or communicate with the issuer when the transactions occur, as the smart cards themselves perform the authorizations required. The FTS patent also describes how smart cards can be loaded or re-loaded with funds and how these can be redeemed for value in either banking or non-banking environments.

*UEPS.* Our UEPS is a suite of software programs that make use of the FTS methodology to deliver an integrated information, payment, switching and settlement environment that underpins our transaction processing system. Our software principally runs on three devices: the smart card, the POS device and the back-end system mainframe. When we sell a complete system to a customer or license our technology, we provide all of the software required to operate the UEPS, including the smart card functionality, the POS devices that allow our smart cards to transact with each other in an offline manner and our back-end system that primarily stores an audit trail of all transactions effected.

The primary strengths of the UEPS are its affordability, security and flexibility. The system is affordable because the computer chips on the smart cards contain all the software necessary to process UEPS transactions, thereby allowing the POS devices required to conduct these transactions to contain far fewer components and less circuitry than traditional POS devices. There is also a reduced need for processing power and on-board memory given that online communication is not necessary. This eliminates the need for an internal or external modem and its associated hardware, maintenance and call costs. As a result, the UEPS terminals are relatively inexpensive and do not require specialized technical expertise for installation. The UEPS also reduces or eliminates the need for national infrastructures, including electricity, telephone or data transmission. The UEPS is secure because the funds in each smart card are protected from illegal access through biometric fingerprint technology. In addition, every transaction is verified by the two smart cards involved in the transaction using state-of-the-art cryptographic systems in conjunction with protocols and techniques that we have developed. Finally, our UEPS is flexible because transactions are completed offline, eliminating virtually all restrictions where verified transactions can occur.

We released the first version of our UEPS in 1991. It included software to operate each smart card as well as the main payment system. Later versions of our UEPS provided all of the functions necessary to issue and manage a smart card and terminal base as well as those needed to effect settlement between all of the operators and participants. Our UEPS is fully traceable and auditable. It can also provide advanced capabilities including loss tolerance and smart card-based interest distribution. Finally, our UEPS is scalable and capable of working in small applications including a hospital setting as well as large settings such as country-wide implementations.

*Security Protocol.* Our security protocol was designed to prevent opportunistic fraud and enforce the correct transaction flow. The symmetric triple data encryption standard, or DES, is used extensively in association with a native random number generator that ensures that all transactions are performed by using a random session key pair. The DES encryption algorithm can be easily modified to use alternative symmetric or asymmetric encryption algorithms such as the Rivest, Shamir and Adleman or elliptic curves. Each message exchanged during a transaction names both transacting parties, includes unique information to guarantee freshness and depends explicitly on all the messages that occur before it.

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***Our UEPS Platform***

The following diagram depicts how our UEPS platform is constructed.

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The UEPS we sell to clients is a platform with the potential to provide all of the products we develop which, when grouped together, form complete systems serving the specific needs of various business segments. Depending on the requirements of a particular customer, we assist the customer in the setup of its application which is tailored to provide only the products and services initially required, although the UEPS can later be updated to provide additional products. We outsource the manufacturing of the hardware components of our system, including smart cards, POS devices, ATMs, PCs and back-end mainframes. However, we have developed all of our application software modules so that they will run on different hardware platforms which allows us to be hardware-independent and to provide our customers with the latest and most economical hardware solutions.

*Scalability.* Our UEPS can be implemented in different environments, from small closed systems to national implementations. In closed-system environments, the UEPS front-end equipment is personal computer-based and can therefore be implemented at relatively low cost. In these instances, we provide the back-end system on a transaction fee basis, thus limiting the overall set up cost. This approach can also be used whenever larger implementations are required but where the customer prefers to focus on marketing and selling its products rather than initially concentrating on operating the back-end system. The cost to entry can thus be greatly reduced as the operations can first become profitable before expending large amounts of capital. On the other hand, large governmental institutions, financial institutions or medical insurers typically prefer to maintain control over the entire payment system and therefore invest in a full system implementation. The time to launch these projects tends to be longer due to the time that is required to train the end-user to operate the system.

Once a UEPS is installed on behalf of a customer, we believe that we are well-positioned to benefit from the scalability of the system as minimal changes are required to be made to the application base for the system to manage significantly greater numbers of users. We can therefore provide additional smart cards while leveraging the existing cost base in a market. In addition, we have a dedicated team of technicians and developers and an infrastructure capable of supporting a significant volume of customers and their transactions. As a result, we expect to benefit from economies of scale that pertain to increases in the number of products and services using the infrastructures we sell and/or implement.

***UEPS Smart Card Functionality***

We have combined these technologies to create a smart card application that incorporates and controls the functionality that is normally found on banking host systems. Our technology reverses the traditional approach where the card acts as an access mechanism to a host-managed account. Instead, the smart card controls the account itself while the host system is relegated to backing up and creating an audit trail for the smart card base.

As a result, our technology provides extensive and flexible functionality through a system that is practical, secure and auditable. The following list itemizes some of the unique and critical functions provided by our smart card technology.

*Identification, Authentication, Non-Repudiation and Affirmation of UEPS Transactions.* Traditional payment systems provide customers with paper receipts that reflect transaction details. Customers normally keep these receipts to reconcile their monthly account statements. During reconciliation, customers can detect fraudulent transactions and errors by matching account entries against their paper receipts, which may lead to disputes, financial losses and the repudiation of transactions. Fraud committed by people taking advantage of the inherent security weaknesses of traditional payment systems increases the cost of managing transactions effected through these systems. As a result, financial institutions and other system participants must invest significant resources to minimize the risk associated with fraud and errors.

A fundamental element of the UEPS is that all payment and money transfer transactions take place between two UEPS smart cards – the smart card to be debited and the smart card to be credited. During the transfer of value between the two smart cards, the transaction is written to a dedicated history file on each of the smart cards. These history files are subsequently used to ensure settlement either directly or through the activation of the UEPS multiple streams audit trail feature. Thus, smart card holders can

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reconcile their monthly accounts directly from the smart card's transaction history file. Also, each smart card authorizes all debit transactions through the presentation and verification of one of the card holder's biometric fingerprint templates that are stored in the smart card, and each UEPS transaction is signed by both smart cards. Taken together, these features of the UEPS help prevent the fraudulent creation, duplication or alteration of a transaction, as well as any potential repudiation of a transaction. As a result, the UEPS helps to minimize the costs associated with account management and inquiry resolution and helps ensure that customers do not incur losses from undetected errors, fraud or transaction mismanagement.

*Continuous Debit.* People with limited economic means or unestablished credit histories may find it difficult to obtain access to public utility services such as telephone, fuel, water or electricity unless they purchase pre-paid units for these services. A pre-paid unit of service may be a liter of fuel, a kiloliter of water, ten minutes of electricity or a two minute local phone call, and may need to be used within a specified period of time before it expires. Pre-paying for services can deprive purchasers of flexibility to redeploy their funds to meet other financial needs.

The continuous debit feature of the UEPS eliminates the need for customers to buy pre-paid units by allowing them to use their smart cards to pay for these services as and when they need and use them. All a customer needs to do is to insert his smart card into the utility equipment and the smart card will debit itself whenever a unit of service is used. The continuous debit feature provides significant financial flexibility to customers and can be tailored to be used in any pay as you go environment, including Internet access.

Continuous debit transactions are typically a large number of small transactions that can quickly fill up the space on a smart card's transaction file. We eliminated this problem by designing the UEPS to minimize the file space that these transactions require by enabling subsequent transactions to replace and aggregate with earlier ones, thereby treating multiple transactions as one global transaction.

*Multiple and Restricted Wallets.* Unbanked people who keep their cash at home risk the loss of their funds from misplacement, theft or disasters such as floods or fires, which can have a devastating impact on their financial lives. Keeping funds at home does not generate any interest income and cannot help demonstrate financial responsibility or provide collateral security for the extension of credit. Finally, keeping funds in cash can make it more difficult for people to segregate their funds for specific purposes, whereas having one or more bank accounts can facilitate budgeting for various categories of expenses.

The multiple wallet feature allows card holders to use their smart cards to help manage their budgets. Up to 255 wallets can be configured and activated per card holder depending on the electrically erasable programmable read-only memory, or EEPROM, available on the particular smart card. Each of the wallets can be configured to meet the specific requirements of the card holder, and can be used for interest-generating savings, pre-paid utilities, medication management, credit, debit orders and for many other purposes. In addition, a wallet can be either protected or unprotected. Protected wallets require the biometric verification of the card holder to effect transactions. Unprotected wallets are normally used for low value transactions such as transportation for which speed of processing is critical.

Since the audit trail of all transactions performed by the active wallets is stored on the smart card's history file, card holders can provide third parties with a comprehensive record of their transaction histories, which can help evidence payments, such as insurance premiums and demonstrate a regular income stream from wages or other sources. This audit trail can provide unbanked people the opportunity to obtain affordable services from formal financial service providers which might otherwise deny or limit services to them.

Wallets can also be restricted. Restricted wallets allow transactions to be performed only at specific merchants. For example, if an employer desire to subsidize an employee's transportation costs, a wallet can be configured that permits the holder to spend the value loaded into that wallet only at specified transportation points. Restricted wallets can also be used by governments to prevent social welfare grant recipients from using payment for particular goods or services.

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*Offline Loading.* The use of payment systems that depend on online authorizations is difficult to implement in developing economies and countries that do not have advanced or reliable telecommunication infrastructures. Online systems include magnetic stripe-based solutions that are widely used in first world economies and require that all transactions, including retail sales, the dispensing of cash, the loading of value to smart cards and the authorization of credit transactions, be performed only at self-service terminals, or SSTs, ATMs or POS devices that operate online. Thus, online systems cannot be used to provide financial or banking services to the millions of people, such as those in developing countries, that live in geographical areas that have little or no infrastructure. Most smart card systems therefore, such as EMV, also operate online. We believe that this reliance on online communication has limited the exploitation of smart card technology, has resulted in high system implementation and operational costs and has not addressed many of the needs of the world's unbanked population.

Our offline loading feature has been designed to solve these problems associated with reliance on limited infrastructures and allows value to be distributed through existing infrastructures such as the postal service, fixed line telephones, cellular phones, verbal communication and newspapers. Our solution is a unique ten-digit signature code that the UEPS back-end system generates to enable specific amounts to be loaded to specific smart cards. When a ten-digit signature code is presented at any offline POS device to the smart card for which it was created, the code will, after validation, allow the smart card to credit one or a number of its internal wallets in the appropriate amount.

The offline loading function can be used to transfer funds remotely for payments such as wages, pensions, welfare grants, refunds and third party transfers. When a number of ten-digit signature codes are created for a specific smart card, each ten-digit signature code can then only be applied to that smart card once. Ten-digit signature codes can be presented to a smart card in a different order from the one in which the codes were created but can be effected only by that particular smart card.

*Biometric Identification.* The magnetic stripe credit and debit card systems available today use a written signature or a PIN in an effort to verify the customer's identity and minimize the repudiation of transactions. However, PINs can be compromised, magnetic stripes can be cloned and if a card is stolen together with its PIN number, the card can be used to transact until it is reported stolen or its offline limits are reached. The PIN and card can also be used to gain access to back-end account information to defraud further the genuine card holder. Therefore, positive offline card holder verification is critical to ensure that a payment system does not effect fraudulent transactions. At the same time, the system must ensure that the genuine card holder's transactions are not rejected.

As an alternative form of customer identification, the UEPS supports biometrics in the form of fingerprint recognition. Biometric scanners are used to record a customer's fingerprint images. The fingerprint templates that result are stored in the holder's smart card and used for identification whenever the smart card is used.

Before a smart card is issued, the following fingerprint recordation process occurs:

All ten fingers are captured, with three fingerprint images captured per finger.

The three fingerprint images for each finger are consolidated and filtered to create the best image for that finger. This results in ten-high quality fingerprint images.

The ten fingerprint images are scored and the four highest scoring images are used to generate fingerprint templates. A fingerprint template is a unique geometric representation of one fingerprint.

The card holder is verified against these four templates using the highest fingerprint matching threshold to ensure the best recordation process. This process assists to eliminate the false rejection of genuine card holders due to initial bad fingerprint template recordation.

The four fingerprint templates are signed by an issuing UEPS smart card and stored on the card holder's smart card.

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When a transaction is performed, the card holder's fingerprints are verified against those stored on the smart card. The verification process occurs in a secure session between the smart card and the fingerprint scanner. During the verification phase, a moderate matching threshold is used to compensate for the changes in the card holder's fingerprint conditions.

Our biometric identification feature is designed to protect our card holders against fraud, helps eliminate transaction repudiation and reduces the complexity associated with hot card management systems and hot line centers, as well as the cost of the systems that are utilized to deal with stolen and lost cards.

*Automatic Credit.* The distribution of social welfare benefits, unemployment insurance, food parcels or vouchers and medical supplies is personnel intensive. Furthermore, beneficiaries must present themselves regularly at designated distribution locations in order to receive their benefits. These requirements create a number of operational and logistical problems, which increase the direct or indirect costs for system owners, operators and members, including:

The costs of transporting beneficiaries and payment personnel to and from distribution points;

The time beneficiaries must spend waiting in line at distribution points rather than working or engaging in other activities;

The need to provide adequate staff, water, toilets, medical emergency services, shelters and security at distribution points;

The need to provide personnel to deal with beneficiary communications and inquiries; and

The need to create itineraries and schedules for payment delivery personnel, as well as to establish distribution centers and purchase vehicles to travel to distribution points.

Thus, governments incur significant costs in distributing social welfare payments at fixed or movable locations, and banking institutions must spend large sums to provide branches and ATMs where their customers can obtain cash. Many of these costs cannot be passed onto the client. We have developed the capacity in the UEPS to facilitate the distribution of cash at retail merchants in a manner that eliminates or reduces the need for social welfare beneficiaries and customers to travel to a specific ATM location, reduces merchants' costs of depositing excess cash and that enables banks to reduce their costs associated with providing, maintaining and servicing brick and mortar infrastructures.

We developed our automatic credit feature to allow our smart card holders to receive regular, fixed amount payments at POS devices that may not have the capability to perform online functions. The participants in an automatic credit transaction are the automatic credit initiator, the smart card holder and the merchant. The automatic credit initiator is the issuer which creates an automatic credit instruction for a particular wallet of a specific card holder. The smart card holder is the beneficiary of the automatic credit instruction which has been approved by the initiator. The merchant is any retailer which participates in the UEPS system and has a POS device for a card holder to activate automatic credit instructions.

Card holders go to designated points to register for an automatic credit instruction. While at the POS device, the credit initiator submits an application for an automatic credit instruction to the back-end system. The application can occur offline or online. Once the back-end system has validated the beneficiary's information, it creates an automatic credit instruction signature which is sent back to the POS device and is then recorded on the smart card. On the day that the card holder is due to receive a payment, the card holder inserts his smart card into any POS device. In the event that the automatic credit instruction is due and valid, the smart card of the card holder is automatically loaded.

*Interest on Card.* Unbanked people transact mainly with cash. One of the most fundamental disadvantages of cash is that it cannot generate interest income for the holder and that its value depreciates with inflation. The UEPS was designed, in essence, to be an alternative to a formal banking account that allows a smart card holder to earn interest on the value contained in his various wallets. The ability to earn interest provides an incentive for people to maintain



balances on their smart cards rather

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than convert the full balances to cash or to unload them to a traditional banking account where they would not earn any interest.

There are numerous possible types of interest calculations, including simple, compound, continuous, minimum balance, average balance, daily and monthly interest. The UEPS uses the compound interest methodology, calculated daily on the previous day's closing balance. In order to calculate interest correctly, the client smart card requires a host date certificate, or HDC. This date originates from the back-end system, and is updated on the merchant smart card when it settles its transactions. The merchant smart card in turn passes the HDC to the card holder's smart card, which enables the client smart card to calculate the interest for any wallet that bears interest. The system is designed to ensure that the client smart card only calculates the interest using the latest HDC, and not any date given to it from an unsettled or inactive merchant smart card. Once interest is added to an interest-bearing wallet, a notification record is written to the card holder's smart card history file and forwarded to the merchant smart card for settlement. This record informs the back-end system of the interest amount credited.

*UEPS Morphing.* The UEPS is proprietary. It is designed for a specific market that requires specific features and as such is not compliant or compatible with other smart card systems. If it were compatible with other systems, the usefulness of the UEPS would be as limited as these other systems and could not provide a solution for the unbanked populations of the world. However, we have designed the UEPS in such a way so that it can inter-operate with other standard payment systems such as EMV, one of the more widely-used standards in the banking sector. In the future, smart card holders may wish to use their smart cards in environments that are currently enabled for other smart card-based payment systems. The UEPS morphing feature allows our smart cards to transact at EMV POS devices as if our smart cards were in fact EMV smart cards. Our card holders can thus transact at EMV POS devices but the functionality provided at these POS devices is limited to that offered by the EMV system. Our smart cards, when required, can morph into the standards supported by the POS devices thus minimizing the cost of deploying another POS infrastructure.

Our UEPS morphing feature is not merely a collection of multiple applications grouped together into a single smart card. This feature also enables inter-operability between these applications. The EMV standard is mainly an online application that requires offline card authentication, online host authorization and online card issuer authentication. The EMV payment application is invoked by the POS device using the application selection methodology. The UEPS smart card can recognize the type of environment in which it is used through the command structure passed to it from the ATM, SST, POS device or any other smart card reader conducting the transaction. Once the smart card has sensed the system in use, it immediately morphs this application and behaves as such for the duration of the transaction. The morphing feature is not limited to EMV, but can also be used with CEPS, Visa Horizon and Mondex, among other systems. It places the UEPS card holder in a unique position to possess a single smart card, and use it at any POS device, ATM or SST of his choice, without having to have different smart cards for every payment application.

*Automatic Debit.* Currently, payees experience various administrative problems and other challenges in collecting payments due to them through the formal banking system for insurance premiums, micro-loan payments and governmental statutory deductions for items such as unemployment insurance. In addition, collectors suffer payment losses as a result of insufficient funds, closed accounts, or charge back transactions, and may incur significant personnel costs for employees to attempt to collect from non-payers. Payees may find that their accounts are incorrectly debited, unauthorized debits are made or they pay high fees for debit orders which are not processed.

For unbanked people, their problems are often even greater since their only means of payment is cash. To pay a premium, they have to present themselves at the office of the financial service provider and pay their premium in cash. These offices are typically in urban areas and therefore unbanked people have to pay for transportation in order to make their monthly payments. Carrying substantial amounts of cash over long distances involves risks of theft and loss.

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We created the automatic debit feature to allow a smart card to reduce the balance in any of its active wallets on a specific date and for a predetermined amount. This function can take place in an offline environment at any POS device. The automatic debit feature reduces the risks associated with collection of insurance premiums and other regularly scheduled payments by ensuring that any funds loaded to the smart card are first used to service the automatic debit before being transferred for the card holder's general use.

The participants in an automatic debit transaction are the automatic debit initiator, the merchant and the smart card holder. The automatic debit initiator is the issuer which will create an automatic debit instruction for a particular wallet of a specific smart card holder. The merchant is any retailer which is a participant in the system and has a POS device for a card holder to activate automatic debit instructions. The card holder is the person who must pay the premium or other payment.

Card holders register for automatic debit instruction at the offices of the automatic debit initiator. While at the POS device, they submit an application for an automatic debit instruction to the back-end system. This can occur offline or online. Once the back-end system has validated the beneficiary's information, it creates an automatic debit instruction signature which is sent back to the POS device and is then recorded on the smart card. On the day that the card holder is due to pay a premium or other payment, the card holder inserts his smart card into any POS device. In the event that the automatic debit instruction is due, the smart card of the card holder is automatically debited.

*Multiple Streams Audit Trails for Offline UEPS Transactions.* The UEPS, as an offline system, must ensure that all transactions effected offline are settled, at some point in time, by the back-end system. Settlement is critical to guarantee that no funds can be lost by card holders even when a POS device, its paper audit trail or its merchant smart card is lost, stolen or destroyed. Importantly, smart card transactions, including automatic credits, automatic debits, interest accruals, agent transfers, cash downloads and purchases, all have a financial effect on individual smart card balances and must therefore be settled in order to preserve system integrity. The UEPS multiple streams audit trail functionality is designed to ensure that the replacement smart card contains the correct amount of funds when a lost, stolen or defective card is replaced.

The UEPS provides the ability to activate multiple streams audit trails through POS device profile downloading. Multiple streams audit trails are distributed through the active smart card base and are completely transparent to all card holders. Multiple streams audit trails can only be implemented on smart cards which have an adequate amount of EEPROM memory as the size of the transaction file created on smart cards will at least double. The multiple streams audit trails functionality is especially useful in environments where either the POS device is offline or may be damaged or destroyed due to the harsh environmental conditions in which it operates or where there is a perceived risk that the POS device may be stolen.

When a client smart card is inserted into any POS device to perform one or more transactions, including a sale, load, unload, automatic credit, automatic debit or interest accrual transaction, the current transaction is written to both the client and the merchant smart cards. The previous transaction performed by the client smart card at another POS device is also written to the currently transacting merchant smart card transaction file as a piggy back record. The previous transaction or transaction group written to the merchant smart card from another client is also written to the client smart card of the currently transacting client.

This process ensures that each transaction or transaction group effected on a client smart card is distributed directly to a second merchant smart card and indirectly to a third merchant smart card. The third transfer occurs by writing the transaction or transaction group to another client smart card which in turn transfers the same to a different merchant smart card. The number of different audit trails streams can be selected through the POS device or merchant profiles.

Upon settlement of the merchant smart card, the transactions which were performed at other merchants will therefore also be settled. Each merchant smart card becomes the carrier for transactions

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that have occurred at other merchants. All client smart cards become the multiple streams that facilitate the movement of transaction data among unrelated merchant smart cards. This process occurs in an offline environment.

In the event of the loss or destruction of any POS device or its associated merchant smart card or paper audit trail, all transactions that have been piggy backed can be recovered through the settlement of other merchant smart cards. The speed at which these transactions can be recovered will depend on how frequently the client smart cards that are used to piggy back transactions have transacted at other UEPS merchants. The multiple streams audit trails functionality provides complete and independent audit trails that help prevent fraud by single or colluding parties.

*Transparent and Automatic Recovery for Offline UEPS Transactions.* The UEPS, as an offline system, must ensure that all transactions effected offline complete successfully or that, in the event of a failure, the transaction in progress can be restarted without any loss being incurred by either the client or merchant concerned. Failure of the POS device or the premature removal of either of the smart cards involved during a transaction may lead to the client smart card being debited without the corresponding credit being reflected on the merchant smart card. Although the premature removal of either of the smart cards can be prevented by introducing motorized smart card readers, the cost involved is prohibitive and the solution does not address other possible failures due to POS device hardware problems or power failures, which are common in areas with unreliable power infrastructures.

The UEPS is designed to recover failed transactions through its transparent and automatic recovery feature. This feature is activated during the session key establishment phase that occurs whenever two smart cards transact. During the session key establishment phase, each smart card generates an eight-byte natural random number and triple-DES encrypts it with its generic UEPS key pair. These two encrypted blocks are then exchanged by the two smart cards, and once decrypted, used by each smart card to generate a random DES key pair. This new key pair is used to exchange further information between the smart cards until the transaction is completed.

During the next phase, each smart card passes to the other its smart card unique serial number and its current transaction counter. At this stage, the client smart card is now able to determine if the last transaction written to its transaction file was indeed also effected on the merchant smart card. If not, the client smart card simply unrolls its last transaction thus restoring the correct data image as it was prior to the transaction. This feature can also be used whenever a POS device is disabled for whatever reason. In this instance, the two smart cards can simply be inserted into any other working POS device and the two smart cards will automatically re-synchronize themselves. Further transaction processing can then resume normally. As a result of this feature, transactions such as transaction cancellation and reversals can be performed offline in a secure manner.

**Mechanics of Loading, Spending and Settlement**

The following describes how card holders can load value onto their smart cards and spend the value they receive. It also describes how merchants settle transactions with our back-end system.

*Loading.* All card holders that receive social welfare grants or whose employers participate in our system can load their smart cards at any POS device located in merchant stores. Card holders can load their smart cards in several different ways. If the card holder's electronic value was created through the ten-digit signature code, then the card holder has three options. He can effect an online auto load, in which case the POS device connects in real time to the back-end system, which then forwards any available ten-digit signature codes present in the account of the card holder. These codes will be loaded to the smart card automatically. If the communications network is erratic or unreliable, ten-digit signature codes can be downloaded to the POS device of a nearby participating merchant where and when the network is operational. The card holder can then perform an offline auto load whereby any ten-digit signature codes present in the POS device will be loaded to his smart card. If a network connection is not available, the card holder can key in his ten-digit signature code and amount to be loaded. In all scenarios the smart card will be credited only if the ten-digit signature code is decrypted successfully by the smart

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card. If the card holder's smart card is initialized with one or a number of automatic credit instructions, the smart card will credit itself as we describe under Automatic Credit feature.

*Spending.* Once value has been loaded to a smart card, card holders may purchase goods or services, make cash withdrawals, initiate money transfers, request automatic loans, effect third party payments and invoke automatic credits and debit orders, all offline at any participating merchant store. To perform a transaction, the card holder inserts his smart card into the top smart card reader of the POS device and selects the appropriate function. Biometric fingerprint identification is required for most functions to protect card holders against the unintended or fraudulent usage of their funds. A printed receipt displays the details of the transaction performed and includes other system audit trail information.

*Settlement.* As spending on a UEPS smart card occurs offline, the settlement of the merchant transactions with the back-end system needs to take place within the two day window settlement period provided for in the contract, or as and when the merchant smart card becomes full. Settlement can be performed online or offline. Merchants who have access to a network infrastructure can use the settlement option on their POS devices to connect to the back-end system and settle their merchant smart cards online. During the settlement process, merchants choose whether to have the funds settled deposited to a traditional bank account or transferred to a client smart card.

Once the merchant selects the settlement option, the transactions are stripped off the merchant smart card, and the accumulated transaction values, less the transaction fees which the merchant is contractually required to pay to us, are paid to the merchant. Payment occurs either through the country's traditional banking clearing system, by check or is credited to the merchant's client smart card for immediate or future use. The last option is extremely beneficial for rural merchants who purchase their goods from larger wholesalers. Their funds are, upon settlement, immediately available. Therefore, they can purchase goods using their client smart card and/or withdraw cash at other participating merchants. Merchants who do not have access to a network infrastructure can insert their merchant smart card into any POS device that has online connectivity and perform the settlement process. Many merchants can share any POS device.

If a merchant does not have access to a communication network, the merchant can use our milking function with a milking smart card. This smart card has greater functionality than a regular smart card and therefore requires a large memory chip for storing multiple transactions, hot card files, a freshness certificate, and any other variables, including fees and/or interest rates that need to be updated on merchant smart cards which operate in deep rural areas. The milking smart card is inserted in the bottom smart card reader of a POS device and the merchant inserts the merchant smart cards to be milked into the top smart card reader. During this settlement process, the transactions are stripped from the transaction history file of the merchant smart card and at the same time, the new hot card file, freshness certificate, fee structure, interest rates and any other parameter that requires modification are updated. The milking smart card is then physically handed over to the central office in order to update the back-end system. At the time of settlement, all transactions are stripped from the merchant smart card, aggregated and paid into the nominated bank account of the merchant. Merchants can select their client smart card as their nominated account, in which case the amount to be paid is added to the merchant's client smart card.

We have designed and developed a dual functionality smart card called the Net1 Combi-Card for use in rural environments and for very small merchant stores or hawkers. Hawkers are typically small merchants that sell food or merchandise from a stand on the side of road or on a pavement. This smart card is initialized with both merchant and client functionality. While trading, the merchant section of the smart card is used for transaction storage which once settled will allow the merchant to use the same smart card to perform purchases or any other financial function.

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The following table summarizes each of our smart card to smart card, or S2S, products, including

the market introduction date;

the key features of the product;

the features of our UEPS technology which each product uses;

the types of fees we charge or currently plan to charge for the product; and

the target markets for the product:

<b>Product</b>	<b>Year of Market Introduction</b>	<b>Features</b>	<b>Types of Fees</b>	<b>Target Markets</b>
<b>S2S Pension and Welfare</b>	2000-2004	Ten-Digit Signature Codes Offline and Online Loading Automatic Credit Multiple Audit Trail Mutual Authentication Transparent and Automatic Recovery Biometric Identification	Loading Fee per Beneficiary Sales of Smartcards Registration and Enrollment	Government Social Welfare Grant Beneficiaries
<b>S2S Wage Payment</b>	2005	Ten-Digit Signature Codes Offline and Online Loading Multiple Wallets Restricted Wallets Multiple Audit Trails Mutual Authentication Transparent and Automatic Recovery Biometric Identification Interest Calculations	Wage Loading Fee per Employee per Month Equipment Sales per Payroll Clerk plus POS Terminals for the Payment of Wages in the Field or Factory Sales of Smartcards Mass Registration and Enrollment per Employee if Performed by us Monthly Smart Card Account Fee per Employee per	Employers Employees

## Month

<b>S2S Medical Management, Patient Monitoring and Distribution</b>	2005	Multiple Wallets Restricted Wallets Multiple Audit Trails Mutual Authentication Transparent and Automatic Recovery Biometric Identification	Technology Processing Fee per Smart Card per Month (Volume Based) UEPS Software Fee (Volume Based) Database Capturing Module per Patient Patient License Fee per Hospital/ Clinic/ Health Care Facility Equipment Sales for Hospital/ Clinic and Health Care Facility Sales of Smartcards	Non-Governmental Organizations Government Paid Contractors Governments
<b>S2S Retail and Wholesale</b>	2004	Ten-Digit Signature Codes Offline and Online Loading Automatic Credit Multiple Wallets Restricted Wallets Multiple Audit Trails Mutual Authentication Transparent and Automatic Recovery Biometric Identification Interest Calculations Settlement Offline and Online	Merchant Transaction Fee Cash Withdrawal Fee from UEPS Card Holders Excluding Social Grant Recipients Hardware Equipment Sales or Rentals Smart Card Sales Installation & Training Fee Reports and Banking Fees Monthly Card Account Fee per Retailer per Month	Retailers Wholesale Retailers UEPS Client Card Holders
<b>S2S Insurance System</b>	2004	Multiple Audit Trails Mutual Authentication Transparent and Automatic Recovery Biometric Identification Settlement Offline	Insurance Merchant Transaction Fee Debit Order Collection Fee Hardware Equipment Sales or Rentals Smartcard Sales Installation and	Insurance Underwriter/ Broker (External Insurance Merchants)

and Online

Training Fee  
Reports and  
Banking Fees



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The following describes in more detail how our S2S products work and the benefits of each product.

***S2S Pension and Welfare***

S2S Pension and Welfare provides a secure and affordable transacting channel between social welfare grant beneficiaries, governmental agencies and formal businesses. Through this product, we distribute social welfare benefits to the unbanked and under-banked populations, and allow the recipients of these benefits to transact with formal businesses.

*How it works.* We enroll social welfare grant beneficiaries by issuing them a UEPS smart card that digitally stores their biometric fingerprint templates on the smart card, enabling them to access their social welfare grants securely at any time or place. The smart card, with its pre-printed and unique serial number, or USN, is issued to the beneficiary on site. Optical fingerprint sensor technology identifies and verifies beneficiaries. The fingerprint reader is programmed to create a random cryptographic session between itself and an inserted smart card, thereby limiting the possibility of fraudulent storage and replay of digital templates.

The smart card provides the holder with access to all of the UEPS functionality, which includes the ability to have the smart card funded with wage, pension or welfare payments, make retail purchases, enjoy the convenience of pre-paid facilities and qualify for a range of affordable financial services, including insurance and short-term loans. The smart card also offers the card holder the ability to make debit order payments to a variety of third parties, including utility companies, schools and retail merchants, with which the holder maintains an account. The card holder can also use the smart card as a savings account. Depending on a country's specific requirements, holders load their smart card using one of two methods—ten-digit signature code creation or automatic credit. We describe both of these methods under *Our Technology* UEPS Smart Card Functionality *Offline Loading* and *Automatic Credit*.

When the ten-digit signature code method is used, the government agency submits to us a simple payroll file containing the beneficiary's identity number and the value of the grant. We then process this file and, using the identification number of each beneficiary, create a ten-digit signature code. The ten-digit signature code can only be loaded on to the smart card for which it was created. These ten-digit signature codes can be distributed to the memory of POS devices or other compatible devices, including fixed or mobile ATM dispensers or remote personal computers, by accessing a communication network such as satellite, X.25, TCP/IP or GPRS-GSM. Thereafter, the beneficiary can load the smart card offline. If a GPRS-GSM communication network is available, the beneficiary can load the smart card online.

The beneficiary simply inserts a smart card into the POS device and is prompted to present his fingerprint. If the fingerprint matches the one stored on the smart card, the smart card is loaded with the ten-digit signature code created for that particular smart card. The POS device then prints a receipt that outlines the amount of the grant paid to the beneficiary.

The automatic credit feature allows a smart card holder to receive regular, fixed-amount payments such as welfare grants or other benefits, food parcels, meal vouchers and/or medical supplies at POS devices that operate offline. Automatic credit instructions are recorded on the smart card at the time they are granted by the issuer. Each automatic credit instruction recorded embodies a number of parameters such as the amount and the wallet to be credited, the frequency at which the credit should occur and the commencement and expiration date of the instruction.

When the beneficiary inserts a smart card into a POS device or any other compatible device, the automatic credit feature will be automatically invoked. During this process, each automatic credit instruction previously recorded on the smart card will be reviewed. If all related parameters such as timing, commencement and expiration date are all correct the smart card is credited with the funds due. When this happens, the transaction is recorded immediately on the merchant smart card present in the POS device at the time that the beneficiary's smart card is credited. Since the electronic funds have been created offline, automatic credit transactions must be forwarded to the back-end system through a merchant settlement or through our multiple audit trail facility. We are able to claim the actual funds

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loaded to beneficiaries smart cards from the government agency at the end of each business day because the back-end system is informed of all of the electronic values created.

*Benefits.* Our S2S Pension and Welfare system provides numerous benefits to government agencies and beneficiaries. The system offers provincial governments a reliable service at a reasonable price. For beneficiaries, our smart card offers convenience, security, affordability and flexibility. They can avoid long waiting lines at payment locations and do not have to get to payment locations on scheduled payment dates to receive cash. They do not lose money if they lose their smart cards, since a lost smart card is replaceable and the biometric fingerprint identification technology helps prevent fraud. Their personal security risks are reduced since they do not have to safeguard their cash. Beneficiaries have access to affordable financial services, can save and earn interest on their smart cards and can perform money transfers to friends and relatives living in other provinces. Finally, beneficiaries pay no transaction charges to load their smart cards, perform balance inquiries, make purchases or downloads or effect monthly debit orders. For us, the system allows us to reduce our operating costs by reducing the amount of cash we have to transport.

***S2S Wage Payment***

S2S Wage Payment allows an employer to pay employee wages electronically, either online or offline, by transferring the precise amount of the wage payment directly onto a smart card, thus eliminating the need for the employer to store and handle cash at the workplace. We originally designed this product for unbanked and under-banked workforces and their employers. However, employers of employees who often have bank accounts have expressed interest in this product as well, which we attribute to its affordability, convenience and security.

*How it works.* Employees of participating employers receive smart cards which we issue to them. We download a ten-digit signature code for each employee wage payment to a POS device, and the employer takes the POS device to the pay site on payday. The employee inserts his smart card into the POS device which then searches for any ten-digit signature codes created for that particular smart card. Once the POS device locates and decrypts the ten-digit signature code, it immediately loads the smart card with the wage payment. The POS device prints a receipt which acts as a pay stub by including the amount of the wage paid and any deductions made. The receipt also indicates the balance of the savings wallet, if available. The process takes up to six seconds from insertion of the smart card to completion of printing. Personal identification through finger print authentication is not necessary to perform a load as the ten-digit signature code is uniquely linked to the USN number of the employee's smart card.

*Benefits.* S2S Wage Payment provides numerous benefits to employers and to employees. For employers, the system helps to increase productivity in the work environment and reduce administration and labor costs associated with the management, transportation, delivery and general handling of cash. Electronic payment requires less time than manual distribution of cash pay packets, thereby reducing the amount of employee downtime. Employers in rural and semi-rural areas no longer need to incur the inconvenience and expense of transporting their employees to urban areas to enable them to receive their wages from ATMs nor to have to advance funds whenever these ATMs run out of cash. In addition, the system is configurable for each employer so that the database can be split up into departmental or company sub-databases, if required.

Further, employers of unbanked and under-banked employees are frequently put into a position of having to provide savings, loans, burial insurance and other financial services to their workers. With S2S wage payment, the employee can opt to have a portion of his wage loaded directly to a separate savings wallet on the smart card. Interest is calculated on the current daily balance and paid monthly to the card holder. The card holder can also qualify for an affordable loan, provided by us or another participating service provider, which is loaded onto his smart card. The smart card informs the back-end system of the monthly loan repayment which is applied against the wage after loading the amount due to the smart card. Finally, instead of the employer having to negotiate the most cost effective burial insurance for his employees, he can take advantage of the insurance we negotiate with selected insurance companies on

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behalf of many employers. The issuance of the insurance policy is recorded in the chip of the smart card. For employees, S2S wage payment offers all of the benefits described above under S2S Pension and Welfare. Additional benefits include fees for cash withdrawal that are typically lower than bank charges for the same transaction.

***S2S Medical Management***

Our S2S Medical Management product applies the UEPS technology in a non-financial environment to facilitate the management, distribution and control of the anti-retroviral, or ARV, drugs used to combat HIV/ AIDS. The system is designed to operate in the deepest rural areas where no meaningful infrastructure exists. It is also designed to form a basis for the implementation of other drug distribution programs.

Governments and charitable organizations face many challenges in the distribution and control of ARV drugs. Patients who do not strictly adhere to the required drug regimen for the rest of their lives face the risk of drug resistance, which can lead to death. The toxicity of ARV drugs requires effective patient monitoring. Data needs to be collected to evaluate the effectiveness of drugs available for treatment.

*How it works.* We issue smart cards to participating hospitals, dispensaries and doctors and to their AIDS/ HIV patients. The smart cards use biometric fingerprint identification technology and act as portable electronic medical record books that allow patients to be serviced anywhere without relying on centralized systems and communications networks. The smart cards carry all patient-related information, including personal details, drug regimens, prescriptions, visitation history, doctor s details, dispensary information and other data. This data allows us to populate and update databases that track each patient s progress, each doctor s performance, each and every prescription dispensed and each dispensary s drug inventory levels. The system monitors patient activities, and is designed to ensure the integrity of data, reduce fraud, manage drug inventories and, control drug delivery, ensure patient anonymity and privacy, and distribute payment for goods and services. Each day, all registration information, changes to patient information, and information regarding drug dispensation is encrypted and communicated to our back-end system for batch processing. Once validated, this information is forwarded directly to a confidential server managed by the government and/or funding organizations.

*Benefits.* S2S Medical Management offers many benefits to government organizations, medical professionals and health care workers, and patients. For government organizations, the system helps save money by improving the efficiency of ARV drug distribution and by reducing the potential for fraud and falsification of data. For medical professionals and health care workers, the system facilitates the real time but offline registration of patients and the storage of crucial patient information, such as the patient s last visit date, changes in information such as height and weight and the most recent prescription. For patients, the portability of the electronic medical record allows them to be treated anywhere, without relying on centralized systems and communications networks. The system, which is provided free of charge to the patient, is designed to ensure patient privacy. Finally, our technology preserves the patient s information, even if the smart card is lost.

***S2S Retail and Wholesale***

Our S2S Retail and Wholesale product enables retailers, wholesalers and financial service providers to effect commercial transactions with one another and with unbanked and under-banked customers. Many merchants who service the unbanked and under-banked operate in underdeveloped areas where traditional financial institutions and their products are unavailable or limited due to the lack of communication infrastructures. In addition, these merchants do not meet the selection criteria imposed by financial service providers, including banks and credit card companies, either for financial reasons or because they cannot meet or adhere to the rules and regulations these formal institutions demand. The system permits participants, which include merchants, wholesalers and financial service providers to effect payments for goods and services, and to dispense cash from one smart card to another in a secure offline manner. The system is designed to eliminate unauthorized use by ensuring that all transactions are biometrically

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approved by the card holders. The system guarantees integrity by providing an audit trail for each transaction that is stored on both the customer and merchant smart cards.

*How it works.* The participants in this system are merchants whom we enroll and consumers who are smart card holders. When we enroll a merchant, we issue a smart card to the merchant that contains its profile as well as the store's merchant reference number and install an appropriate POS device that takes into account the type of power and communications infrastructure available at the merchant's location. The POS device is either battery-operated or uses a municipal power supply. All our POS devices can use GSM/ GPRS, TCP/IP, X.25 or satellite networks to perform loading and settlement functions. The smart card is inserted in the bottom smart card reader of the POS device to perform on-line transactions with customers. We sign a contract with each merchant that is tailored to the needs of each merchant, reflecting the number of stores to be serviced and the specific hardware we agree to install. We provide each merchant with installation, system implementation and training. We also provide merchants with our marketing material for display at their locations so that their customers know that the merchant offers our services. The transactions stored on merchant smart cards cannot be overwritten until they have been settled by using our offline milking facility or connecting online to the back-end system.

*Benefits.* S2S Retail and Wholesale provides numerous benefits to merchants and to customers. A growing smart card base offers merchants a larger number of customers who can shop in their stores. The system also provides them with the opportunity to realize new income streams from the fees they collect by providing at their locations our broad range of financial services and products, including cash downloads, money transfers, loans and burial insurance. Finally, their security risks and expenses associated with handling cash can be significantly reduced, including banking charges and communications costs. The benefits of the system for customers are a combination of the ones we describe above under S2S Pension and Welfare and S2S Wage Payment.

***S2S Insurance***

Our S2S Insurance intermediary product enables unbanked and under-banked consumers to obtain affordable and reliable burial insurance policies. In South Africa, cultural reasons make burial insurance important to many people. Our system enables insurance companies to access this customer base. The insurance industry is subject to various laws and regulations which are designed to protect policyholders and our system ensures compliance with these laws and regulations by utilizing the key features of the UEPS technology.

*How it works.* In order to participate in the system, card holders and insurance brokers must be enrolled in our system. The broker enrollment procedure is similar to the procedure we use for merchants. The insurance broker's merchant smart card is created centrally and loaded with the broker's burial insurance product options. Individual brokers receive smart cards which digitally store their biometric fingerprint templates on the smart card. After completion of the enrollment process, we issue an insurance merchant smart card to the insurance broker. We provide the insurance broker with installation, implementation and training.

When an applicant applies for an insurance policy, the insurance broker explains relevant information, including the different policy options, waiting options and the 30-day cooling off period. The 30-day cooling off period allows the policy holder who has decided to buy a policy issued by another insurance company to change his mind and to keep the original policy instead. The system informs all parties involved, including the brokers for the previous insurer and the new insurer that the client is in a 30-day cooling off period. This makes the insurance broker of the previous insurer aware of the client's intention, and allows the insurance broker to contact the client in an effort to keep the client.

When a broker sells a policy to a client, the first check performed by the smart card is to ascertain if the client has already signed up for a similar product, which may be accomplished offline. If not, the client accepts the new policy by presenting his fingerprint for verification by the smart card. The broker also presents his fingerprint to prove that he sold the policy and thereby allow him to receive his sales commission. The system then writes the policy number and details, including the amount of the premium,

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to the card holder's smart card. This reduces the risk of future disputes regarding the policy. When an insured individual dies, the beneficiary presents the identity document, the insured's smart card and death certificate, and the original policy document. This information is checked against the information stored on the smart card by simply inserting the deceased's smart card into a POS device and printing the data associated with burial policy information. If valid, the claim is paid out to the beneficiary immediately.

*Benefits.* Our S2S Insurance intermediary product offers numerous benefits to insurance brokers and policyholders. For brokers, the system provides improved access to its potential client base, minimizes the risks associated with fraud through biometric fingerprint identification, facilitates legal compliance and provides a secure channel for collection of premiums. In addition, brokerage commissions can be managed through the system. The benefits for policyholders are generally the same as for customers as described above under S2S Retail and Wholesale. In addition, because the system reduces premium collection risk to the insurance company, it provides consumers with access to more affordable insurance products of a higher quality than would otherwise be available.

**Sources of Revenue**

We have structured our business and our business development efforts around four related but separate approaches to deploying our technology. In our most basic approach, we act as a supplier, selling our equipment, software, and related technology to a customer. As an example, in Malawi we sold a complete UEPS to the Central Bank, which owns and operates the resulting transaction settlement system. The revenue captured through this approach is reflected in our Hardware, software and related technology sales segment.

We have found that we have greater revenue opportunities, however, by acting as service provider instead of a supplier. In this approach we own and operate the UEPS ourselves, charging one-time and ongoing fees for the use of the system either on a fixed or ad valorem basis. This is the case in South Africa, where we distribute welfare grants on behalf of the provincial governments and employers on a fixed basis, but charge a fee on an ad valorem basis for goods purchased using our smart card. The revenue associated with this approach is captured in our Smart card accounts, Transaction-based sales and Financial services segments.

Because our smart cards are designed to enable the delivery of more advanced services and products, we are also willing to supply those services and products where the profit potential is compelling. For instance, we act as a lender today. This is an example of the third approach that we have taken. Here we can act as the principal in operating a business that can be better delivered through our UEPS. We can also act as an agent, for instance, in the provision of insurance policies. In both cases, the revenue and costs associated with this approach are captured in our Financial services segment.

Finally, we are willing to enter into business partnerships or joint ventures to introduce our solution to new markets. Here we take an equity position in the business while acting as a supplier of technology. In evaluating these types of opportunities, we intend to maintain a highly disciplined approach, carefully selecting partners, participating closely in the development of the business plan and remaining actively engaged in the management of the new business. In most instances, the joint venture or partnership will own the UEPS, including the back-end system. We plan to account for our equity investments using the equity method.

We believe that this flexible approach enables us to drive adoption of our solution while capturing the value created by the implementation of our technology.

**Sales and Marketing**

Our marketing and sales strategy continues to evolve as we gain more and more market penetration. We currently focus our activities on the deployment of our POS device infrastructure in the rural areas of South Africa. These devices provide us and our card holders with service points at which they can transact and sign up for many financial services. The more of these points of service we deploy, the better our

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service delivery to our card holders. To achieve this, we are promoting the use of our POS devices in many different applications which, once implemented, provide further access points at which we can market and sell our products. As a result, we are involved in the facilitation of telephone service and the pre-payment for water and electricity service.

We continue to develop our pension and welfare application as the customer base it generates allows us to gain critical mass as an issuer. Once we achieve critical mass, it should be far easier to acquire new merchants and other related organizations that wish to market and sell their products to and through our smart card base. We believe that success in one area of operations and market penetration will favorably affect others.

We have also commenced our activities in the distribution and management of medical products to HIV/ AIDS patients. This initiative assists us to acquire a new client and retail base such as hospitals, clinics and dispensaries. The smart cards we issue to these patients can operate the entire suite of UEPS products. Therefore, we believe that this new customer base will assist us in increasing our revenues.

We continue to engage institutions that can on the one hand benefit directly from our technology and on the other hand provide us with more clients and points of service to facilitate the use of our facilities and the cross selling of our products.

Our international strategy is changing rapidly. In the past, we did not drive markets directly as we were not ready structurally to take on contracts in many countries of the world. We now intend to target the unbanked market of developing economies aggressively through partnerships, joint ventures and the acquisition of synergistic but profitable businesses. This new strategy focuses on identifying, defining and activating an entry point in a specific country to commence operations. Once our system is implemented, we will then introduce our products and services to grow revenue and increase profit margins.

We intend to identify partners that are already operating businesses and infrastructures in various countries in order to benefit from their initiatives to introduce our operating platforms. We believe that our partners will benefit through the implementation of our technology and through the new income streams that our technology can activate.

We are currently revamping our business, sales, finance and information technology divisions in such a way as to facilitate our objectives.

**Competition**

In addition to competition that we face from the use of cash, checks, credit and debit cards, existing payment systems and the providers of financial services, we have identified a number of other products currently being produced that use smart card technology in connection with a funds transfer system and the companies that promote them. These include EMV, a system that is being promoted by Visa International Service Association, MasterCard International and Europay International; Mondex International Limited, a subsidiary of MasterCard; and Proton World International N.V., a subsidiary of STMicroelectronics Belgium N.V. In South Africa, and specifically in the payment of social welfare grants, our competitors also include AllPay Consolidated Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd., which is responsible for social welfare payments in the Free State, Gauteng and Western Cape provinces and a small portion of the Eastern Cape province, and Empilweni Payout Services, which is responsible for payments in the Mpumalanga province.

The incumbent South African retail banks recently announced a joint initiative to create a common banking product to offer to the significant portion of South Africa's population that does not have access to traditional banking services, or the unbanked. This bank account, generally referred to as the Mzansi account, was introduced in October 2004 and offers limited transactional capabilities at reduced charges, when compared to the accounts traditionally offered by these banks. We believe that currently there are approximately one million Mzansi account holders. The social welfare beneficiaries who are currently paid through our smart card system may elect to use these accounts to receive their grants.

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We also may face competition from companies to which we have licensed rights to our technology, including Visa and BGS Smart Card Systems AG. Moreover, as our product offerings increase and gain market acceptance, banks in South Africa and other jurisdictions in which we operate may seek governmental or other regulatory intervention if they view us as infringing on their funds transfer businesses.

**Research and Development**

Our business activities and product offerings depend on our proprietary UEPS software. As a result, we have a large group of software engineers and developers who are constantly revising and improving the core UEPS software and its functionality.

We believe that our smart card system is the most advanced system of its kind in the world today. However, we use a number of hardware platforms that are not proprietary to us and which are continuously being improved. These platforms include smart cards micro-controllers, POS devices, biometric readers and other back-end computer hardware. We continually work to take advantage of these improvements in our attempt to stay at the head of the competitive curve. A faster micro-controller on a smart card may allow us to process transactions faster and with more security. A larger memory smart card allows us to store more transactions and to load larger software applications. Larger memories also allow our smart cards to be used for more than one application at a time, thus eliminating the cost and the management of multiple smart card systems.

Our smart card system is designed to manage tokens of value such as cash, credit, savings, medical history, identification criteria, finger print templates and insurance policies. Security is therefore of prime importance as any breach would result in the loss of our system integrity. This would be followed by a loss of confidence and credibility that would jeopardise our growth and market penetration. We therefore continue to advance our security protocols and algorithms to combat the potential attacks that have currently been identified. These include crypto-analysis techniques as well as reverse engineering. Attacks such as the latest DPA or differential power analysis must also be circumvented.

We continue our research in new and more secure algorithms, such as the RSA or Rivest, Shamir and Adleman as well as new competitive asymmetric algorithms such as elliptic curves. We develop and implement these techniques ourselves and own the software that we create.

Lastly, we continue to study the needs of our target market and develop new UEPS features that satisfy these needs. As our UEPS system is implemented in more and more developing countries, we create greater connectivity between our systems to subsequently activate international transactions and cross-border money transfers.

**Intellectual Property**

Our success depends in part on our ability to develop and maintain a competitive intellectual property advantage over potential competitors in the electronic financial services industry. We believe that we have developed the first payment system based on technology that is protected by our FTS patents. We rely on know-how, including trade secrets and other confidential information, continuing technological innovation and licensing opportunities to further develop our proprietary position. Our ability and the ability of our licensors to obtain intellectual property protection for the UEPS technology and related processes, including any improvements to and developments of them, to operate without infringing the intellectual property rights of others and to prevent others from infringing our intellectual property rights will be important factors to our success.

The FTS patents, which include aspects of the UEPS technology, have issued in the United States, Hong Kong, South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Swaziland. The FTS patent in the United States was granted as U.S. Patent No. 5,175,416 on December 29, 1992. The patent was reissued as U.S. Patent No. RE36,788 on July 25, 2000, and will expire on May 17, 2011. It currently remains in full force and effect, and we are not aware of any challenges to its enforceability. The FTS patent in Hong Kong was

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granted on December 11, 1998, and will expire in 2010. The Hong Kong FTS patent is jointly owned by us and the estate of a co-inventor. The FTS patents in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Swaziland were granted on September 25, 1991, March 9, 1993, April 7, 1993 and December 9, 1992, respectively. These patents remain in full force and effect, and we are not aware of any challenges to their enforceability. The FTS patent will expire in 2007 in Namibia and in 2009 in South Africa, Botswana and Swaziland.

A European FTS patent was filed in October 1990 and granted in December 1994. The European Patent Convention provides for an opposition period of nine months following the grant of a European patent, and six parties filed an opposition to the grant of the FTS patent. The case was heard before a Board of the Opposition Division in March 1998 and the patent was upheld. Following this decision, a number of the original opponents filed an appeal. The oral proceedings for the appeal were heard on October 10, 2002 and the Appeal Board reversed the earlier decision. The formal written decision from the Appeal Board was received on December 24, 2002. Consequently, the European patent has been revoked and there is no possibility of any further appeal.

As a result of this ruling, BGS, the local system operator in the Commonwealth of Independent States, has stopped paying us any patent royalties. However, our business plan and forecast do not account for such royalties as a source of revenue in the medium to long-term, as the key to our operations in Europe is based on our know-how and ability to exploit the technology rather than on the European patent. Accordingly, we do not expect this ruling to have a material adverse effect on us in the future.

Aspects of the UEPS technology are described in U.S. Patent No. RE36,788. This patent, entitled Funds Transfer System, is directed to a method of transferring funds between financial institutions via a smart card. In particular, the method includes linking a smart card (first device) to a first financial institution, debiting an account held at the financial institution and recording a corresponding credit value in the smart card. The smart card is then linked to a second, similar device, wherein the credit value in the smart card is reduced and a corresponding credit value is recorded in the second device. The second device is then linked to a second financial institution, wherein the credit value in the second device is reduced and a corresponding credit value is recorded in an account held at the second financial institution. The smart card and the second device each store at least a portion of a program which is run in a synchronized interactive manner between the devices.

In 1997, we entered into a technology license agreement with Visa International Service Association, or Visa. Under that agreement, Visa purchased a non-exclusive, perpetual, worldwide license to our technology rights that are defined in the agreement to mean all of our then-current worldwide patent rights, copyrights, mask work rights, trade secrets and any other intellectual property rights relating to our UEPS technology. This Visa license includes an exclusive, perpetual, worldwide license under our patents, as defined in the agreement, licensed to Visa that is exclusive to the financial services industry, as defined in the agreement. The agreement defines patents as meaning our current worldwide patents and patent rights, including U.S. Patent No. 5,171,416, including without limitation, enhancements, improvements and expansions to all of the licensed patents and any foreign patent applications corresponding to any patent associated with any of our products or services that use technology related to financial services or can be used in the financial services industry. The agreement defines financial services industry as persons or companies that are directly or indirectly making loans; taking deposits; selling, brokering, or factoring securities, insurance, mortgages or receivables; and providing payment services, such as issuing charge cards, credit cards, payment cards, debit cards or any other system that could compete with such payment methods. Our Visa agreement grants back to us the non-exclusive right under our Visa-licensed patents to make, use and sell our payment systems and other products in the financial services industry as defined in the agreement. In our Visa agreement, Visa agrees not to grant a sublicense for any payment system to any entities in the financial services industry who are not members of Visa already if such entity already has a right to use such payment systems from us. The agreement permits Visa to sublicense our licensed technology rights to any of its members, any entity in the financial services industry or any entity outside of the financial services industry that provides products to Visa or its sublicensees. The agreement prohibits us from licensing our technology rights, not just our licensed patents, to any of Visa's competitors,



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including MasterCard, Europay, American Express Company, Discover Financial Services, Diners Club International Credit Card Co., Carte Blanche Card or JCB International Credit Card Co. or any of their parents, subsidiaries or affiliates. We have also licensed our foreign FTS patents in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Swaziland to Visa, Nedbank and First National Bank of South Africa.

The patent position of companies like ours is generally uncertain and involves complex legal and factual questions. Our ability to maintain and solidify a proprietary position for our technology will depend on our success in obtaining effective claims and enforcing those claims once granted. The FTS patents and related patents that may issue in the future, or those licensed to us, may be challenged, invalidated or circumvented, which could limit our ability to stop competitors from marketing our product or the length of term of patent protection that we may have for our processes. In addition, the rights granted under any issued patents may not provide us with proprietary protection or competitive advantages against competitors with similar technology. Because of the extensive time required for development and testing of a potential product, it is possible that, before any of our products can be commercialized, any related patent may expire or remain in force for only a short period following commercialization, thereby reducing any advantage of the patent.

We hold trademarks in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland and France.

We own the exclusive copyrights in the current version of the UEPS programs, subject to any copyrights in preexisting materials in earlier versions of the UEPS programs that are jointly owned by us and other parties under various agreements. Effective October 1, 1990, we entered into an agreement with Metrolink (Proprietary) Limited, a Nedbank subsidiary, assigning Metrolink the then-current copyrights in the UEPS programs with respect to South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Under this agreement with Metrolink, we retained the worldwide copyright rights in the UEPS programs outside of the seven listed countries, and acquired the worldwide copyright rights in the Metrolink system (later known as the Megalink system) for all countries outside of the same seven listed countries.

In July 1997, we confirmed our joint ownership with Nedbank of the copyright ownership in the then-current UEPS programs on a worldwide basis and agreed with Nedbank that neither Nedbank nor we had any obligation to share with each other any income or other monies either of us derived from the UEPS software. Then, on July 11, 2000, we agreed again in several written agreements with Nedbank that all copyrights in the then-current UEPS programs as of June 2000 would be jointly owned by Nedbank and us. Since July 2000, there have been no further agreements respecting copyright ownership in the UEPS programs. We are the sole copyright owner of all original material in the UEPS programs developed by us since July 2000. Under our Nedbank agreements, Nedbank also acquired the right to request a license of our South African and U.S. FTS patents and of all technology and know-how relating to the UEPS described in those earlier patents from us for entities partly owned by Nedbank that are located anywhere within South Africa and neighboring countries. Under these licenses, Nedbank would pay us a license fee, with us supplying smart cards or being paid a royalty if the cards are obtained from a third party. We believe that these potential Nedbank-requested licenses are related to our UEPS programs that were in effect as of July 2000. Our various agreements with Nedbank include covenants restricting us from licensing our technology rights to banks in various territories without Nedbank's approval. Nedbank has agreed to waive certain rights in our agreements with Nedbank provided that Nedbank, prior to October 30, 2005 and pursuant to the public offering of our common stock, is able to dispose of 6,652,819 of the shares of our common stock that Nedbank owns.

**Employees**

As of April 30, 2005, we had approximately 1,900 employees, of whom approximately 181 were part of our management, approximately 1,258 were employed in transaction-based activities, approximately 310 were employed in financial services and approximately 140 were employed in smart card, hardware, software and related technology sales and corporate activities. As of April 30, 2005, approximately 36%, or 109 of 300, of our employees in the Northern Province who were performing transaction-based activities

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were members of the South African Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union, or SACCAWU. We believe we have a good relationship with our employees and SACCAWU.

**Properties**

We do not own any administrative or manufacturing facilities. We lease properties throughout South Africa and our corporate headquarters are located in Johannesburg. The headquarters of our subsidiaries are located at the same address. Our subsidiaries lease one manufacturing facility, relating to the transaction-based activities segment, and 121 depots in South Africa, 55 of which relate to the transaction-based activities segment and 66 of which relate to the financial services segment. The leases expire at various dates through the year 2006 and 2010, respectively. We believe we have adequate facilities for our current business operations.

**Legal Proceedings**

There are no material pending legal proceedings, other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to our business, to which we are a party or of which any of our property is the subject.

**Table of Contents****CORPORATE HISTORY**

We were incorporated in Florida in May 1997. Until June 7, 2004, we were a development stage company and our business consisted only of acquiring a license to the U.S. FTS patent and obtaining an exclusive marketing agreement for the UEPS technology outside South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Swaziland. On June 7, 2004, through a newly-formed subsidiary, New Aplitec, we acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed all of the liabilities of Aplitec, a public company listed on the JSE Securities Exchange South Africa. Aplitec owned the FTS patent in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Swaziland and one of its subsidiaries was the other party to the marketing agreement described above. The primary purpose of the Aplitec transaction was to consolidate into one company the intellectual property rights relating to the FTS patent and the UEPS technology, to establish a first-mover advantage in developing economies for the commercialization of the UEPS technology, and to exploit market opportunities for growth through strategic alliances and acquisitions. In the Aplitec transaction, the former shareholders of Aplitec obtained a majority voting interest in Net 1. The Aplitec acquisition is described in more detail below.

Between 1998 and 2000, Aplitec made three strategic acquisitions for the purpose of building a critical mass of smart card users. In May 1998, Aplitec acquired Net1 Southern Africa (Proprietary) Limited, a supplier of smart cards and terminals which serviced the POS terminal network of Nedbank, a major South African banking group. This transaction has allowed us to develop a relationship with Nedbank.

In 1999, Aplitec acquired CPS, a company engaged in the distribution of social welfare grants on behalf of several of the provincial governments of South Africa. This transaction enabled Aplitec to convert CPS's customer base of approximately 1.5 million people from a cash distribution system to a smart card-based system, and to acquire a logistics and implementation infrastructure. Aplitec began converting grant beneficiaries shortly after the acquisition. Conversion has allowed us to eliminate a portion of the costs we incur in connection with the distribution of cash, and thus to reduce our operating costs. The conversion has also provided us with the opportunity to sell products and services to these same customers. We have BEE partners with shareholdings in one of CPS's subsidiaries.

During the course of 1999 and 2000, Aplitec acquired Moneyline (Proprietary) Limited and New World Finance (Proprietary) Limited, each of which was engaged in the microlending business. Microlending involves extending cash loans for periods ranging from 30 days to several months. Aplitec made these acquisitions primarily for the purpose of gaining exposure to an additional base of potential smart card users in order to deploy its microlending administration and payment products. We have actively engaged in converting traditional microlending customers to UEPS-based lending, which has also helped us improve the profit margins on our lending business by reducing the expenses associated with non-collection of traditional microloans.

After completing these three acquisitions, we sought to create an infrastructure of POS terminals that would permit businesses and merchants to engage in smart card transactions with their card holder base. In June 2004, we implemented a merchant rollout in the Northern Cape province of South Africa, supplying merchants with smart cards and POS terminals in order to permit smart card holders to transact with one another. With the increasing opportunity to conduct transactions using smart cards, by June 30, 2004, approximately 60% of welfare and pension beneficiaries in the Northern Cape province had kept value on their cards on at least one occasion rather than immediately converting their entire payments to cash. With the subsequent rollout of terminals at selected merchants in other provinces of South Africa, more beneficiaries have started using their smart cards for transacting with merchants.

At the same time that we were building the UEPS infrastructure and distributing our smart cards, we were also seeking to expand the range of products and services available to smart card holders. In 2001, we developed a suite of financial services targeted at social welfare beneficiaries, utilizing our issued base of smart cards as a delivery channel. Our black empowerment partners in the various South African provinces market these products, which include micro-loans, insurance and distribution of food parcels, under various brand names—StarChoice in the KwaZulu-Natal province and Smart Life in the Northern Cape province. We currently have approximately 102,000 customers in these two provinces, to whom we make loans on which we earn interest and to whom we sell insurance policies on behalf of insurers for

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which we collect both a commission for the sale of a policy and a fee for the monthly premium deduction. According to research by the FinMark Trust, 29% of all South Africans have a form of burial saving or insurance policy, but the collection of policy premiums remains a problem for insurance companies due to the limited penetration of bank accounts. However, using the UEPS technology allows automatic deduction of premiums from a person's smart card at pre-designated times. Going forward, we plan to grow and develop this business under different brands by launching new products and by introducing the service to social welfare beneficiaries in the other provinces where we administer social welfare grants and to employees utilizing our wage payment system.

We have also begun to expand our business into other countries. We are currently at different stages of establishing UEPS card holder bases and POS device infrastructures in Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Rwanda, Burundi and Latvia.

**The Aplitec Transaction**

On June 7, 2004, we acquired the business of Aplitec for a purchase price of approximately \$127.5 million. Under the exchange control regulations of the South African Reserve Bank, South African reinvesting shareholders were not permitted to hold our securities directly. Therefore, in order to comply with these regulations, these reinvesting shareholders received, through an interest in a South African trust, securities of New Aplitec, consisting of B class loan accounts and B class preference shares. The A class loan accounts and A class preference shares of New Aplitec are held by Net 1. These reinvesting holders also obtained the right to receive, for no additional consideration, shares of our special convertible preferred stock which are held by a Cayman Islands trust. We refer to the B class loan accounts, B class preference shares and special convertible preferred stock that we and New Aplitec issued in the transaction as the linked units. The special convertible preferred stock is convertible on a one-for-one basis into our common stock upon the occurrence of a trigger event, and holders are entitled to vote on an as-converted basis. Upon conversion of the special convertible preferred stock into shares of our common stock upon the occurrence of a trigger event, the linked unit holder cedes to Net 1 the B class loan accounts and B class preference shares that were part of the linked unit. A trigger includes any of the following events: (1) giving of a conversion notice by a linked unit holder, (2) the abolition or relaxation of the South African Reserve Bank exchange control regulations or (3) the liquidation of New Aplitec or Net 1.

We describe our special convertible preferred stock and the New Aplitec B class loans and B class preference shares in more detail under Description of Capital Stock.

In connection with the Aplitec transaction, the total number of outstanding shares of our capital stock, after giving effect to the one-for-six reverse stock split, increased from 2.6 million shares prior to the transaction to 54.7 million after the transaction. Of these 54.7 million shares, we issued 32.2 million shares of our special convertible preferred stock. Our special convertible preferred stock is structured so as to be economically equivalent to common stock and has substantially the same rights as our common stock. The rights of our common stock and special convertible preferred stock are described in more detail under Description of Capital Stock. During the period from the completion of the Aplitec transaction through March 31, 2005, an equivalent of 4,635,931 shares of special convertible preferred stock were converted into an equal number of shares of common stock, and the number of outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock was correspondingly reduced. Our current shareholder base comprises the reinvesting Aplitec shareholders, Net1's shareholders prior to the Aplitec transaction and shareholders that have purchased shares of common stock from these shareholders in market or private transactions.

The Aplitec acquisition was funded by a group of private equity funds managed by the Brait Group, Southern Cross Capital Limited and FF&P Asset Management Limited. In order to provide us with the cash to purchase the assets of Aplitec through New Aplitec, these private equity funds purchased 17,610,238 shares of our common stock, after giving effect to the one-for-six reverse stock split, for a purchase price of \$52.8 million concurrently with the transaction.

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The following chart presents our organizational structure and business units after giving effect to the Aplitec transaction and all conversions of our special convertible preferred stock into common stock through March 31, 2005:

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**GOVERNMENT REGULATION**

The following are the material regulations that apply to our business operations in South Africa. As our business moves into other jurisdictions, we may be subject to other regulations and laws.

**The Electronic Communications and Transactions Act 25 of 2002**

All providers of cryptography products and services must be registered with the South African Department of Communications in order to lawfully provide cryptography services or products in South Africa. This registration requires that the provider of cryptography products and services furnish certain information and pay certain fees. The information to be furnished and the fees to be paid will be detailed in regulations to be furnished by the Minister of Communications. Draft regulations were published for public comment on September 1, 2004. When the regulations are established, we will have to be registered as a provider of cryptography products and services and any failure on our part to do so will constitute an offense under the ECT Act.

If we provide authentication products and services in support of advanced electronic signatures, then we may wish to be accredited as an authentication service provider under the ECT Act. Accreditation is voluntary and there is no prohibition on providing authentication products and services in the absence of accreditation, except that it is an offense to claim to be an accredited authentication provider without having been accredited.

**Banks Act No. 94 of 1990**

No person is entitled to conduct the business of a bank in the Republic of South Africa unless such person is a public company and is registered as a bank under the Banks Act.

The business of a bank means the soliciting of or advertising for deposits or acceptance of deposits from the general public as a regular feature of the business in question. A portion of our current wage payment business activities in the unbanked market requires us to be registered as a bank in South Africa. We are in the process of applying for the appropriate banking license. While we believe that we will be able to obtain this license, there is a possibility that our application may not be successful or that a grant of the license may be delayed.

**Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002**

The Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002, requires persons who give advice regarding the purchase of financial products or who act as intermediaries between financial product suppliers and consumers in South Africa to register as financial service providers. We have applied for a license under the act in order to continue to provide advice and intermediary services in respect of the financial products on which we advise and the payment processing services we provide in South Africa on behalf of insurers and other financial product suppliers.

**National Credit Bill, 2004**

The National Credit Bill, 2004, if promulgated as legislation, will regulate payroll deductions generally and the prioritized processing of payments on amounts deposited by or for the benefit of a consumer. We would be required to adhere to the general provisions of the Bill in making payroll deductions or processing payments on a prioritized basis on behalf of employers or credit providers and under credit agreements.

*Section 61.* This section of the Bill prohibits credit providers and providers of payment processing or clearance facilities from unfairly discriminating, directly or indirectly, against any person on any grounds set out in section 9(3) of the South African Constitution or Chapter 2 of the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act 4 of 2000. In respect of an alleged contravention of Section 61,

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any person contemplated in Section 20(1) of the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act 4 of 2000 may either:

institute proceedings before an equality court under Chapter 4 of the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act; or

make a complaint to the National Credit Regulator under Section 138 of the Bill.

A person contemplated in Section 20(1) is any person acting in his own interest, or on behalf of another person who cannot act in his own name, or as a member of or in the interests of a group or class of persons, or in the public interest, or any association acting in the interests of its members, or the South African Human Rights Commission or the Commission on Gender Equality.

*Section 90.* Under this section, a provision of a credit agreement is unlawful if it purports to direct or authorize any person engaged in processing payments to give priority to payments for the credit provider over any other person. Any credit agreement that contains a provision that is unlawful under Section 90 is void as from the date that the agreement took effect or, in the case of an amended agreement, the date that the amendment took effect.

*Section 124.* This section provides that it is only lawful for a charge to be made against an asset or account of a consumer if the consumer has specifically named the asset or account by written authorization. The written authorization must provide the name of the obligation, the amount of the debt and the dates upon which the charge is effective.

*Section 126.* Under this section, no person who provides payment processing services may:

deny payment to any person entitled to payment by these means or unfairly discriminate in granting priority of payment among persons entitled to payment by these means;

give priority to one credit provider over another in accepting similar means to make payment for processing; or

assign any collection, group, batch or subset of similar means to make payment for priority processing over any other similar means to make payment.

A person who contravenes this section is guilty of an offense. Any person convicted of an offense under the Bill will be subject to a fine and/or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year.

**Usury Act 73 of 1968**

The Usury Act applies to money-lending transactions. The purpose of the Act is two-fold. It regulates the limitation of finance charges relating to such transactions and the disclosure of finance charges. The legislation has therefore put a ceiling on the rate that a creditor can recover as finance charges. However, microlending qualifies as a Usury Act exemption under Section 15A of the Usury Act. This applies to loan amounts of under ZAR 10,000 to be repaid in periods shorter than 36 months. Micro-lenders are required, under a notice in the South African Government Gazette of June 1999, to be registered lenders with the Micro Financing Regulatory Council and to comply with the rules set out in the Gazette notice. We do not exceed the ZAR 10,000 limit and, as such, are exempt from this legislation.

**Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act 53 of 2003**

The South African government, over the past five years, has been developing an economic indigenization program referred to as black economic empowerment, or BEE. BEE is regulated pursuant to an Act of the South African Parliament, namely the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act 53 of 2003, or the BBBEE Act. The BBBEE Act recognizes two distinct mechanisms for the achievement of BEE objectives: (1) codes of good practice issued under the Act and (2) sectoral transformation charters developed by specific industry sectors and which may be recognized by the Minister of Trade and Industry if they have been developed by the major stakeholders in the relevant industry and advance the objectives of the BBBEE Act. Draft codes of good practice have recently been published for public comment, but

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none of them is, as yet, enforceable. The information and communication technology sector, or ICT sector, and the financial services sector have both developed sectoral transformation charters, but they have not yet been published in the Government and, consequently, they do not currently enjoy any formal status. The ICT sector has attempted to ensure as great a degree of comparability between its sectoral transformation charter and the draft codes of good practice, thereby assuring the probable publication of that charter in the Government Gazette by the Minister of Trade and Industry. By contrast, there are no indications that the financial services sector has made any attempt to achieve significant alignment between its transformation charter and the draft codes of good practice. Once the codes of good practice become law, all businesses in South Africa will be subject to those codes unless they form part of a sector in respect of which the Minister of Trade and Industry has published an industry charter in the Government Gazette as a code of good practice. The current uncertainty as to the final form of the regulatory regime poses a risk, but there are indications that the regime will be settled in the next 12 months. We are likely to be subject to the ICT sector's charter if this document is published in the Government Gazette as a code of good practice. This charter applies, among others, to companies that manufacture equipment for, or provide services relating to, the electronic capturing, transmission and display of data and information. Compliance with the charter is not enforced through civil or criminal sanction, but only through its effect on the ability to secure contracts in the public and private sectors. One of the components of BEE is that a certain percentage of ownership by black South Africans or historically disadvantaged South Africans of our South African business should be achieved over a period of time which is generally thought to be ten to 15 years. Although BEE is not expropriatory in nature, there may be a dilutive effect to current shareholders in the South African business and there may be a cost associated with increasing the level of black shareholders or historically disadvantaged South Africans.

**Exchange Control Regulation**

South Africa's exchange control regulations restrict the export of capital from South Africa, the Republic of Namibia and the Kingdoms of Lesotho and Swaziland, known collectively as the Common Monetary Area. Transactions between South African residents, including companies, and non-residents of the Common Monetary Area are subject to exchange controls enforced by the South African Reserve Bank. In October 2004, the South African exchange control regulations were liberalized by the abolishment of exchange control limits on new investments outside of South Africa by South African companies. However, according to the circular giving notice of this liberalization, the South African Reserve Bank retains an oversight function, the exact nature of which is not entirely clear from the circular. According to the circular, South African companies investing outside of South Africa must now apply to the South African Reserve Bank only for monitoring purposes and for the approval of the South African Reserve Bank pursuant to existing foreign direct investment criteria, including demonstrated benefit to South Africa. The South African Reserve Bank reserves the right to stagger capital outflows relating to very large investments outside of South Africa by South African companies, so as to manage any potential impact on the foreign exchange market. Also, these liberalization measures permit South African companies to retain, outside of South Africa, dividends received in relation to shares held by them in non-South African companies.

South African exchange controls are expected to continue for the foreseeable future. The South African government, however, has committed itself to gradually relaxing exchange controls, and significant relaxations have occurred in recent years. Nevertheless, under the current exchange control regulations, our management may be limited in its ability to consider strategic options and our shareholders may not be able to realize the premium over the current trading price of our shares.

Although Net 1 is a U.S. corporation and is not itself subject to these regulations, the ability of New Aplitec to raise and deploy capital outside the Common Monetary Area is restricted. As of March 31, 2005, approximately 87% of our cash and cash equivalents were held by New Aplitec and its subsidiaries. During the year ended June 30, 2004 and the nine months ended March 31, 2005, substantially all of our revenues were generated by New Aplitec and its subsidiaries. In particular, New Aplitec will generally not be permitted to export capital from South Africa or to hold foreign currency without the approval of the



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South African Reserve Bank, unless such export of capital or foreign currency holding is permitted by the October 2004 liberalization measures. This restriction may affect New Aplitec's ability to pay dividends to Net 1. Moreover, although the requirement that the South African Reserve Bank approve investments by South African companies outside of South Africa has been resolved, this requirement could restrict our future international expansion.

South African Reserve Bank approval is required for New Aplitec to receive loans from and repay loans to non-residents of the Common Monetary Area. In addition, New Aplitec may not use income earned in South Africa to repay or service foreign debts, without the South African Reserve Bank approval. Repayment of principal and interest on such loans will usually be approved at the time of the granting of such loans, where the payment is limited to the amount borrowed and a market related rate of interest. New Aplitec will also need South African Reserve Bank approval to raise capital involving a currency other than ZAR, which approval may be provided subject to conditions. Thus, unless we can obtain funding at the Net 1 level, these restrictions could prevent us from obtaining adequate funding on acceptable terms for acquisitions and other business opportunities outside South Africa.

**SASSA**

The South African government passed legislation during 2004 for the creation of SASSA. The primary purpose of SASSA is to consolidate at the central government level the administration of social welfare grants, which is currently performed primarily at the provincial level. SASSA commenced operations on April 1, 2005. SASSA may appoint a single contractor to perform the distribution of social welfare grants on a national basis, following the expiration of the various contracts entered into by the individual provinces.

**Social Assistance Act 59 of 1992**

This Act provides for the rendering of social assistance to persons, national councils and welfare organizations. Under this Act, the Minister for Welfare and Population Development pays social grants to certain identified persons. The Act provides guidelines for the application of the grants, but makes no reference to the manner in which grants are paid or who may be utilized for this purpose. However, the Act empowers the Minister to make regulations as to the method of payment of grants and any other matter which the Minister deems necessary or expedient to achieve the objects of the Act. To date, no regulations relevant to us or our operations have been made. The South African government has tabled an amended Social Assistance Act 13 of 2004 which has not yet been promulgated. This new Social Assistance Act, when promulgated, will provide for the administration of social assistance and payment of social grants for the establishment of an inspectorate for the provision of social assistance. The new Act will also empower the Minister of Social Development to make regulations regarding uniform norms and standards for service delivery and any other matter which it is necessary to prescribe for the proper administration and implementation of the Act. The precise nature of these provisions is unclear.

**Privacy Laws**

Our collection, storage and processing, and any disclosure of, customer and employee personal information must comply with South Africa's privacy laws.

The concept of personal data protection arises out of the traditional right to privacy, which has an established history under South African common law and is now entrenched in the Bill of Rights to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996. In this regard, section 14 of the South African Constitution provides that everyone has the right to privacy, which includes the right not to have their person, home or property searched; their possessions seized or the privacy of their communications infringed. A person's right to privacy may be infringed by the unauthorized collection of personal information, as well as any unauthorized disclosure of such data.

Chapter 8 of the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act 25 of 2002, or the ECT Act, provides for a voluntary mechanism for data protection in respect of entities dealing with certain personal

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information obtained through electronic transactions. Section 51 sets out the principles applicable to the electronic collection, processing, storage and disclosure of personal information and which should be followed by entities involved in obtaining information through electronic transactions. Although Chapter 8 of the ECT Act is voluntary in application, persons who do not adhere to the provisions of Chapter 8 when dealing with personal information, which is defined in very broad terms, obtained through electronic transactions may be found to have violated the privacy rights of such persons. This is due to the fact that the South African courts might apply the standards detailed in Chapter 8 of the ECT Act as guidelines in determining whether a particular act constitutes an unjustifiable infringement of the right to privacy. In any event, the unauthorized disclosure of private facts may give rise to a damages claim under the common law if such disclosure is contrary to accepted community standards.

At present, South Africa has not enacted specific data protection legislation, but such legislation may be passed within the next two years. The South African Law Commission is investigating proposed data protection legislation and has invited public comment on the appropriate form that such legislation should take.

The Interception and Monitoring Prohibition Act 127 of 1992, soon to be replaced by the Regulation of Interception of Communications and Provision of Communication-Related Information Act 70 of 2002, also prohibits the intentional monitoring, including recording, of communications by means of monitoring devices so as to gather confidential information. The contravention of this prohibition may give rise to criminal liability.

In addition, certain South African privacy laws apply to our HIV/ AIDS programs. In particular, a number of South African court decisions have stated that any disclosure of a person's HIV status constitutes an unconstitutional infringement of that person's right to privacy. In furtherance of this principle, on December 1, 2000, the Department of Labour published a Code of Good Practice on the Key Aspects of HIV/ AIDS and Employment. This code specifically provides that all persons with HIV or AIDS have the legal right to privacy and that if an employee voluntarily discloses his or her HIV status to an employer, then the employer may not disclose the status to others without the employee's express written consent. Furthermore, under the Basic Conditions of Employment Act 75 of 1997, the record of any medical examination performed in terms of that Act must be kept confidential and may be disclosed only in accordance with medical ethics, if required by law or a court order, or if the employee concerned has consented in writing to the disclosure of that record. It is also an offense, except in certain specified circumstances, for a person to disclose information acquired in terms of the Basic Conditions of Employment Act and which relates to the financial or business affairs of another person.

Any privacy laws that may be enacted in the future could adversely affect the way we do business. In addition, any failure by us to comply with any existing or future privacy laws could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, cash flows or results of operations.

**Table of Contents****MANAGEMENT****Directors and Executive Officers**

The following table sets forth information about our directors and executive officers as of July 15, 2005:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant	51	Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board and Director
Antony Charles Ball	46	Director
Chad Leonard Smart	32	Director
Herman Gideon Kotze	34	Chief Financial Officer and Director
Brenda Stewart	46	Senior Vice President Marketing and Sales
Nitin Soma	37	Senior Vice President Information Technology
Christopher Stefan Seabrooke	52	Director
Alasdair Jonathan Kemsley Pein	45	Director
Paul Edwards	51	Director
Florian P. Wendelstadt	38	Director (upon appointment after closing of the General Atlantic private placement)

**Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant** has been a director since our inception in May 1997 and has been our chief executive officer since October 2000. He is also a member of our executive committee. From June 1997 to present, Dr. Belamant also served as chief executive officer and a director of Aplitec. Dr. Belamant has been chairman of the board of Directors since February 2003. From 1996 to 1997, Dr. Belamant served as a consultant in the development of COPAC, Chip Off-Line Pre-Authorized Card, a Visa product. From October 1989 to September 1995, Dr. Belamant served as the managing director of Net 1 (Pty) Limited, a privately owned South African company specializing in the development of advanced technologies in the field of transaction processing and payment systems. Dr. Belamant also serves on the board of a number of other companies that are closely related to the smart card business. Dr. Belamant spent ten years working as a computer scientist for Control Data Corporation where he won a number of international awards. Later, he was responsible for the design, development, implementation and operation of the Saswitch ATM network in South Africa that rates today as the third largest ATM switching system in the world. Dr. Belamant has patented a number of inventions besides the FTS ranging from biometrics to gaming-related inventions. Dr. Belamant has more than twenty-five years of experience in the fields of operations research, security, biometrics, artificial intelligence and online and offline transaction processing systems. Dr. Belamant holds a PhD in Information Technology and Management.

**Antony Charles Ball** has been a director since June 2004. Mr. Ball was the Brait Group's chief executive from March 2000 until June 2005 when he became the Brait Group's executive chairman. Mr. Ball has led the raising and governance of the Brait Group's private equity funds and is responsible for a number of the Brait Group's private equity investments. Mr. Ball served as joint Deputy Chairman of the Brait Group from 1998 to March 2000. Prior to joining Brait, Mr. Ball was the chief executive of Capital Partners, which was the predecessor company to Brait and which pioneered the private equity market in South Africa, from 1991 to 1998. Mr. Ball began his career with Deloitte & Touche Consulting (1986-1991), where he co-founded its Strategy Group. Mr. Ball is a member of the boards of Brait S.A., Brait South Africa Limited, New Aplitec and The Reclamation Group (Pty) Limited. Mr. Ball has been designated as a director by SAPEF pursuant to a contractual arrangement. See Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions SAPEF Common Stock Purchase Agreement.

**Chad Leonard Smart** has been a director since June 2004. Mr. Smart has been a principal of Brait's Private Equity Funds, where he has been involved in numerous private equity transactions. Mr. Smart joined Brait Private Equity in 1998. Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Smart was a Manager at Pricewaterhouse from 1995 to June 1998, where he covered a full spectrum of financial services activities including mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Smart is qualified in South Africa as a Chartered Accountant and



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is also a Chartered Financial Analyst. He is a member of the board of Brait South Africa Limited, New Aplitec and The Reclamation Group (Pty) Limited. Mr. Smart has been designated as a director by SAPEF pursuant to a contractual arrangement. See Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions SAPEF Common Stock Purchase Agreement.

**Herman Gideon Kotze** has been a director, secretary, treasurer and our chief financial officer since 2004. He is also a member of our executive committee. Mr. Kotze is a Chartered Accountant who joined us in November 1998 as a strategic financial analyst. He was appointed to the board of Aplitec as Group Financial Director in January 2000. Mr. Kotze served his articles from 1993 to 1997 at KPMG in Pretoria, where he was the audit manager for several major corporations in the manufacturing, mining, retail and financial services industries. During 1998, he joined the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa Limited, or IDC, as a business analyst. His main duties at the IDC were the evaluation and investigation of ventures requiring funding from the IDC, from small manufacturing concerns to huge multinational projects, as well as the structuring and implementation of loan and equity products for these concerns.

**Brenda Stewart** has served as our Senior Vice President of Marketing and Sales since June 2004. She is also a member of our executive committee. Mrs. Stewart's primary function is to manage all marketing and sales activities for us. Her secondary function is to oversee implementation and operation of specific projects such as Malawi and Mozambique as well as our pension and welfare systems. Mrs. Stewart was a director of Net 1 Investment and a director of Net 1 Holdings which were subsidiaries of Aplitec until June 2004. Mrs. Stewart joined Aplitec in 1997, and has worked with Dr. Belamant for over 20 years at various companies including, Volkskas Industrial Bank, SASWITCH and Net 1 Southern Africa, Net 1 Solutions and Net 1 Investment.

**Nitin Soma** has served as our Senior Vice President of Information Technology since June 2004. He is a member of our executive committee. Mr. Soma joined Aplitec in 1997. He specializes in transaction switching and interbank settlements. Mr. Soma represented Nedcor Bank in assisting with the technical specifications for the South African Interbank Standards. He is also responsible for the ATM settlement process to balance ATM's with the host as well as balance the host with different card users. Mr. Soma designed the Stratus Back-End System for Aplitec, and is responsible for the Nedbank Settlement System for the Point of Sales Devices. Mr. Soma has over 10 years of experience in the development and design of smart card payment systems.

**Christopher Stefan Seabrooke** was appointed to our board of directors in January 2005. Mr. Seabrooke has been the Chief Executive of Sabvest Limited, an investment and finance group listed on the JSE Securities Exchange in South Africa. Mr. Seabrooke has served on over 20 boards of listed companies and just completed his term of office as Chairman of the South African State Theater. Mr. Seabrooke has degrees in Economics and Accounting from the University of Natal and an MBA from the University of Witwatersrand.

**Alasdair Jonathan Kemsley Pein** was appointed to our board of directors in February 2005. Mr. Pein manages the portfolio investment interests of the Brenthurst Group. Mr. Pein has been a partner of Southern Cross Capital LLC since its inception in 2001. Southern Cross Capital manages investment funds for Brenthurst Limited, an investment holding company for the Oppenheimer family interests. From 1995-2001, Mr. Pein was President and CEO of Task (USA), Inc., a New York based investment company. Between 1989 and 1994, Mr. Pein worked in London for Bankers Trust International mergers and acquisitions team and then Gilbert Eliot Corporate Finance. Mr. Pein is a qualified South African chartered accountant and completed his articles with Deloitte & Touche, South Africa in Johannesburg in 1987. Mr. Pein has been designated as a director by SAPEF pursuant to a contractual arrangement. See Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions SAPEF Common Stock Purchase Agreement.

**Paul Edwards** was appointed to our board of directors in July 2005. In January 2005, Mr. Edwards accepted the position of Non-Executive Chairman of Starcomms, a Nigerian fixed-wireless telecommunications operator. Prior to that, Mr. Edwards served as the executive chairman of Chartwell Capital Group, a privately owned financial services group with offices in South Africa, London and other European

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financial centers. Prior to that, Mr. Edwards was the Chief Executive of M-Cell. Between 1999 and 2001, Mr. Edwards was the Chief Executive of the Johnnic Group in South Africa. Between 1995 and 1999, Mr. Edwards was Chief Operating Officer of MEASAT Broadcast Network, a Malaysian-based regional pay television operator. Between 1993 and 1995, Mr. Edwards was Executive Vice President of satellite television broadcaster Star TV, based out of Hong Kong, with responsibility for developing and launching pay television services across Asia. Between 1989 and 1993, Mr. Edwards was Chief Executive of Multichoice, Africa's leading pay television operator. Between 1985 and 1989, Mr. Edwards led a buy-out of Dun and Bradstreet South Africa and became Chairman and Chief Executive. Between 1983 and 1985, Mr. Edwards became a founder member of the Spencer Stuart Management Advisory Services and was responsible for the banking and insurance software application division.

**Florian P. Wendelstadt** will be appointed to our board of directors after the closing of the private placement to General Atlantic, which is expected to occur concurrently with the offering. Mr. Wendelstadt is a Managing Director of General Atlantic LLC, a private equity firm that invests in information technology and IT-enabled businesses on a global basis, and has been with General Atlantic since 1997. Mr. Wendelstadt also serves as a director of Liberata plc and Saxo Bank A/S. Mr. Wendelstadt has a BA in Economics from Passau University in Germany and an MBA from the European School of Management.

**Composition of the Board of Directors; Election and Removal of Directors**

We currently have seven directors. We intend to appoint Florian P. Wendelstadt, Managing Director of General Atlantic LLC, as our new eighth director pursuant to the stock purchase agreement among certain investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic, certain selling shareholders and us. See Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions General Atlantic Private Placement. In accordance with our by-laws, the number of directors comprising our board of directors will be determined from time to time by our board of directors. Each director is to hold office until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. A director's term will expire at the next annual meeting of the shareholders following his or her election. A director will continue to serve, despite the expiration of the term, until a successor is elected and qualified, or until the number of directors is decreased.

**Committees of the Board of Directors**

Our board has formed audit, remuneration and corporate governance and nominating committees. Messrs. Seabrooke, Pein and Edwards are independent as defined in the rules of the SEC and the Nasdaq National Market as that term relates to membership on the board and the various board committees. Messrs. Ball and Smart are independent as defined in the rules of the Nasdaq National Market, but are not eligible to serve on our audit committee under SEC rules. The board has determined that Mr. Seabrooke is an audit committee financial expert as defined in the rules of the SEC.

**Audit Committee**

The audit committee consists of Messrs. Seabrooke, Pein and Edwards, each of whom is an independent director. The audit committee:

monitors our accounting and financial reporting process and internal control system;

appoints and replaces independent outside auditors from time to time, determines their compensation and other terms of engagement and oversees their independence, qualifications and work;

oversees the performance of our internal audit function; and

oversees our compliance with legal, ethical and regulatory matters.

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***Remuneration Committee***

Our remuneration committee consists of Messrs. Seabrooke, Pein and Ball, each of whom is an independent director. The remuneration committee reviews and makes recommendations to the board of directors regarding the following matters:

development and implementation of our compensation policies, strategies, plans and programs, and disclosure relating to these matters;

compensation-related matters outside the ordinary course, including employment contracts, change-in-control provisions and severance arrangements;

compensation of our chief executive officer and the other executive officers of us and our subsidiaries and the remuneration of our board of directors; and

performance reviews of individual executives and related matters.

***Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee***

Our corporate governance and nominating committee consists of Messrs. Seabrooke, Pein and Edwards, each of whom is an independent director. The principal duties and responsibilities of the corporate governance and nominating committee are as follows:

establish criteria for board and committee membership and recommend to our board of directors proposed nominees for election to the board of directors and for membership on each committee of the board of directors;

monitor our procedures for the receipt and consideration of director nominations by shareholders and other persons and for the receipt of shareholder communications directed to our board of directors;

make recommendations regarding proposals submitted by our shareholders; and

make recommendations to our board of directors regarding management succession planning, corporate governance matters and practices.

***Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation***

No member of our compensation committee has ever been our officer or employee. None of our executive officers currently serves, or has served during the last completed fiscal year, on the compensation committee or board of directors of any other entity that has one or more executive officers serving as a member of our board of directors or compensation committee.

***Director Compensation***

Mr. Seabrooke receives \$65,000 per year for his services as a non-executive director. During the year ended June 30, 2004, Messrs. Ball and Smart each received options to acquire 41,667 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$3.00 per share. Mr. Edwards will receive approximately \$37,000 per year for his services as a non-executive director. Each of Messrs. Seabrooke, Pein and Edwards received options to acquire 41,667 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$3.00 per share when they joined our board. We reimburse our directors for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with their attendance at our board meetings.

**Table of Contents****Executive Compensation****Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth information relating to all compensation awarded to, earned by or paid by us during the last three fiscal years, to: (1) our chief executive officer; and (2) each of our three other executive officers:

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Annual Compensation(1)						
		Salary		Bonus		All Other		
		ZAR 000	US\$ 000	ZAR 000	US\$ 000	Options/ Securities	ZAR 000	US\$ 000
Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board and Director	2004	1,725	249	500	72	A		
	2003	1,425	157	400	44			
	2002	1,050	103	0	0			
Herman Gideon Kotze, Chief Financial Officer and Director	2004	1,050	151	250	36	A		
	2003	855	94	180	20			
	2002	690	68	50	5			
Brenda Stewart, Senior Vice-President Sales and Marketing	2004	900	130	200	29	A		
	2003	725	80	130	14			
	2002	608	60	50	5			
Nitin Soma, Senior Vice-President Information Technology	2004	812	117	160	23	B		
	2003	670	74	120	13			
	2002	552	54	30	3			

(1) There has been no other annual or long-term compensation awarded to, earned by, or paid by us to the persons listed in this table.

(A) 333,334 other stock-based awards at \$0.00 (ZAR 0.00) and 83,334 options at US\$3.00 (ZAR 18.84)

(B) 250,000 other stock-based awards at \$0.00 (ZAR 0.00) and 83,334 options at US\$3.00 (ZAR 18.84)

**Option Grants in Last Fiscal Year**

The following table sets forth information concerning our grant of options/ Other Stock-Based Awards, or OSBAs, to purchase shares of our common stock during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 to (1) our chief executive officer; and (2) each of our three most highly compensated executive officers.

Number of Securities Underlying Options	Exercise or	Number of Securities Underlying OSBAs	Exercise or	Percent of Total Options/ OSBAs Granted to Employees	Potential Realizable Value at Assumed Annual Rates of Stock Price Appreciation for Option/ OSBAs Term in US\$ 000 at



<b>Name</b>	<b>Granted (#)</b>	<b>Base Price of Options (US\$/Sh)</b>	<b>Granted (#)</b>	<b>Base Price OSBAs (US\$/Sh)</b>	<b>in Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10%</b>
Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant	83,334	3.00	333,334	0.00	14.33%	June 6, 2014	2,036	3,242
Herman Gideon Kotze	83,334	3.00	333,334	0.00	14.33%	June 6, 2014	2,036	3,242
Brenda Stewart	83,334	3.00	333,334	0.00	14.33%	June 6, 2014	2,036	3,242
Nitin Soma	83,334	3.00	250,000	0.00	11.47%	June 6, 2014	1,629	2,594

**Table of Contents****Aggregated Option Exercises in Last Fiscal Year and Fiscal Year-End Option Values**

The following table provides information regarding stock options exercised during our 2004 fiscal year by our named executive officers and the number of shares of our common stock represented by outstanding options held by our named executive officers as of June 30, 2004. The dollar values in the table are calculated based upon the last sale price of our common stock on June 30, 2004 as quoted on the OTCBB, which was \$11.52 per share, as adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split, less the exercise price of the options, and multiplying the result by the number of underlying shares.

Name	Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized (US\$ 000)	Number of Shares Underlying Unexercised Options/OSBAs at June 30, 2004 (# 000)		Value of Unexercised In-the-Money Options/OSBAs at June 30, 2004 (US\$ 000)	
			Exercisable	Unexercisable	Exercisable	Unexercisable
Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant			67	350	768	4,032
Herman Gideon Kotze			67	350	768	4,032
Brenda Stewart			67	350	768	4,032
Nitin Soma			50	283	614	3,072

As the issue of the OSBAs and stock options were a condition precedent to the Aplitec transaction, the directors, in June 2004, issued 1,453,490 OSBAs for no cash consideration and 1,453,490 stock options at an exercise price of \$3.00 per share to directors and other employees. Dr. Belamant, Mr. Kotze and Ms. Stewart received 333,334 OSBAs and 83,334 stock options, respectively, and Mr. Soma received 250,000 OSBAs and 83,334 stock options.

***Restraint of Trade Agreements***

We have restraint of trade agreements with each of our executive officers, Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant, Messrs. Herman Kotze and Nitin Soma and Ms. Brenda Stewart. The terms of these agreements provide that upon the termination of the executive's employment, the executive is restricted, for a period of 24 months, from soliciting business from certain customers, working or holding interest in our competitors or participating in a competitive activity within the territories where we do business.

***Employee Benefit Plans*****2004 Stock Incentive Plan**

Our 2004 Stock Incentive Plan permits us to grant to our employees, directors and consultants incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance-based awards and other awards based on our common stock, as more fully described below.

***Administration***

Our remuneration committee administers the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan and is referred to below as the committee. The committee may delegate its authority under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan in whole or in part to a subcommittee thereof. The committee consists, unless otherwise determined by the board of directors, (1) during any period that we are subject to Section 16 of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, solely of at least two non-employee directors, and (2) during any period that we are subject to Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, solely of at least two outside directors. The committee determines who receives awards under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, as well as the form of the awards, the number of shares underlying the awards, and the terms and conditions of the award consistent with the terms of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. The committee is authorized to interpret the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, to establish, amend and rescind any rules and regulations relating to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, and to make any other determinations that it deems necessary or desirable for the

administration of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. The committee also may correct any defect, supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan in the manner and to the extent that the committee deems it necessary or desirable.

***Term***

No awards may be granted under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan after May 8, 2014, but awards granted before then may extend beyond that date.

**Table of Contents*****Shares Reserved for Awards and Limits on Awards***

Our shareholders initially approved issuance of up to 2,906,980 shares of common stock in connection with awards granted under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, of which 1,453,490 shares may be issued with respect to stock options, and 1,453,490 shares may be issued in respect of other stock-based awards, which may include grants of restricted shares. The maximum number of shares for which stock options and stock appreciation rights, or for which other stock-based awards may be granted during a calendar year to any participant is 436,047, which is approximately 30% of the total number of shares that may be used with respect to stock options or stock-based awards under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. As of March 31, 2005, the committee has granted stock options for all 1,453,490 of the shares available for award under stock options, none of which have been exercised and all of which are outstanding as of that date. In addition, as of March 31, 2005, the committee has granted other stock-based awards in respect of all 1,453,490 shares available for such awards to certain key employees.

The number and kind of shares of common stock issued or reserved pursuant to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan or outstanding awards, the maximum number of shares issuable pursuant to awards, the exercise price for awards, and other affected terms of awards, are subject to adjustment on account of stock splits, stock dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations, mergers, consolidations, spin-offs and other corporate events. Shares covered by awards that expire, terminate or lapse without payment are available again for the grant of awards under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, as well as shares that are used by the holder to pay withholding taxes or as payment for the exercise price of an award, if permitted by the committee. No further awards may be granted under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan unless any of these events occurs or our shareholders approve the issuance of additional shares under the plan. Although as of March 31, 2005 we did not have any shares available for issuance under our 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, we intend to authorize additional shares under our 2004 Stock Incentive Plan or under a successor plan and will need to seek shareholder approval to authorize the additional shares.

In the event of certain events, including stock sales, mergers, and sales of substantial assets, the committee may, but shall not be obligated to, cancel outstanding awards for fair value, waive vesting requirements, provide for the issuance of substitute awards, and/or provide that, for a period of time prior to such corporate event, options will be exercisable for all shares subject to the option and that upon the occurrence of the corporate event the options will terminate.

***Stock Options***

The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan permits the committee to grant our employees incentive stock options, which qualify for special tax treatment in the United States, and permits the committee to grant our employees, directors and consultants nonqualified stock options. The committee will establish the duration of each option at the time it is granted. The maximum duration of an incentive stock option is ten years after the date of grant. The committee establishes the exercise price of each option at the time it is granted. With the exception of the initial grants of nonqualified stock options to certain members of management that were made at an exercise price of \$3.00 per share, the exercise price of all stock options granted under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan may not be less than the fair market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. The committee may establish vesting and performance requirements that must be met prior to the exercise of options. Unless otherwise determined by the committee, stock options become exercisable ratably, on an annual basis, over a period of five years, commencing with the first anniversary of the grant date.

The exercise price of stock options may be paid in cash by the holder. Stock option grants may include provisions that permit the option holder, to the extent permitted by the committee, to exercise all or part of the holder's options, or to satisfy withholding tax liabilities, by tendering mature shares of our common stock already owned by the option holder for at least six months, or another period consistent with the applicable accounting rules, with a fair market value equal to the exercise price. Stock option grants also may include provisions that permit the option holder, to the extent permitted by the committee and only if there is a public market for the shares, to exercise all or part of the holder's options through a cashless exercise procedure, which requires the delivery of irrevocable instructions to a broker to sell the

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shares obtained upon exercise of the option and promptly deliver to us the proceeds of the sale equal to the exercise price of the common stock being purchased.

***Stock Appreciation Rights***

The committee also may grant stock appreciation rights, either singly or in tandem with underlying stock options. Stock appreciation rights entitle the holder upon exercise to receive an amount in any combination of cash or shares of our common stock, as determined by the committee, equal in value to the excess of the fair market value of the shares covered by the right over the grant price.

***Other Stock-Based Awards***

The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan also permits the committee to grant awards that are valued by reference to, or otherwise based on the fair market value of, our common stock. These awards are in such form and subject to such conditions as the committee may determine, including the satisfaction of performance goals, the completion of periods of service or the occurrence of events.

We have issued other stock-based awards in respect of 1,250,002 of the 1,453,490 shares available for such awards to Dr. Belamant, Herman Gideon Kotze, Brenda Stewart and Nitin Soma on June 8, 2004. These grants of other stock-based awards for no cash consideration are subject to such risks of forfeiture and other restrictions as determined by the committee at the time of grant. These stock-based awards become exercisable ratably, on an annual basis, over a period of five years, commencing with the grant date.

***Performance Standards and Section 162(m)***

In general, Section 162(m) of the Code prevents the deductibility for U.S. income tax purposes of compensation in excess of one million dollars paid in any taxable year to an individual who on the last day of that year is the company's chief executive officer or is among its four other most highly compensated executive officers, except that a deduction may be taken for compensation that qualifies as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m). Options granted at fair market value under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan ordinarily will satisfy the performance-based requirements of Section 162(m), however the stock options granted to date to key members of management at \$3.00 per share will not satisfy the performance-based requirements. If restricted stock or performance-based awards are intended to satisfy Section 162(m) deductibility requirements, payments under such awards must be conditioned on attainment of pre-established objective performance measures that have been established and certified by a committee of outside directors and approved by shareholders. The performance criteria under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan include: consolidated earnings before or after taxes, net income, operating income, earnings per share, book value per share, return on shareholders' equity, expense management, return on investment, improvements in capital structure, profitability, profit margins, stock price, market share, revenues, costs, cash flow, working capital, and return on assets. Performance criteria for performance-based awards under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan may relate to any combination of the total corporation, a subsidiary, and/or any business unit. Performance targets may be set at a specific level or may be expressed relative to measures at comparison companies or a defined index. The committee will establish specific targets for recipients. The other stock-based awards granted to date to key members of management will not satisfy the performance based requirements.

***Transferability***

Unless otherwise determined by the committee, awards granted under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan may not be transferred or assigned by the holder otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution.

***Amendment***

Our board may amend the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan at any time, provided that no amendment will be made without the consent of the affected holder that diminishes the rights of the holder of any award, and except that the board may amend the plan in such manner as it deems necessary to permit awards to meet the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code or other applicable laws. No amendment to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan by our board may be made without the approval of shareholders if it would increase the total number of shares reserved for issuance under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan or change the maximum number of shares for which awards may be granted to participants, except for such changes in accordance with the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan's adjustment provisions described above.



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**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**SAPEF Common Stock Purchase Agreement**

Pursuant to the common stock purchase agreement, dated January 30, 2004, between us and SAPEF III International G.P. Limited (or its nominees), SAPEF III is entitled to designate three nominees to our board of directors. SAPEF III's current designees are Antony Ball, Chad Smart and Alasdair Pein. We are currently negotiating with SAPEF III certain registration rights with respect to the shares of common stock owned by SAPEF III.

**General Atlantic Private Placement**

On July 18, 2005, we entered into a stock purchase agreement among certain selling shareholders and certain investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic, a private investment group, whereby those affiliated entities agreed to purchase from those selling shareholders an aggregate of \$75.0 million of shares of our common stock at the public offering price of this offering. The closing of the private placement is expected to occur concurrently with the closing of this offering. We have agreed to grant registration rights which will provide, under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations, rights with respect to the registration under the Securities Act of our shares held by investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic. These registration rights will provide that the General Atlantic investment entities will first be entitled to exercise demand registration rights one year after the closing of this offering. We are currently negotiating the remaining terms of these registration rights. After the private placement, we will add one seat to our board of directors and cause to be elected to the board of directors one person designated by General Atlantic, who shall initially be Florian P. Wendelstadt.

**Nedbank**

We have a credit facility with Nedbank, pursuant to which Nedbank has agreed to provide us with a revolving credit facility of up to ZAR 500,000,000, or approximately \$76.9 million. Borrowings under the facility bear interest at Nedbank's prime lending rate minus 200 base points. The facility is cross-guaranteed by all of our subsidiaries and is secured by our accounts receivable and intercompany loans receivable. The facility has no termination date but is reviewed annually by Nedbank. To date, as a group we have not made any borrowings under the credit facility.

Nedbank beneficially owns approximately 14.9% of the outstanding shares of our voting stock. We provide Nedbank with POS devices and other pay processing hardware. In addition, we have a software development and maintenance contract with Nedbank and provide other sundry services. During our 2004 fiscal year, we earned \$1.6 million under the software development and maintenance contract, \$0.9 million in hardware sales and \$0.1 million from other sundry services. During the first nine months of 2005, we earned \$1.5 million under the software development and maintenance contract and \$10.4 million in hardware sales. Included in our accounts receivable as of June 30, 2004 was \$1.0 million due from Nedbank.

In July 2005, we entered into an agreement with Nedbank pursuant to which Nedbank has agreed to waive certain intellectual property rights in our agreements with Nedbank provided that Nedbank, prior to October 30, 2005, and pursuant to the offering of our common stock, is able to dispose of 6,652,819 of the shares of common stock that Nedbank owns.

**Other Related Transactions**

For services provided related to our acquisition of Aplitec, Brait received a capital raising fee of \$3.7 million and a further corporate finance fee of \$0.2 million. Brait exercised its option to purchase an equivalent of 833,333 shares of common stock for an exercise price of \$3.00 per share as partial payment for the services rendered. The remaining amount was paid in cash in July 2004. Antony Ball is a director and an officer of Brait S.A. and certain of its affiliates, including without limitation, Brait International and those affiliates that manage SAPEF and South African Private Equity Trust III, or SAPET. Chad Smart is

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an officer of Brait S.A. and certain of its affiliates, including without limitation, Brait International and those affiliates that manage SAPEF and SAPET. Each of Messrs. Ball and Smart is a member of our board of directors.

From July 2002 to April 2004, Net1 Holdings S.a.r.l. made payments on our behalf to various creditors, including attorneys, accountants and financial advisors. Included in our trade and other payables as of June 30, 2004 was \$0.3 million due to Net1 Holdings S.a.r.l. In October 2004, the amount payable to Net1 Holdings S.a.r.l. was paid in full. As of June 30, 2004, Net1 Holdings S.a.r.l. owned of record the equivalent of 1,420,097 shares of our common stock. Dr. Belamant is the chief executive officer of Net1 Holdings S.a.r.l. and can vote all of its shares.

Pursuant to a board resolution dated January 29, 2002, approximately \$0.4 million, approximately \$0.2 million in 2003, of consulting fees payable to our former chief executive officer Claude Guerard were postponed until we had sufficient funds. In July 2004, the amount payable to Mr. Guerard was paid in full.



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**PRINCIPAL AND SELLING SHAREHOLDERS**

The following table presents, as of the date of this prospectus and as adjusted to reflect the sale of shares of common stock in this offering by:

each person or group of affiliated persons which, to our knowledge, owns beneficially more than 5% of our outstanding shares of common stock or more than 5% of our outstanding special convertible preferred stock;

each of our directors and named executive officers;

all of our directors and executive officers as a group; and

each selling shareholder participating in this offering.

Beneficial ownership of shares is determined in accordance with SEC rules and generally includes any shares over which a person exercises sole or shared voting or investment power. The information set forth below, including ownership percentages and voting power percentages, is based on an aggregate of 27,175,135 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2005 and an aggregate of 27,525,259 shares of special convertible preferred stock outstanding as of March 31, 2005, both with and without exercise of the underwriter's over-allotment option. All shares of common stock underlying special convertible preferred stock owned by each person and common stock underlying stock options or other stock-based awards that are presently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of the date of this prospectus by each person are deemed to be outstanding and beneficially owned by the person holding the special convertible preferred stock, stock options and other stock-based awards respectively, for the purpose of computing the ownership percentage of that person, but are not considered outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. The number of shares used in computing the beneficial ownership percentages in the columns entitled "Shares Beneficially Owned After this Offering and Concurrent Private Placement Assuming No Exercise of the Over-Allotment Option" and "Shares Beneficially Owned After this Offering and Concurrent Private Placement Assuming Full Exercise of the Over-Allotment Option" reflects the 9,186,163 of shares of special convertible preferred stock converted, and 245,193 stock options exercised, in connection with this offering. In addition, we have indicated in footnote disclosure for each of the persons named in the table the beneficial ownership percentage of such person immediately prior to the offering and after the offering, both with and without exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, computed as if the shares of common stock underlying all outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock were outstanding. Each share of our outstanding special convertible preferred stock votes together with our common stock on a one vote per share basis.

Unless otherwise indicated, to our knowledge, each person listed in the table below has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares shown as beneficially owned by such person, except to the extent applicable law gives spouses shared authority. Except as otherwise noted, each shareholder's address

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is c/o Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc., President Place, 4th Floor, Cnr. Jan Smuts Avenue and Bolton Road, Rosebank, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially Owned Immediately Prior to this Offering		Shares Sold During this Offering Assuming No Exercise of the Over-Allotment Option(1)		Shares Beneficially Owned After this Offering and Concurrent Private Placement Assuming No Exercise of the Over-Allotment Option		Shares Beneficially Owned After this Offering and Concurrent Private Placement Assuming Full Exercise of the Over-Allotment Option	
	Number	%	Number	Placement(1)	Number	%	Number	%
<i>Directors, Officers and 5% Shareholders:</i>								
Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant(2)	3,099,411	10.6%	190,903	561,885	2,346,623	6.2%	2,346,623	5.9%
Herman Gideon Kotze(3)	150,000	*	150,000					
Antony Charles Ball(4)	8,334	*			8,334	*	8,334	*
Chad Leonard Smart(4)	8,334	*			8,334	*	8,334	*
Christopher Stefan Seabrooke(4)	8,334	*			8,334	*	8,334	*
Alasdair Jonathan Kemsley Pein(4)	8,334	*			8,334	*	8,334	*
Paul Edwards(4)	8,334	*			8,334	*	8,334	*
Florian P. Wendelstadt(5)		*				*		
Brenda Stewart(3)	150,000	*	150,000					
Nitin Soma(6)	161,905	*	116,666		45,239	*	45,239	*
Brenthurst Private Equity II Limited(7)	2,008,212	7.4%	27,841	338,826	1,641,545	4.5%	1,641,545	4.3%
Brenthurst Private Equity South Africa I Limited(7)	1,013,273	3.7%	15,186	184,814	813,273	2.2%	813,273	2.1%
South African Private Equity Fund III, L.P.(8)	14,443,572	53.1%	219,338	2,669,376	11,554,858	31.6%	11,554,858	30.4%
South African Private Equity Trust III(8)	208,073	*	3,160	38,455	166,458	*	166,458	*
Brait International Limited(8)	833,334	3.1%	12,655	154,012	666,667	1.8%	666,667	1.8%
Nedbank Limited(9)	8,152,819	23.1%	6,652,819		1,500,000	3.9%	1,500,000	3.8%
Nedbank Rainmaker Equity Fund(10)	1,787,103	6.2%	238,857		1,548,246	4.1%	1,548,246	3.9%
		*			3,947,368	10.8%	3,947,368	10.4%

Investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic LLC(5)								
Directors and Executive Officers as a group (9 persons)(11)								
	3,602,983	12.2%	607,570	561,885	2,433,528	6.4%	2,433,528	6.1%
<i>Other Selling Shareholders</i>								
<i>Converting Special Convertible Preferred Stock(12):</i>								
Shuttleworth Family Holding								
	452,491	1.6%	101,786		350,705	*	350,705	*
Old Mutual-Symmetric Aggressive								
	331,863	1.2%	85,500		246,363	*	246,363	*
Allan Gray Balanced Fund								
	623,545	2.2%	623,545					
Allan Gray Equity Fund								
	492,066	1.8%	492,066					
<i>Employees Selling Shares obtained through the Exercise of Stock Options(13):</i>								

\* Less than one percent

- (1) Dr. Belamant, CI Trustees Limited for the San Roque Trust, Brenthurst Private Equity II Limited, Brenthurst Private Equity South Africa I Limited, South African Private Equity Fund III, L.P., South African Private Equity Trust III and Brait International Limited have entered into a stock purchase agreement with investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic LLC and us pursuant to which these shareholders have agreed to sell in a private placement to these investment entities an aggregate of \$75.0 million of our common stock at the public offering price. The closing of the private placement is expected to occur simultaneously with the closing of the offering. The number of shares to be sold in the offering and in the private placement assumes that the public offering and private placement price will be \$19.00 per share, the midpoint of the range shown on the cover page of this

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prospectus. Each of these selling shareholders intends to sell an aggregate of 20% of its or his beneficially owned shares in a combination of the offering and the private placement. Thus, to the extent that the public offering and private placement price is greater than \$19.00 per share, the number of shares sold by each of the selling shareholders in the private placement will decrease and the number of shares sold by them in the offering will increase. Conversely, if the public offering and private placement price is less than \$19.00 per share, the number of shares sold by each of the selling shareholders in the private offering will increase and the number of shares sold by them in offering will decrease.

- (2) CI Law Trustees Limited for the San Roque Trust dated 8/18/92 owns 1,017,132 shares of common stock. Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant as proxy of CI Law Trustees can vote all of CI Law Trustees' shares. The amount also includes 1,932,279 special convertible preferred shares beneficially owned by Dr. Belamant that are convertible into common stock upon the occurrence of a trigger event. Also included in the amount are 133,334 shares which are exercisable or will become exercisable within the next 60 days under the 333,334 other stock-based awards that are exercisable in five equal installments beginning June 7, 2004. The amount also includes 16,667 shares which are exercisable or will become exercisable within the next 60 days under the 83,334 options that are exercisable in five equal installments beginning June 7, 2005. If the common stock underlying all outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock were deemed outstanding, Dr. Belamant's beneficial ownership percentages would be 5.7%, 4.3% and 4.2%, respectively, which also reflects Dr. Belamant's applicable voting power percentages. Dr. Belamant holds options and other stock-based awards for an aggregate of 416,667 shares of common stock.
- (3) Represents 133,334 shares which are exercisable or will become exercisable within the next 60 days under the 333,334 other stock-based awards that are exercisable in five equal installments beginning June 7, 2004. Also includes 16,667 shares which are exercisable or will become exercisable within the next 60 days under the 83,334 options that are exercisable in five equal installments beginning June 7, 2005. Each of Mr. Kotze and Ms. Stewart holds options and other stock-based awards for an aggregate of 416,667 shares of common stock.
- (4) Represents 8,334 shares which are exercisable or will become exercisable within the next 60 days under the 41,667 options that are exercisable in five equal installments beginning June 7, 2005.
- (5) The investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic are General Atlantic Partners 80, L.P., or GAP LP, GapStar, LLC, or GapStar, GAP Coinvestments III, LLC, or GAPCO III, GAP Coinvestments IV, LLC, or GAPCO IV, and GAPCO GmbH & Co. KG, or GAPCO KG. General Atlantic is the general partner of GAP LP and the sole member of GapStar. The Managing Members of each of GAPCO III and GAPCO IV are Managing Directors of General Atlantic. The general partner of GAPCO KG is GAPCO Management GmbH, and the Managing Directors of General Atlantic make investment decisions with respect to GAPCO KG and GAPCO Management GmbH. GAP LP, GapStar, GAPCO III, GAPCO IV, GAPCO KG, General Atlantic and GAPCO Management GmbH, or GA Group, are a group within meaning of Rule 13d-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Mr. Wendelstadt is a Managing Director of General Atlantic and a Managing Member of each of GAPCO III and GAPCO IV. The address of the GA Group (other than GAPCO KG and GAPCO Management GmbH) is c/o General Atlantic Service Corporation, 3 Pickwick Plaza, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830 USA. The address of GAPCO KG and GAPCO Management GmbH is Koenigsallee 62, 40212 Duesseldorf, Germany. If the common stock underlying all outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock were deemed outstanding, General Atlantic's beneficial ownership percentages would be 7.2% and 7.0%, respectively, which also reflects General Atlantic's applicable voting power percentages.
- (6) Represents 100,000 shares which are exercisable or will become exercisable within the next 60 days under the 250,000 other stock-based awards that are exercisable in five equal installments beginning June 7, 2004, as well as 45,239 special convertible preferred shares that are convertible into common stock upon the occurrence of a trigger event. Also includes 16,667 shares which are exercisable or will become exercisable within the next

60 days under the 83,334 options that are exercisable in five equal

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installments beginning June 7, 2005. Mr. Soma holds options and other stock-based awards for an aggregate of 333,334 shares of common stock.

- (7) Pursuant to a Schedule 13D, dated June 7, 2004, filed by Brenthurst Private Equity II Limited, Brenthurst Private Equity South Africa I Limited, Brenthurst Limited, Theseus Limited, and Maitland Trustees Limited, Brenthurst Private Equity II Limited beneficially owns 1,833,334 shares of common stock and Brenthurst Private Equity South Africa I Limited beneficially owns 1,000,000 shares of common stock. As the controlling shareholder, Brenthurst Limited may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of securities held by Brenthurst Private Equity II Limited and Brenthurst Private Equity South Africa I Limited. As the parent company of Brenthurst, Theseus Limited may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of securities held by Brenthurst. As the parent company of Theseus, Maitland Trustees Limited may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of securities held by Theseus. Brenthurst, Theseus and Maitland disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest. If the common stock underlying all outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock were deemed outstanding, the beneficial ownership percentages of Brenthurst Private Equity II Limited would be 3.7%, 3.0% and 2.9%, respectively, and the beneficial ownership percentages of Brenthurst Private Equity South Africa I Limited would be 1.9%, 1.5% and 1.4%, respectively, which amounts reflect the applicable voting power percentages.

The registered address of Brenthurst Private Equity II Limited and Brenthurst Private Equity South Africa I Limited is 9 Columbus Centre, Pelican Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

- (8) The securities are held of record by SAPEF. As the general partner of SAPEF, SAPEF III International G.P. Limited may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities held by SAPEF.

The registered address of SAPEF is Walker House P.O. Box 908, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands and the registered address of Brait International is Suite 305, Third Floor, Caudan Waterfront, Port Louis, Mauritius.

Pursuant to a Schedule 13D, dated June 7, 2004, filed by SAPEF, Brait International Limited, SAPEF III International G.P. Limited, Capital Partners Group Holdings Limited, and Brait S.A., SAPEF beneficially owns 14,443,572 shares of common stock, and Brait International Limited beneficially owns 833,334 shares of common stock. As a shareholder of SAPEF III International G.P. Limited, and as the parent company of Brait International, Capital Partners Group Holdings Limited may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of securities held by each of SAPEF III International G.P. Limited and Brait International. As the parent company of Capital Partners Group Holdings Limited, Brait S.A. may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of securities held by Capital Partners Group Holdings Limited. SAPEF III International G.P. Limited, Capital Partners Group Holdings Limited and Brait S.A. disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities, except to its pecuniary interest. If the common stock underlying all outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock were deemed outstanding, the beneficial ownership percentages of SAPEF would be 26.4%, 21.0% and 20.5%, respectively, and the beneficial ownership percentages of Brait International Limited would be 1.5%, 1.2% and 1.2%, respectively, which amounts reflect the applicable voting power percentages.

As the Trustee of SAPET, Brait Capital Partners Trustee (Pty) Ltd, or BCP Trustees, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities held by BCP Trustees. As a shareholder of BCP Trustees, Brait South Africa Ltd, or BSA, may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of the shares held by SAPET. As the shareholder of BSA, Brait S.A. may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of securities held by BSA. BCP Trustees and Brait S.A. disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities, except to its pecuniary interest.

- (9) Pursuant to a Schedule 13G, dated June 30, 2004, filed by Nedbank Limited, Nedbank Limited beneficially owns 8,152,819 special convertible preferred shares. Nedbank Limited's registered address is 135 Rivonia Road, Sandown, 2196, South Africa. If the common stock underlying all outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock were deemed outstanding, the beneficial ownership percentages of Nedbank Limited would be 14.9%, 2.7% and 2.7%, respectively, which amounts reflect the applicable voting power percentages.



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- (10) Pursuant to a Schedule 13G, dated June 30, 2004, filed by Nedbank Rainmaker Equity Fund, Nedbank Rainmaker Equity Fund beneficially owns 1,787,103 special convertible preferred shares. Nedbank Rainmaker's registered address is BoE Clocktower, Clocktower Precinct, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town, 8000, South Africa. If the common stock underlying all outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock were deemed outstanding the beneficial ownership percentages of Nedbank Rainmaker would be 3.2%, 2.8% and 2.7% respectively, which amounts reflect the applicable voting power percentages.
- (11) Represents an aggregate of 500,000 shares which are exercisable or will become exercisable within the next 60 days under the 1,250,002 other stock-based awards that are exercisable in five equal installments beginning June 7, 2004. Also includes 108,334 shares which are exercisable or will become exercisable within the next 60 days under the 541,667 options that are exercisable in five equal installment beginning June 7, 2005. Also includes 1,977,517 special convertible preferred shares.
- (12) Holders of an aggregate of approximately 1,866,416 shares of special convertible preferred stock, other than holders included under directors, officers and 5% shareholders, will sell shares in this offering. Except as set forth in the table, each of such holders beneficially owns less than 1% of our outstanding common stock.
- (13) Employees, excluding officers and directors, owning options that are exercisable for an aggregate of approximately 245,000 shares of common stock. None of such employees beneficially owns more than 1% of our outstanding common stock.

**The South African Invitation to Participate**

An invitation to participate was distributed in South Africa on June 17, 2005, which invited holders of our linked units to offer for sale in this offering their shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of the special convertible preferred stock these holders are entitled to receive upon giving of an irrevocable exercise form to the trustee of the South African trust. As described under Corporate History The Aplitec Transaction, the South African trustee holds for the benefit of the linked unit holders the New Aplitec B class loan accounts and B class preference shares which are part of the linked units. Our invitation to participate was sent only to holders of linked units who have mailing addresses in South Africa as reflected on the records of the South African trustee. We did not recommend that any holders of linked units participate in this offering, and we are not purchasing any of the shares of common stock offered in this offering.

The selling shareholders in this offering include holders of linked units who accepted the invitation to participate and gave the conversion notice to the trustee of the South African trust. Each holder of linked units who has elected to participate in this offering has deposited with the trustee of the South African trust an irrevocable exercise form instructing the trustee of the South African trust to convert up to a specified number of special convertible preferred shares, effective only upon the closing of this offering.

The successful completion of these transactions by us, the selling shareholders and the trustee is a condition precedent to the underwriters' obligations to purchase any shares in the offering.



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**DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK**

**General**

Our articles of amendment to the articles of incorporation authorize the issuance of 83,333,333 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share.

**Common Stock**

***Outstanding Shares.*** As of March 31, 2005, we had 27,175,135 shares of common stock issued and outstanding.

***Voting Rights.*** Each holder of our common stock is entitled to one vote per share for the election of directors and for all other matters to be voted on by shareholders. Holders of our common stock may not cumulate their votes in the election of directors, and are entitled to share equally and ratably in the dividends that may be declared by the board of directors, but only after payment of dividends required to be paid on outstanding shares of preferred stock according to its terms. Holders of shares of our common stock do not have preferential, subscription or preemptive rights with respect to any securities or any conversion rights. Our common stock is not subject to redemption.

***Rights to Dividends and on Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up.*** Holders of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends and other distributions when declared by our board of directors out of funds available. Payment of dividends and distributions is subject to certain restrictions of Florida law, including the requirement that after making any distribution we must be able to meet our debts as they become due in the usual course of our business.

Upon voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of our common stock share ratably in the assets remaining after payments to creditors and provision for the preference of any preferred stock according to its terms. There are no preemptive or other subscription rights, conversion rights or redemption or scheduled installment payment provisions relating to shares of common stock. All of the outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and nonassessable.

The rights of holders of common stock may be adversely affected by the rights of holders of preferred stock that is outstanding or that may be issued in the future.

***Additional Issuances of Common Stock.*** Additional shares of our authorized common stock may be issued from time to time, as determined by our board of directors and without approval from our shareholders, except as required by applicable rules or laws.

**Preferred Stock**

Our board of directors may authorize the issuance of preferred stock from time to time, each of which class or series will have those voting powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights and qualifications, limitations or restrictions as specified by the board of directors. The board of directors may cause shares of preferred stock to be issued in public or private transactions for any proper corporate purpose.

**Special Convertible Preferred Stock**

***Outstanding Shares.*** In June 2004, in connection with the Aplitec transaction, we issued the equivalent of 32,161,190 shares of special convertible preferred stock convertible into 32,161,190 shares of common stock. As of March 31, 2005, 4,635,931 shares had been converted into common stock, leaving 27,525,259 shares of special convertible preferred stock issued and outstanding.

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Our special convertible preferred stock ranks:

on parity, without preference and priority, to our common stock with respect to dividend rights (except as described below) or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up; and

junior in preference and priority to each other class or series of preferred stock or other equity security of ours under terms that may be determined by the board of directors to expressly provide that such other security will rank senior in preference or priority to the special convertible preferred stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

**Voting Rights.** Holders of our special convertible preferred stock have the right to receive notice of, attend, speak and vote at general meetings, and are entitled to vote on all matters on which holders of common stock are entitled to vote. Holders of special convertible preferred stock vote together with the holders of common stock as a single class. Each holder of special convertible preferred stock present in person, or the person representing such holder, is entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of shares of common stock that would be issued upon conversion of the special convertible preferred stock held by such holder on the record date.

We may not take any of the following actions without the prior vote or written consent of our holders representing at least a majority of the then outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock, voting together as a separate class:

any increase (including by way of merger, consolidation or otherwise) in the total number of authorized or issued shares of special convertible preferred stock; or

any amendment, alteration or change to the powers, designations, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations or restrictions of the special convertible preferred stock in the articles of incorporation in any manner that adversely affects the holders of such stock.

**Dividends.** Provided that shares of special convertible preferred stock are outstanding, our board will determine immediately prior to the declaration of any dividend or distribution (1) the portion, if any, of our assets available for such dividend or distribution that is attributable to funds or assets from New Aplitec, regardless of the manner received, or the South African Amount, and (2) the portion of such funds or assets that is not from New Aplitec, or the Non-South African Amount. The South African Amount will not include amounts received from New Aplitec due to its liquidation, distribution or dividend after an insolvency or winding up.

Provided that shares of special convertible preferred stock are outstanding, (1) any dividends or distributions of Non-South African Amounts must be paid pro rata to all holders of common stock and special convertible preferred stock, and (2) any dividends or distributions of South African Amounts can be paid only to holders of common stock. Our board has complete discretion to declare a dividend or distribution with respect to South African Amounts or Non-South African Amounts.

**Conversion.** Special convertible preferred stock is convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis upon the occurrence of a trigger event, which is defined as any one of the following events: (1) notification by the reinvesting shareholder of the intention to convert some or all of such holder's special convertible preferred stock; (2) the abolition or relaxation of Excon regulations such that South African residents would be permitted to directly hold shares of non-South African companies; or (3) our liquidation, insolvency or other winding up. With each converted share of special convertible preferred stock that is to be converted, we will receive:

7.368421056 New Aplitec B class preference shares; and

such holder's interest in the New Aplitec B loan accounts, which is equal to (1) the aggregate principal amount of New Aplitec B loans, plus any accrued interest, minus any repayment or previous transfer of New Aplitec B loans, divided by (2) the number of the shares of special convertible preferred stock outstanding at such time.

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No fractional shares of common stock shall be issued upon conversion of the special convertible preferred stock, unless our board of directors shall otherwise determine to issue fractional shares. In lieu of fractional shares, we will pay cash equal to such fractional amount multiplied by the fair market value per share of common stock on the date of conversion. If more than one share of special convertible preferred stock is being converted at one time by the same holder, then the number of full shares issuable upon conversion will be calculated on the basis of the aggregate number of shares converted at that time.

We will reserve and keep available out of our authorized but unissued shares of common stock the full number of shares of common stock deliverable upon the conversion of all outstanding special convertible preferred stock.

Upon conversion, all rights with respect to shares for special convertible preferred stock will cease. Converted shares will be cancelled and have the status of authorized but unissued preferred stock, without designation as to series until such shares are once more designated as part of a particular series by the board of directors.

***Transfer Restrictions.*** Special convertible preferred stock may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged, or encumbered, except to us upon conversion into shares of common stock. The shares of special convertible preferred stock may not be held by any person other than the Cayman Trust for the benefit of the South African Trust and indirectly for the benefit of reinvesting shareholders, or directly by the South African Trust for the benefit of reinvesting shareholders in connection with a conversion into common stock.

***Liquidation, Dissolution and Winding Up.*** In the event of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, distribution of assets or winding-up, all outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock will automatically convert and holders will be entitled to receive pari passu with holders of common stock, any assets distributed for the benefit of its shareholders.

### **Director Qualifications**

Neither Florida law nor our articles of incorporation require that directors be residents of Florida nor that they be shareholders to qualify to serve as directors.

### **Number of Directors**

Our by-laws provide that the members of the board of directors may not be less than one nor more than ten but give authority to amend the by-laws and increase or decrease the number of directors to the board of directors.

### **Meetings of Shareholders**

Florida law requires corporations to hold an annual meeting for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business. The annual meeting must be convened and held in accordance with the corporation's by-laws. Our by-laws do not fix a time or method for convening an annual meeting.

### ***Special Meetings***

Under Florida law, a special meeting of shareholders of a Florida corporation may be called by the board of directors, by persons authorized in the corporation's articles of incorporation or by-laws, or by holders of not less than 10% of all shares entitled to vote at the meeting unless a different percentage, that does not exceed 50%, is specified in the articles of incorporation. Our by-laws provide that special meetings of shareholders may be called by majority vote of our board of directors, the chief executive officer or president or by at least 10% of the shares of stock entitled to vote at the meeting.

### ***Notice of Shareholder Meetings***

Under Florida law and our by-laws, notice of shareholder meetings must be provided to shareholders of record not less than ten days nor more than 60 days prior to the date set for such meeting. Our by-laws provide that a matter may be properly considered before a meeting of shareholders only if (1) the matter is included in the notice of meeting provided to shareholders at the direction of the board of directors, (2) the matter is otherwise properly brought before the meeting by our board of directors or (3) the

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matter is properly brought before the meeting by a shareholder. In order to properly bring any business before the annual meeting, a shareholder must provide timely notice to the secretary containing certain required information in accordance with the notice provisions contained in our by-laws.

**Anti-Takeover Provisions of our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws**

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws include certain other provisions that may have an anti-takeover effect or the effect of delaying or preventing changes in our control or our management including the following:

Our board of directors currently may issue up to 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, with such designations, preferences, cumulative, relative, participating, optional or other rights, limitations or restrictions as fixed by our board of directors, which could include the right to approve an acquisition or change in control.

Our articles of incorporation do not provide for cumulative voting for directors. The absence of cumulative voting may make it more difficult for shareholders owning an aggregate of less than a majority of our stock to elect directors to our board.

Our by-laws currently provide that our board of directors can increase or decrease the number of directors by amendment to the by-laws, and vacancies, including vacancies resulting from an increase in the number of directors, may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors.

Our by-laws provide that shareholders who desire to bring business before an annual or special meeting of shareholders must comply with certain advance notice provisions. These advance notice provisions also apply to the nomination of any person for election as a director.

These provisions may be deemed to have an anti-takeover effect and may discourage, delay, defer or prevent transactions involving an actual or potential change in control of us or our management, including transactions that might otherwise result in a premium over the market price for shares held by our shareholders.

**Amendment to our Amended Articles of Incorporation**

On June 13, 2005, we amended our amended articles of incorporation to effect a one-for-six reverse stock split of our capital stock pursuant to Section 607.10025 of the FBCA. Upon the effectiveness of the reverse stock split, each six shares of our capital stock outstanding were automatically combined into one share of our capital stock, which resulted in a decrease of our authorized capital stock to 83,333,333 shares of common stock with a par value of \$0.001 per share and 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock with a par value of \$0.001 per share. In lieu of issuing fractional shares of common stock or special convertible preferred stock, we issued new shares of common stock or special convertible preferred stock, respectively, rounded up to the nearest whole share.

**Listing**

Our common stock has been approved for quotation on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol UEPS.

**Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The Bank of New York is our transfer agent and registrar for our common stock.

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Prior to this offering, there has been a limited public market for our common stock. We cannot predict the effect, if any, that sales of our common stock or the availability of our common stock for sale will have on the market price of our common stock prevailing from time to time. Sales of shares of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that those sales may occur, could cause the prevailing market price to decrease or to be lower than it might be in the absence of those sales or perceptions. These factors could also make it more difficult to raise funds through future offerings of common stock.

**Sale of Restricted Shares**

Upon the closing of this offering, we will have an aggregate of 54,945,589 shares of common stock and special convertible preferred stock outstanding. The shares of common stock sold in this offering will be freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act. However, if shares are purchased by affiliates, as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act, their sales of shares of common stock would be subject to volume limitations and other restrictions that are described below. In addition, an aggregate of approximately 33,766,194 shares of common stock outstanding or issuable in the future upon conversion of special convertible preferred stock are freely tradeable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act.

Our shares of common stock, outstanding upon closing of this offering or issued in the future on conversion of shares of special convertible preferred stock will be eligible for sale into the public market as follows:

<b>Approximate Number of Shares</b>	<b>Description</b>
33,766,194	After the date of this prospectus, freely tradeable shares under the Securities Act, of which 3,850,738 shares are subject to lock-up agreements.
21,082,765	After 180 days from the date of this prospectus, except as otherwise discussed below, the lock-up period will expire, and these additional shares of common stock will be saleable, subject, in some cases, to holding periods and volume limitations.
3,947,368	After one year from the date of this prospectus, tradeable shares under Rule 144.

**Rule 144**

In general, under Rule 144 as currently in effect, a person who is one of our affiliates or has purchased restricted securities and has beneficially owned those shares of common stock for at least one year, would be entitled to sell, within any three-month period, a number of shares that does not exceed the greater of:

1% of the total number of our shares of common stock then outstanding, which is expected to equal approximately 366,065 shares of common stock immediately after the closing of this offering; or

the average weekly trading volume of our shares of common stock on the Nasdaq National Market during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 with respect to that sale.

Sales under Rule 144 are also subject to other requirements regarding the manner of sale, notice filing and the availability of current public information about us.

**Rule 144(k)**

Under Rule 144(k) as currently in effect, a person who has not been an affiliate of ours at any time during the 90 days preceding a sale and who has beneficially owned our shares of common stock for at least two years, including the holding period of any owner other than an affiliate, is entitled to sell those shares without regard to volume limitations, manner of sale provisions or information requirements under Rule 144. Therefore, unless subject to a lock-up agreement or otherwise restricted, these shares may be sold immediately upon the closing of this offering.



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**Stock Options and Other Stock-Based Awards**

As of March 31, 2005, options to purchase 1,453,490 shares of common stock were issued and outstanding, of which options to purchase 290,698 shares of common stock are currently exercisable. As of March 31, 2005, other stock-based awards in respect of 1,453,490 shares of common stock for no cash consideration were issued and outstanding, of which 581,396 other stock-based awards are currently exercisable. We intend to file a Form S-8 registration statement prior to the closing of this offering or as soon as practicable after the closing of this offering.

**Registration Rights**

We have agreed to grant to SAPEF and Brenthurst Private Equity II Limited and their respective affiliates, and to the investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic, certain registration rights with respect to the shares of common stock owned by them. The registration rights that we will grant to the investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic will provide that these entities will first be entitled to exercise demand registration rights one year after the closing of this offering. We are currently negotiating the remaining terms of these registration rights and expect to enter into these agreements shortly after completion of the offering.

**Lock-Up Agreements**

We, each of our directors and executive officers, certain selling shareholders who, prior to this offering, owned more than 10,000 linked units representing approximately 1,357 shares and certain of our other shareholders have agreed, with limited exceptions, that we and they will not, without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. on behalf of the underwriters, during the period ending 180 days after the date of this prospectus, among other things, directly or indirectly, offer to sell, sell or otherwise dispose of any of our shares of common stock or file a registration statement with the SEC relating to the offering of any of our shares of common stock. Certain of the selling shareholders, who in the aggregate will beneficially own after this offering approximately 2.8% of our common stock, assuming full conversion of our special convertible preferred stock, are organized as unit investment trusts. These unit investment trusts may be required to sell all or a portion of our shares beneficially owned by the trust if the manager of the trust changes or if a holder in the trust redeems its interest in the trust. To the extent that the governing documents of the unit investment trust require the sale of our shares under these circumstances, the lock-up restrictions do not apply to these selling shareholders. However, in the event that either (1) during the last 17 days of the 180-day restricted period, we issue an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to us occurs or (2) prior to the expiration of the 180-day restricted period, we announce that we will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the 180-day period, then the lock-up restrictions, subject to certain exceptions, will continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the date of the earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or material event.

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**ENFORCEABILITY OF CIVIL LIABILITIES**

A significant portion of our assets and the assets of our directors and executive officers and some of the experts named in this prospectus are located outside the United States. In addition, most of the members of our board of directors, all of our executive officers and several of our experts named in this prospectus are residents of South Africa or other foreign countries. As a result, it may not be possible for you to effect service of process, within the United States or elsewhere outside South Africa, upon our non-U.S. directors, our officers or several of our experts. Moreover, any judgment obtained against us or any of these foreign persons in the United States, including one based on the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws, may not be collectible in the United States and may not be enforced by a South African court. Further, if a foreign judgment is enforced by a South African court, it will be payable in South African currency. Also, under South Africa's Exchange Control laws, the approval of the South African Reserve Bank is required before a defendant resident in South Africa may pay money to a non-resident plaintiff in satisfaction of a foreign judgment enforced by a court in South Africa. It also may be difficult for you to assert U.S. securities law claims in original actions instituted in South Africa.

A foreign judgment is not directly enforceable in South Africa, but constitutes a cause of action which will be enforced by South African courts provided that:

the court which pronounced the judgment had jurisdiction to entertain the case according to the principles recognized by South African law with reference to the jurisdiction of foreign courts;

the judgment is final and conclusive (that is, it cannot be altered by the court which pronounced it);

the judgment has not lapsed;

the recognition and enforcement of the judgment by South African courts would not be contrary to public policy, including observance of the rules of natural justice which provide that no award is enforceable unless the defendant was duly served with documents initiating proceedings, that he was given a fair opportunity to be heard and that he enjoyed the right to be legally represented in a free and fair trial before an impartial tribunal;

the judgment was not obtained by fraudulent means;

the judgment does not involve the enforcement of a penal or revenue law; and

the enforcement of the judgment is not otherwise precluded by the provisions of the Protection of Business Act, 1978 (as amended), of South Africa.

It is the policy of South African courts to award compensation for the loss or damage actually sustained by the person to whom the compensation is awarded. Although the award of punitive damages is generally unknown to the South African legal system, that does not mean that such awards are necessarily contrary to public policy. Whether a judgment is contrary to public policy would depend on the facts of the case. Exorbitant, unconscionable, or excessive awards will generally be contrary to public policy. South African courts cannot review the merits of a foreign judgment and cannot act as a court of appeal or review over the foreign court. South African courts will usually implement their own procedural laws and, where an action based on an international contract is brought before a South African court, the capacity of the parties to the contract may under certain circumstances be determined in accordance with South African law. It is doubtful whether an original action based on United States federal securities laws may be brought before South African courts. A plaintiff who is not resident in South Africa may be required to provide security for costs in the event of proceedings being initiated in South Africa. Furthermore, the Rules of the High Court of South Africa require that documents executed outside South Africa be authenticated in a prescribed manner for the purpose of use in South African courts. It is not possible therefore for an investor to seek to impose criminal liability in a South African court arising from a violation of United States federal securities laws.





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**MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL TAX CONSEQUENCES  
FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS OF COMMON STOCK**

This is a general summary of material U.S. federal income and estate tax considerations with respect to your acquisition, ownership and disposition of common stock. The discussion of income tax considerations applies if you are a beneficial owner of shares and are *not*:

a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation created or organized in, or under the laws of, the United States or any political subdivision of the United States;

an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source;

a trust, if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; or

a trust that existed on August 20, 1996, was treated as a U.S. person on August 19, 1996, and elected to be treated as a U.S. person.

The discussion of estate tax considerations applies to individuals who are not U.S. citizens or residents for estate tax purposes.

If a partnership, whether organized in the U.S. or abroad, holds our common stock, then the tax treatment of partners generally will depend on the status of the partners. Partnerships which hold our common stock and partners in such partnerships should consult their own tax advisors.

This summary does not address all of the U.S. federal income and estate tax considerations that may be relevant to you in light of your particular circumstances or if you are a beneficial owner subject to special treatment under U.S. income tax laws, including a controlled foreign corporation, passive foreign investment company, foreign tax-exempt organization, financial institution, broker or dealer in securities or former U.S. citizen or resident. This summary does not discuss any aspect of state, local or non-U.S. taxation. This summary is based on current provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, or the Code, Treasury regulations, judicial opinions, published positions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, and all other applicable authorities, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect.

We urge prospective non-U.S. shareholders to consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal, state and local and the non-U.S. income and other tax considerations of acquiring, holding and disposing of shares of our common stock.

**Dividends**

In general, any distributions we make to you with respect to your shares of common stock that constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a rate of 30% of the gross amount, unless you are eligible for a reduced rate of withholding tax under an applicable income tax treaty and you provide proper certification of your eligibility for such reduced rate, usually on an IRS Form W-8BEN. A distribution will constitute a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent of our current earnings and profits for the year of the distribution or accumulated earnings and profits through the date of the distribution, in each case as determined under the Code. Any distribution not constituting a dividend will be treated first as reducing your basis in your shares of common stock and, to the extent it exceeds your basis, as gain from the disposition of your shares of common stock, which is discussed below.

Dividends we pay to you that are effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business within the United States, and, if certain income tax treaties apply, are attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by you, generally will not be subject to U.S. withholding tax if you comply with applicable certification and disclosure requirements. Instead, such dividends generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax, net of certain deductions, at the same graduated individual or corporate rates applicable to U.S. persons. If you are a corporation, effectively

connected income may also be subject to a branch profits tax at a rate of 30%, or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax

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treaty. Dividends that are effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business, but that under an applicable income tax treaty are not attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by you, may be eligible for a reduced rate of U.S. withholding tax under such treaty, provided you comply with certification and disclosure requirements necessary to obtain treaty benefits.

**Sale or Other Disposition of Common Stock**

You generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any gain realized upon the sale or other disposition of your shares of common stock unless the gain is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business within the United States, and, under certain income tax treaties, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment you maintain.

Gain that is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business within the United States generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax, net of certain deductions, at the same rates applicable to U.S. persons. If you are a corporation, the branch profits tax also may apply to such effectively connected gain. If the gain from the sale or disposition of your shares is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business attributable to a permanent establishment you maintain in the United States, your gain may be exempt from U.S. tax under a treaty.

**Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

We must report annually to the IRS the amount of dividends or other distributions we pay to you on your shares of common stock and the amount of tax we withhold on these distributions regardless of whether withholding is required. The IRS may make copies of the information returns reporting those dividends and amounts withheld available to the tax authorities in the country in which you reside pursuant to the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty or exchange of information treaty.

The United States imposes a backup withholding tax, currently at a rate of 28%, on dividends and certain other types of payments to U.S. persons. You will not be subject to backup withholding tax on dividends you receive on your shares of common stock if you provide proper certification, usually on an IRS Form W-8BEN, of your status as a non-U.S. person or you are a corporation or one of several types of entities and organizations that qualify for exemption, or an exempt recipient.

Information reporting and backup withholding generally are not required with respect to the amount of any proceeds from the sale of your shares of common stock outside the United States through a foreign office of a foreign broker that does not have certain specified connections to the United States. However, if you sell your shares of common stock through a U.S. broker or the U.S. office of a foreign broker, the broker will be required to report the amount of proceeds paid to you to the IRS and also backup withhold on that amount unless you provide appropriate certification, usually on an IRS Form W-8BEN, to the broker of your status as a non-U.S. person or you are an exempt recipient. Information reporting, and backup withholding if the appropriate certification is not provided, also apply if you sell your shares of common stock through a foreign broker deriving more than a specified percentage of its income from U.S. sources or having certain other connections to the United States.

Any amounts withheld with respect to your shares of common stock under the backup withholding rules will be refunded to you or credited against your U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, by the IRS if the required information is furnished in a timely manner.

**Estate Tax**

Common stock owned or treated as owned by an individual who is not a citizen or resident, as defined for U.S. federal estate tax purposes, of the United States at the time of his or her death will be included in the individual's gross estate for U.S. federal estate tax purposes and therefore may be subject to U.S. federal estate tax unless an applicable estate tax treaty provides otherwise. Current law provides that the maximum federal estate tax rate will be reduced over an eight-year period beginning in 2002 and the tax will be eliminated for estates of decedents dying after December 31, 2009. In the absence of renewal legislation, these amendments will expire and the federal estate tax provisions in effect immediately prior to 2002 will be reinstated beginning in 2011.

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Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in an underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus, the underwriters named below, for whom Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, Jefferies & Company, Inc. and Thomas Weisel Partners LLC are acting as representatives, have severally agreed to purchase, and the selling shareholders have agreed to sell to them, severally, the number of shares indicated below:

Name	Number of Shares
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated	
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	
Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated	
Jefferies & Company, Inc.	
Thomas Weisel Partners LLC	
Subtotal	
<b>Total</b>	

As joint book-running managers on behalf of the underwriting syndicate, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. will be responsible for recording a list of potential investors that have expressed an interest in purchasing common stock as part of this offering.

The underwriters are offering the shares of common stock subject to their acceptance of the shares from the selling shareholders and subject to prior sale. The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the several underwriters to pay for and accept delivery of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus are subject to the approval of certain legal matters by their counsel and to certain other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to take and pay for all of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus if any such shares are taken. However, the underwriters are not required to take or pay for the shares covered by the underwriters' over-allotment option described below.

The underwriters initially propose to offer part of the shares of common stock directly to the public at the public offering price listed on the cover page of this prospectus and part to certain dealers at a price that represents a concession not in excess of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a share under the public offering price. After the initial offering of the shares of common stock, the offering price and other selling terms may from time to time be varied by the representatives.

We have granted to the underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days from the date of this prospectus, to purchase up to an aggregate of 1,477,500 additional shares of common stock at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, less underwriting discounts and commissions. The underwriters may exercise this option solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any, made in connection with the offering of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus. To the extent the option is exercised, each underwriter will become obligated, subject to certain conditions, to purchase about the same percentage of the additional shares of common stock as the number listed next to the underwriter's name in the preceding table bears to the total number of shares of common stock listed next to the names of all underwriters in the preceding table. If the underwriters' option is exercised in full, the total price to the public would be \$ \_\_\_\_\_, the total underwriters' discounts and commissions would be \$ \_\_\_\_\_, total proceeds to us would be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and total proceeds to the selling shareholders would be \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

The underwriters have informed us that they do not intend sales to discretionary accounts to exceed five percent of the total number of shares of common stock offered by them.

Our common stock has been approved for quotation on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol UEPS.

We, each of our directors and executive officers, certain of those selling shareholders who, prior to this offering, owned more than 10,000 linked units representing approximately 1,357 shares and certain other of

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our shareholders have agreed that, without the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. on behalf of the underwriters, we and they will not, during the period ending 180 days after the date of this prospectus:

offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our common stock; or

enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of our common stock;

whether any such transaction described above is to be settled by delivery of common stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise. The restrictions described in this paragraph do not apply to:

the sale of shares to the underwriters;

our issuance of shares of common stock upon the exercise of an option or a warrant or the conversion of a security outstanding on the date of this prospectus of which the underwriters have been advised in writing;

transactions by any person other than us relating to the shares of common stock or other securities acquired in open market transactions after the completion of the offering of the shares; or

the sale of shares by a unit investment trust that is required to sell all or a portion of our shares owned by the trust if the manager of the trust changes or if a holder in the trust redeems its interest in the trust.

Following this offering, an aggregate of approximately 2.8% of our common stock, assuming full conversion of our special convertible preferred stock, will be beneficially owned by certain selling shareholders in this offering that are unit investment trusts.

The 180-day restricted period described above is subject to extension such that, in the event that either (1) during the last 17 days of the 180-day restricted period, we issue an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to us occurs or (2) prior to the expiration of the 180-day restricted period, we announce that we will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the 180-day period, then the lock-up restrictions described above will, subject to limited exceptions, continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the date of the earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or material event.

The estimated offering expenses payable by us, in addition to the underwriting discounts and commissions, are approximately \$2.1 million, which includes legal, accounting and printing costs and various other fees associated with registering and listing the common stock.

The following tables show the underwriting discounts and commissions that the selling shareholders are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering and such amounts payable by us assuming full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option to purchase additional shares of our common stock.

**Paid by the Selling Shareholders**

Per share	\$
Total	\$

**Paid by us (assuming full exercise of the over-allotment option)**

Per share	\$
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Total

\$

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In order to facilitate the offering of the common stock, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the common stock. Specifically, the underwriters may sell more shares than they are obligated to purchase under the underwriting agreement, creating a short position. A short sale is covered if the short position is no greater than the number of shares available for purchase by the underwriters under the over-allotment option. The underwriters can close out a covered short sale by exercising the over-allotment option or purchasing shares in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out a covered short sale, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the open market price of shares compared to the price available under the over-allotment option. The underwriters may also sell shares in excess of the over-allotment option, creating a naked short position. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. As an additional means of facilitating the offering, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, shares of common stock in the open market to stabilize the price of the common stock. The underwriting syndicate may also reclaim selling concessions allowed to an underwriter or a dealer for distributing the common stock in the offering, if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed common stock to cover syndicate short positions or to stabilize the price of the common stock. These activities may raise or maintain the market price of the common stock above independent market levels or prevent or retard a decline in the market price of the common stock. The underwriters are not required to engage in these activities, and may end any of these activities at any time. These activities may be effected on The Nasdaq National Market or otherwise.

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available on the web sites maintained by one or more underwriters. The underwriters may agree to allocate a number of shares to underwriters for sale to their online brokerage account holders. Internet distributions will be allocated by the lead co-managers to underwriters that may make Internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations.

From time to time, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated has provided, and continues to provide, investment banking services to us, and it is acting as placement agent in connection with the private placement of our shares to investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic LLC for which it will receive placement fees.

From time to time, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. has provided, and continues to provide, investment banking services to us, and it is acting as placement agent in connection with the private placement of our shares to investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic LLC for which it will receive placement fees.

We, the selling shareholders and the underwriters have agreed to indemnify each other against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the shares of common stock and other legal matters in connection with this offering with respect to U.S. law will be passed upon for us by DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP, New York, New York. Certain legal matters in connection with this offering with respect to U.S. law will be passed upon for the underwriters by Davis Polk & Wardwell, London, England. Certain legal matters in connection with this offering with respect to South African law will be passed upon for us by Cliffe Dekker Inc.

**EXPERTS**

Our consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2004 and the year then ended and included in this prospectus have been audited by Deloitte & Touche (South Africa), an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes explanatory paragraphs referring to the restatement of the segment information disclosures as well as the restatement of earnings per share and diluted earnings per share) and is included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Aplitec as of June 30, 2002 and 2003 and for each of the years in the two-year period ended June 30, 2003 included in this prospectus have been audited by PKF (Jhb) Inc., registered auditors and chartered accountants, as independent auditors, as stated in their report appearing herein and is included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

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**WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to the shares of common stock that are being offered by this prospectus. This prospectus, which is a part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules to the registration statement. Refer to the registration statement, exhibits and schedules for further information with respect to the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus. Statements contained in this prospectus regarding the contents of any contract or other documents are only summaries. With respect to any contract or document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, you should refer to the exhibit for a copy of the contract or document, and each statement in this prospectus regarding that contract or document is qualified by reference to the exhibit. The registration statement, including all exhibits, may be inspected and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

We are subject to the information reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and, in accordance with the Exchange Act, we file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our reports, proxy statements and most other information that we file with the SEC may be inspected and copied at the address stated above.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Shareholders of Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of June 30, 2004 and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The financial statements of the Company for the years ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, before the restatement for changes to segment information described in Note 15 to the financial statements, and the restatement resulting from the reverse stock-split described in Note 11 to the financial statements were audited by other auditors.

**Scope**

We conducted our audit in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

**Audit opinion**

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements, referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at June 30, 2004 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed above, the financial statements of the Company as of June 30, 2003 and 2002 and for the years then ended were audited by other auditors. As described in Notes 15 and 11, these financial statements have been restated to give effect to certain changes in segmental information and to reflect the one-for-six reverse stock split, which became effective on June 13, 2005. We audited the adjustments referred to in Note 15 that were applied to restate the disclosures of 2004, 2003 and 2002 segment information in the accompanying financial statements to give retroactive effect to the change in reportable segments as well as the adjustments referred to in Note 11 that were applied to the capital stock accounts, all share data and earnings per share data for the three years ended June 30, 2004 to give retroactive effect to the reverse stock split.

In respect of the 2003 and 2002 years: our procedures for the segmental information included (1) comparing the adjustment amounts of segment revenues, operating income, and assets to the Company's underlying analysis obtained from management, and (2) testing the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliations of segment amounts to the consolidated financial statements; our procedures in respect of the reverse stock split included (1) comparing the amounts shown in the earnings per share disclosures for 2003 and 2002 to the Company's underlying accounting analysis obtained from management, (2) comparing the previously reported shares outstanding and income statement amounts per the Company's accounting analysis to the previously issued financial statements, and (3) recalculating the revised shares to give effect to the reverse stock split and testing the mathematical accuracy of the underlying analysis. In our opinion, such adjustments have been properly applied. However, we were not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to the 2003 and 2002 financial statements of the Company other than with respect to such adjustments, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the 2003 and 2002 financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche (South Africa)

Chartered Accountants (SA)  
Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa

October 8, 2004 (except for Note 15, as to which the date is May 24, 2005, and Note 11, as to which the date is June 17, 2005)

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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

To the Shareholders of Net 1 Applied Technology Holdings Limited

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Net 1 Applied Technology Holdings Limited and subsidiaries as of June 30, 2003 and 2002, and the related consolidated statements of income, cash flows and shareholders' equity for each of the two years in the period ended June 30, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's directors. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in South Africa and of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

For purposes of reporting on the 2004 fiscal year the composition of reportable segments was changed which has resulted in the corresponding information for earlier periods being restated. Similarly, the number of issued and authorised shares during 2003 and 2002 has been restated as a result of the transaction described in Note 1 and the one-for-six share split described in Note 11. As of November 30, 2003, we were not able to verify the adjustments made in connection with the restatement of segment information, the capital structure of the Corporation and basic and diluted earnings per share. Hence we do not express an opinion on the aforementioned items included in these financial statements.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments to the segment report, the capital structure and basic and diluted earnings per share, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves as to the correctness of the restatements, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Net 1 Applied Technology Holdings Limited and subsidiaries as of June 30, 2003 and 2002, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended June 30, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ PKF (JHB) Inc.

PKF (JHB) INC  
Chartered Accountants (SA)  
Registered Accountants and Auditors

November 30, 2003

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**NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>June 30, 2004</b>	<b>June 30, 2003</b>
<b>(In thousands except share data)</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 80,282	\$ 54,313
Trade and other receivables (net of allowances of 2004: \$8,387; 2003: \$6,797)	33,527	20,614
Inventory	1,054	845
Deferred income taxes	2,549	2,933
Total current assets	117,412	78,705
LONG TERM RECEIVABLE	1,106	
PROPERTY, PLANT, & EQUIPMENT, net	7,638	8,017
EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENT	878	
GOODWILL	15,212	8,046
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	10,386	3,591
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>152,632</b>	<b>98,359</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Bank overdraft	19	
Trade and other payables	23,693	16,459
Income taxes payable	24,119	3,402
Total current liabilities	47,831	19,861
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	8,961	7,994
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	252	
	57,044	27,855
<b>SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
<b>COMMON STOCK</b>		
Authorized: 83,333,333 with \$0.001 par value;		
Issued and outstanding shares 2004: 22,539,204; 2003: 32,161,190	23	6
<b>SPECIAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK</b>		
Authorized: 50,000,000 with \$0.001 par value;		
Issued and outstanding shares: 32,161,190	32	
<b>B CLASS PREFERRED STOCK</b>		
Authorized: 330,000,000 with \$0.001 par value;		
Issued and outstanding shares: 236,977,187	38	



ADDITIONAL PAID-IN-CAPITAL	71,954	40,571
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	15,039	(962)
RETAINED EARNINGS	8,502	30,889
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	95,588	70,504
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 152,632</b>	<b>\$ 98,359</b>

The consolidated notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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**NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

	<b>June 30, 2004</b>	<b>June 30, 2003</b>	<b>June 30, 2002</b>
<b>(In thousands, except share data)</b>			
REVENUE	\$ 131,098	\$ 74,924	\$ 51,793
EXPENSES			
COST OF GOODS SOLD, IT PROCESSING, SERVICING AND SUPPORT	39,134	25,935	14,170
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	39,677	26,399	21,637
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION	5,676	3,323	3,128
REORGANIZATION COSTS	11,133		
OPERATING INCOME	35,478	19,267	12,858
INTEREST INCOME, NET	3,640	2,600	1,381
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND MINORITY INTEREST	39,118	21,867	14,239
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	25,927	9,473	5,554
MINORITY INTEREST		452	167
NET INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE EARNINGS FROM EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENT, EXTRAORDINARY ITEM AND CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF AN ACCOUNTING CHANGE	13,191	11,942	8,518
EARNINGS FROM EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENT	87		
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS EXTRAORDINARY ITEM	13,278	11,942	8,518
CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF AN ACCOUNTING CHANGE		857	
		318	
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	\$ 13,278	\$ 13,117	\$ 8,518
<b>Income from continuing operations per share</b>			
<b>Basic earnings, in cents</b>			
Common stock	39.6	37.2	27.0
Linked units	39.6		
<b>Diluted earnings, in cents</b>			
Common stock	38.4		27.0
Linked units	38.4		
<b>Net income per share</b>			
<b>Basic earnings, in cents</b>			
Common stock	39.6	40.8	27.0
Linked units	39.6		

<b>Diluted earnings, in cents</b>		
Common stock	38.4	27.0
Linked units	38.4	

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**NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
**For the Years Ended June 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002**

	Common Stock		Special Convertible Preferred Stock		B Class Preferred Stock		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income		Comprehensive Income (Loss)
	Number of Shares	Additional Paid-In Capital	Number of Shares	Amount	Number of Shares	Amount	Retained Earnings	Income (Loss) Total	
(In thousands, except share data)									
Balance July 1, 2001 (as previously reported)	187,134,139	\$ 37 \$ 38,445					\$ 15,710	\$ (9,159)	\$ 45,033
Effect of one-for-six reverse stock split	(155,945,116)	(31) 31							
Balance July 1, 2001 (as restated)	31,189,023	6 38,476					15,710	(9,159)	45,033
Net Income							8,518		8,518 \$ 8,518
Dividends declared							(2,531)		(2,531)
Stock issued during the year	495,356		528						528
Stock compensation expense			384						384
Movement in foreign currency translation reserve								(10,208)	(10,208) (10,208)
Balance June 30, 2002	31,684,379	6 39,388					21,697	(19,367)	41,724 (1,690)
Net Income							13,117		13,117 13,117
Dividends declared							(3,925)		(3,925)
Stock issued during the year	476,811		570						570
Stock compensation expense			613						613

Movement in Foreign Currency Translation Reserve									18,405	18,405	18,405
Balance June 30, 2003	32,161,190	6	40,571					30,889	(962)	70,504	31,522
Net income								13,278		13,278	13,278
<b>Items related to the reorganization transaction</b>											
Dividends paid								(35,665)		(35,665)	
Cash											
Distribution to Aplitec shareholders			(37,002)							(37,002)	
Reorganization of share capital	(31,910,238)	(6)	(64)	31,910,238	\$ 32	235,128,068	\$ 38				
Issue of linked units to Brait in accordance with underwriting agreement	(250,952)		847	250,952		1,849,119				847	
Reverse acquisition of Net 1 by Aplitec	2,642,143	3	7,931							7,934	
Issue of common stock	17,610,238	18	52,813							52,831	
Stock issued in accordance with 2004 Stock Incentive Plan	1,453,490	1	4,359							4,360	
Issue of stock for transaction fees	833,333	1	2,499							2,500	
Movement in Foreign Currency Translation Reserve									16,001	16,001	16,001
Balance June 30, 2004	22,539,204	\$ 23	\$ 71,954	32,161,190	\$ 32	236,977,187	\$ 38	\$ 8,502	\$ 15,039	\$ 95,588	\$ 29,279

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**NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	June 30, 2004	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2002
(In thousands, except share data)			
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash received from customers	\$ 123,177	\$ 70,768	\$ 72,059
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(72,825)	(49,487)	(57,501)
Interest received	15,362	8,065	3,260
Finance costs paid	(11,698)	(5,465)	(1,879)
Income taxes paid	(12,121)	(6,237)	(4,186)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>41,895</b>	<b>17,644</b>	<b>11,753</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Capital expenditures	(2,802)	(6,712)	(1,919)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	62	314	624
Long term receivable granted	(937)		
Acquisition of minority interests/subsidiaries/equity accounted investments	(2,052)	(995)	415
Cash received on acquisition of Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc.	8		
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(5,721)</b>	<b>(7,393)</b>	<b>(880)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from issue of share capital	52,831	570	528
Proceeds from issue of preference share capital	847		
Proceeds from bank overdrafts	17		
Cash distribution to shareholders	(37,002)		
Dividends paid	(40,753)	(2,836)	
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(24,060)</b>	<b>(2,266)</b>	<b>528</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	13,855	14,178	(6,284)
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>25,969</b>	<b>22,163</b>	<b>5,117</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents beginning of period</b>	<b>54,313</b>	<b>32,150</b>	<b>27,033</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 80,282</b>	<b>\$ 54,313</b>	<b>\$ 32,150</b>

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**NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Years Ended June 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002**  
**(All amounts stated in thousands of United States Dollars, unless otherwise stated)**

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

***Description of Business***

Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. ( Net 1 or the Company ) was incorporated in the State of Florida on May 8, 1997 and is engaged in the business of commercializing the smart card technology based Universal Electronic Payment System ( UEPS ) and Funds Transfer System ( FTS ) through the development of strategic alliances with national and international bank and card service organizations.

Net 1 Applied Technology Holdings Limited ( Aplitec ) was a holding company established and existing under the laws of Republic of South Africa. Aplitec 's subsidiaries employed specialized smart card technologies to add efficiency to commercial activities requiring money transfers, payment systems, and other electronic data applications. Through its subsidiaries, Aplitec was involved in the administration, management and payment of social welfare grants and handles the payment of pensions on behalf of the government in five of the nine provinces of South Africa. Aplitec also operated microlending businesses with more than 100 branches throughout South Africa and developed, marketed and licensed administrative and payment solutions for the microlending industry. In addition, Aplitec provided financial services to its customers through its proprietary smart card platform and provided technical, operational, business solutions and outsourcing services to companies.

As a result of the transaction described below, the former shareholders of Aplitec obtained a majority voting interest in the Company on June 7, 2004. Generally accepted accounting principles require that the company whose shareholders retain a majority interest in a combined business be treated as the acquiror for accounting purposes. Consequently, this transaction has been accounted for as a reverse acquisition. Accordingly, all the financial information included in this prospectus unless indicated otherwise for the periods up to June 7, 2004 represent the results of Aplitec prior to the date it acquired Net 1. For the period from June 7, 2004 the financial information presented herein represents the consolidated results of Aplitec and Net 1 with Net 1 as the acquired entity.

In addition, on June 2, 2005, the Company 's board of directors approved a one-for-six reverse stock split. Under Florida corporate law the reverse stock split was not required to be approved by the Company 's shareholders.

The following have been retroactively restated as a result of the reverse stock split mentioned above:

number of common and special convertible stock authorized, issued and outstanding;

stock issued under any of the Company 's stock compensation plans, including stock issued pursuant to the Company 's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan;

all per share measures, including but not limited to basic and diluted earnings per share;

certain price per share information related to the transaction mentioned above and described more fully below;  
and

reallocation of amounts from common stock to additional paid in capital as the par value did not change.

Although Aplitec is deemed to be the acquiring company for financial and reporting purposes, the legal status of the Company as the surviving corporation has not changed.



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**NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
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The transaction referred to above had the following elements:

On June 7, 2004, Net 1 Applied Technologies South Africa Limited ( New Aplitec ), a holding company established and existing under the laws of South Africa, completed a transaction whereby it acquired substantially all of the assets and liabilities of Aplitec for \$127.53 million (or ZAR825,641,638) (the net purchase price ). The net purchase price together with the cash retained in Aplitec was distributed as an advance distribution to Aplitec shareholders.

The New Aplitec Participation Trust ( South African Trust ) is a South African bewind trust established and existing under the laws of South Africa.

The Aplitec Holdings Participation Trust (the Cayman Trust ) is a purpose trust created under Part VIII of the Trust Law (2001 Revision) of the Cayman Islands.

The Aplitec shareholders had the option of either electing to receive 190 South African cents per share and an investment in New Aplitec in the form of a nil paid renounceable letter of allocation representing an interest in a New Aplitec B class preference share ( B class preferred stock ) and B class loans held by the South African Trust (collectively the reinvestment option ) or cash of 500 South African cents per share. Shareholders who elected to receive the reinvestment option are described as reinvesting shareholders . In addition to the liquidation dividend, reinvesting shareholders were granted, units in the South African Trust with the right to receive, for no additional consideration, special convertible preferred stock of the Company, which are held by the Cayman Trust. These shares may be converted, upon the occurrence of a trigger event, to Company common stock on a one-for-one basis. A trigger event can occur when a unit holder gives notice to the South African Trust in writing of its intention to convert some or all of its B class preferred stock and B class loans. A trigger event also includes the abolition or relaxation of Exchange Controls by the South African Reserve Bank to permit reinvesting shareholders to hold Company common stock directly or the winding up or placing under judicial management of New Aplitec or the Company.

Upon receipt of notice of a trigger event, the trustee of the South African Trust will request delivery from the Cayman Trust of the number of shares of the Company s special convertible preferred stock attributable to the units being converted. Upon delivery by the Cayman Trust, the South African Trust will transfer these shares of special convertible preferred stock, along with a proportionate number of B class preferred stock and loan accounts to the Company in exchange for shares of the Company s common stock.

On June 25, 2004, shareholders holding 1,849,119 of Aplitec s issued shares elected the cash option. The remaining shareholders holding 235,128,068 shares elected the reinvestment option. Aplitec entered into an underwriting agreement with South African Private Equity Trust III ( SAPET ) and South African Private Equity Fund III L.P. ( SAPEF ) and, together with SAPET, the Underwriters ). In terms of this arrangement the Underwriters agreed to take up all of the rights in the South African Trust of the reinvestment option not taken up by Aplitec s shareholders, up to the maximum of \$70 million (or ZAR437 million), which was equivalent to 64.7% of the reinvestment option, at a price of \$0.45 (or ZAR2.85) per Aplitec share not involved in the reinvestment. The Underwriters paid \$0.84 million (or ZAR5,269,989) for 1,849,119 units in the South African Trust in terms of the underwriting agreement.

On May 27, 2004, the Company issued the equivalent of 32,161,190 of its special convertible preferred stock to the Cayman Trust, to be held for the benefit of Aplitec s shareholders that elected the reinvestment option and the Underwriters.



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The combination of instruments issued to the reinvesting shareholders (B Class preferred stock and B Class loans in New Aplitec as well as rights to receive special convertible preference shares in the Company) are referred to as linked units and the reinvesting shareholders that hold these instruments are referred to as linked unit holders. Both the Net 1 common stock and the linked units have been reflected as equity of the Company. Refer to Note 10 Capital Structure for a detailed explanation of this treatment.

In this document we refer to the continuing combined entity of Net 1 and Aplitec, i.e. the registrant as it exists now, as the Company or Net 1. We refer to the historic Aplitec business before the transaction as Aplitec, and the subsidiary that legally acquired the business of Old Aplitec as New Aplitec. Finally we refer to the historic business of Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. prior to the transaction as NUEP.

**2. Significant Accounting Policies*****Basis of Presentation***

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Company include all majority owned subsidiaries over which the Company exercises control and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

***Principles of Consolidation***

The financial statements of entities which are controlled by the Company, referred to as subsidiaries, are consolidated. Inter-company accounts and transactions are eliminated upon consolidation.

***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 date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Property, Plant and Equipment***

Property, plant and equipment are shown at cost less accumulated depreciation. Property, plant and equipment are depreciated on the straight-line basis at rates which are estimated to amortize the assets to their anticipated residual values over their useful lives. Within the following asset classifications, the expected economic lives are approximately:

Computer equipment	3 years
Office equipment	3 years
Vehicles	4 to 5 years
Furniture and fittings	5 to 10 years

The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognized in income.

***Leasehold Improvement Costs***

Costs incurred in the adaptation of leased properties to serve the requirements of the Company are capitalized and amortized over the shorter of the term of the lease and the contract for which the lease

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has been entered into. Where the Company is required to restore a property to its original condition upon termination of a lease, the related costs are expensed as incurred.

***Income Taxes***

The Company provides for income taxes using the asset and liability method. This approach recognizes the amount of taxes payable or refundable for the current year, as well as deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax consequence of events recognized in the financial statements and tax returns. Deferred income taxes are adjusted to reflect the effects of changes in tax laws or enacted tax rates. The tax rate in South Africa varies depending on whether income is distributed. The income tax rate is currently 30%, but upon distribution an additional tax (Secondary Tax on Companies, or STC ) of 12.5% is due based on the amount of dividends declared net of dividends received during a dividend cycle. The Company therefore measures its income taxes and deferred income taxes using a combined rate of 37.78%. These rates have not changed over the past three years.

In establishing the appropriate income tax valuation allowances, the Company assesses the realizability of its net deferred tax assets, and based on all available evidence, both positive and negative, determines whether it is more likely than not that the net deferred tax assets or a portion thereof will be realized.

***Goodwill***

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price of an acquired enterprise over the fair values of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Effective July 1, 2002, the Company tests for impairment of goodwill on an annual basis and at any other time if events or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of the reporting unit goodwill below its carrying amount.

Circumstances that could trigger an impairment test include but are not limited to: a significant adverse change in the business climate or legal factors; an adverse action or assessment by a regulator; unanticipated competition; loss of key personnel; the likelihood that a reporting unit or significant portion of a reporting unit will be sold or otherwise disposed; and, results of testing for recoverability of a significant asset group within a reporting unit.

If the carrying amount of the reporting unit goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recorded in net income. Measurement of the fair value of a reporting unit is based on one or more of the following fair value measures including: amounts at which the unit as a whole could be bought or sold in a current transaction between willing parties; using present value techniques of estimated future cash flows; or using valuation techniques based on multiples of earnings or revenue, or a similar performance measure.

***Intangible Assets***

Intangible assets are shown at cost less accumulated amortization and are amortized over their useful lives, which vary between five and ten years. Intangible assets are periodically evaluated for recoverability, and those evaluations take into account events or circumstances that warrant revised estimates of useful lives or that indicate that an impairment exists.

***Equity Method Investments***

The Company uses the equity method to account for investments in companies when it has a significant influence but not control over the operations of the company. Under the equity method, the Company initially records the investment at cost and then adjusts the carrying value of the investment to

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recognize the proportional share of the equity accounted company's net income (loss). In addition, dividends received from the equity accounted company reduce the carrying value of our investment.

***Inventory***

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and market. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis and includes transport and handling costs.

***Translation of Foreign Currencies***

The functional currency of the Company is the South African Rand and its reporting currency is the United States Dollar. The current rate method is used to translate the financial statements of the Company to United States Dollars. Under the current rate method, assets and liabilities are translated at the exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at average rates for the period. Translation gains and losses are reported in accumulated other comprehensive income in shareholders' equity.

Foreign exchange transactions are translated at the spot rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary items are translated at the closing spot rate at the balance sheet date. Transactional gains and losses are recognized in income for the period.

***Revenue Recognition***

***Fees and Commissions***

The Company provides a State pension and welfare benefit distribution service to provincial governments in South Africa. Fees are computed based on the number of beneficiaries included in the Government payfile. Fee income received for these services is recognized in the income statement when distributions have been made.

The Company provides an automated payment collection service to third parties, for which it charges monthly fees. These fees are recognized in the income statement as the underlying services are performed.

***Interest Income***

Interest income earned from microlending activities is recognized in the income statement as it falls due, using the effective interest rate method by reference to the constant interest rate stated in each loan agreement.

Capital and interest that is in arrears and determined to be doubtful is provided for in full if the capital outstanding has not been insured. The Company insures against losses of capital related to certain loans. For these loans, provision is made for the amount of interest previously recognized in the income statement if it is determined that the interest outstanding will not be collected.

***Systems Implementation Projects***

The Company undertakes smart card system implementation projects. The hardware and software installed in these projects are in the form of customized systems, which ordinarily involve modification to meet the customer's specifications. Software delivered under such arrangements is available to the customer permanently, subject to the payment of annual license fees. Revenue for such arrangements is recognized under the completed contract method, no income and profit being recognized until the contract is completed, save for annual license fees, which are recognized in the period to which they relate. Up-front and interim payments received are recorded as client deposits until customer acceptance.

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*Other Income*

Revenue from service and maintenance activities is charged to customers on a time-and-materials basis and is recognized in the income statement as services are delivered to customers.

*Research and Development Expenditure*

Research and development costs are charged to net income in the periods in which they are incurred.

*Loan Provisions*

A specific provision is established for all loans where it is considered likely that some of the capital and interest will not be repaid by the borrower. Where the loan capital is insured, the amount due to be recovered from the insurer is recorded as a receivable. Default is taken to be likely after a specified period of repayment default, which is generally not more than 150 days. The provision is assessed based on a review by the management of the ageing of outstanding amounts, the payment history in relation to those specific accounts and the overall default history.

*Stock-Based Compensation*

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation under the expense recognition provisions of APB 25 and provides disclosures of pro-forma stock compensation expense in accordance with SFAS 123. Included in net income for the Company's share option plan and stock awards under APB 25 was a charge of \$4.36 million (2003: \$0.6 million; 2002: \$0.4 million). Had compensation expense for share options granted under the stock option plan been determined based on fair value at the grant dates consistent with the method required in accordance with SFAS 123, the Company's net income and earnings per share in accordance with US GAAP for 2002, 2003 and 2004 would have been as presented in the pro-forma disclosures below:

	2004	2003	2002
Net income	\$ 13,278	\$ 13,117	\$ 8,518
Add back: stock-based compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects	4,360	613	384
Deduct: total stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(6,257)	(100)	(209)
Pro-forma net income	\$ 11,381	\$ 13,630	\$ 8,693
Earnings per share, basic and diluted (in cents):			
Basic, as reported	39.6	40.8	27.0
Basic, pro forma	32.4	40.8	27.0
Weighted average assumptions(1):			
Risk-free interest rate	3.50%	14.00%	13.00%
Dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stock volatility	72.00%	67.82%	67.82%
Average expected life (years)	7.00	2.15	2.15

- (1) The 2004 assumptions are based on stock issued under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan and the 2003 and 2002 assumptions are based on the stock compensation plan for the equity listed on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange.

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**3. Property, Plant and Equipment**

	2004	2003
<b>Cost:</b>		
Computer equipment	\$ 16,626	\$ 11,444
Furniture and office equipment	4,097	2,407
Motor vehicles	10,140	7,979
	30,863	21,830
<b>Accumulated depreciation:</b>		
Computer equipment	14,558	8,247
Furniture and office equipment	2,280	1,329
Motor vehicles	6,387	4,237
	23,225	13,813
<b>Carrying amount:</b>		
Computer equipment	2,068	3,197
Furniture and office equipment	1,817	1,078
Motor vehicles	3,753	3,742
	\$ 7,638	\$ 8,017

**4. Goodwill and Intangible Assets**

On July 1, 2002 the Company adopted SFAS 142 for US GAAP purposes, which required that goodwill and certain intangible assets with indefinite useful lives, including those recorded in past business combinations, no longer be amortized, but instead be tested for impairment at least annually. The standard also required the completion of a transitional impairment test with any resulting impairment identified treated as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle.

Prior to SFAS 142, the Company assessed goodwill for impairment based on the guidance in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 17, Intangible Assets and SFAS No. 121, *Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of* and had to evaluate the periods of amortization continually to determine whether later events and circumstances warranted revised estimates of useful lives; impairment had to be recognized when the carrying amount exceeded the fair market value of the asset.

In connection with the adoption of SFAS 142, the Company completed a transitional impairment test of its goodwill. Fair value was determined based on discounted cash flows using reasonable and appropriate assumptions that are consistent with internal forecasts. As a result, the Company determined that goodwill was not impaired and that no adjustment was required.

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Summarized below is the carrying value and accumulated amortization of the intangible assets that will continue to be amortized under SFAS 142, as well as the carrying amount of goodwill, which will no longer be amortized.

	2004			2003		
	Gross Carrying Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Value	Gross Carrying Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Value
Goodwill	\$ 19,302	\$ (4,090)	\$ 15,212	\$ 12,085	\$ (4,039)	\$ 8,046
Finite-lived intangible assets:						
Contract rights	2,673	(520)	2,153			
Customer contracts	114	(2)	112			
Exclusive licences	4,506	(54)	4,452			
FTS patent	6,106	(2,443)	3,663	5,129	(1,539)	3,591
Other patents	6		6			
Total finite-lived intangible assets	\$ 13,405	\$ (3,019)	\$ 10,386	\$ 5,129	\$ (1,539)	\$ 3,591

The Company obtained its patent for the Funds Transfer System (FTS) on its acquisition of Net 1 Investment Holdings (Proprietary) Limited ( Net 1 Holdings ) on July 12, 2000. 100% of Net 1 Holdings issued share capital was acquired for a historical cost of approximately \$3.2 million (or \$4.1 million at the year end exchange rate of \$1:ZAR6.275), which was satisfied through the issuance of approximately 1.3 million of the Company's common shares. In addition, a deferred taxation adjustment was required to increase the historical carrying value to \$4.8 million (or \$2 million at the year end exchange rate of \$1:ZAR6.275). Net 1 Holdings was a holding company that did not generate significant revenues or expenses and did not have significant assets or liabilities other than the FTS patent rights for South Africa and surrounding territories, on which the Company's smart card applications are based.

Aggregate amortization expense on the FTS patent for the year ended June 30, 2004 was approximately \$0.6 million (2003: \$0.5 million, 2002: \$0.4 million). Actual amortization expense to be reported in future periods could differ from these estimates as a result of new intangible asset acquisitions, changes in useful lives and other relevant factors.

In December 2003 the Company entered into an agreement with various black economic empowerment partners (the partners) whereby the partners would provide certain services, for example, debt collection and dispute resolution, related to the Cash Paymaster Services Northern contract. The Company total amount to be paid to the partners is approximately \$2.3 million (or \$2.7 million at the year end exchange rate of \$1:ZAR6.275), of which \$1.3 million was paid during the year. The amount paid will be amortized over the contract period of 3 years. Amortization for the nine months to June 2003 is approximately \$0.5 million.

As a result of the reverse acquisition described in note 1 the assets and liabilities of the Company were valued in accordance with the requirements of SFAS 141, *Business Combinations*. The customer contracts and exclusive licenses were valued by an independent third party and these assets were valued at approximately \$0.1 million and \$4.5 million, respectively, with estimated useful lives of 5 and 7 years respectively. Amortization expense for the customer contracts and exclusive licenses for the year ended June 30, 2004 is \$0.002 million and \$0.05 million,



respectively.

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As required by SFAS 141 goodwill has been allocated to the Company's reportable UEPS Transaction-based activities, UEPS-based Financial Services and Hardware, Software and related Technology Sales business segments as follows:

	<b>June 30, 2004</b>		
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net Carrying Value</b>
Transaction-based activities	\$ 3,841	\$ (1,133)	\$ 2,708
Financial services	7,857	(2,203)	5,654
Hardware, software and related technology sales	7,604	(754)	6,850
Total	\$ 19,302	\$ (4,090)	\$ 15,212

	<b>June 30, 2003</b>		
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net Carrying Value</b>
Transaction-based activities	\$ 3,962	\$ (1,554)	\$ 2,408
Financial services	6,602	(1,851)	4,751
Hardware, software and related technology sales	1,521	(634)	887
Total	\$ 12,085	\$ (4,039)	\$ 8,046

As required by SFAS 142, the standard has not been retroactively applied to the results for the period prior to adoption. Net profit on a pro forma basis, as if SFAS 142 had been adopted as of July 1, 2000, is presented below:

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Reported net profit	\$ 13,278	\$ 13,117	\$ 8,518
Add back: goodwill amortization			865
Recognition of negative goodwill			
Adjusted net profit	\$ 13,278	\$ 13,117	\$ 9,383

The effect of adopting FAS 142 on July 1, 2002 was as follows:

<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
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Extraordinary gain negative goodwill that arose after July 1, 2002	\$ 857
Cumulative effect of an accounting change: write-off of negative goodwill that arose prior to July 1, 2002	318
	\$ 1,175

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**5. Income Taxes**

The following is a reconciliation of income taxes, calculated at the statutory South African income tax rate, to the income tax provision included in the accompanying statements of operations for each of the years ended June 30:

	2004	2003	2002
Income tax provision			
Current provision	\$ 21,298	\$ 10,635	\$ 5,757
Capital gains tax	4,012		
Deferred taxation charge (benefit)	617	(1,162)	(203)
Income tax provision	\$ 25,927	\$ 9,473	\$ 5,554
Income tax rate reconciliation			
Income taxes at statutory South African tax rates	37.78%	37.78%	37.78%
Permanent items	9.95%	5.54%	1.23%
NUEP losses not provided for	8.29%		
Capital gains tax	10.26%		
Income tax provision	66.29%	43.32%	39.01%
Current	54.45%	48.63%	40.43%
Capital gains tax	10.26%		
Deferred	1.58%	(5.31)%	(1.42)%

The following table shows the significant components included in deferred income taxes as at June 30:

	2004	2003
<b>Assets:</b>		
Assessed losses	\$ 6,667	\$ 1,431
Valuation allowance related to assessed losses	(3,245)	
Prepaid expenses	(2,395)	(1,365)
Provisions and accruals	1,191	2,833
Other	331	34
	2,549	2,933
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
FTS patent	1,384	1,356
Intangible assets	1,633	(167)
Property, plant and equipment		(98)
STC Liability	6,025	6,756
Other	(81)	147

	8,961	7,994
<b>Net deferred income tax liabilities</b>	\$ 6,412	\$ 5,061

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**6. Stock-Based Compensation**

***2004 Stock Incentive Plan***

The shareholders of the Company approved the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (the Plan ) on May 27, 2004. The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan permits the Company to grant to its employees, directors and consultants incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance-based awards and other awards based on its common stock. The remuneration committee of the Company s board of directors ( the committee ) administers the Plan.

*Term*

No awards may be granted under the Plan after the tenth anniversary of the effective date of the Plan, but awards granted before such tenth anniversary may extend beyond that date.

*Shares Reserved for Awards and Limits on Awards*

The total number of shares of Company common stock available under the Plan initially will be 2,906,980, of which 1,453,490 shares may be used with respect to stock options, and 1,453,490 shares may be used in respect of other stock-based awards, which may include grants of restricted shares. The maximum number of shares for which stock options and stock appreciation rights, or for which other stock-based awards may be granted during a calendar year to any participant is 436,047, which is approximately 30% of the total number of shares that may be used with respect to stock options or stock-based awards under the Plan.

*Stock Options*

The committee will establish the duration of each option at the time it is granted. The maximum duration of an incentive stock option is ten years after the date of grant. The committee will establish the exercise price of each option at the time it is granted. Initial grants of non-qualified stock options may be made at an exercise price of \$3.00 per share, which is based on the price per share of Company common stock issued to the Brait Consortium. The exercise price of an incentive stock option may not be less than the fair market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. The committee may establish vesting and performance requirements that must be met prior to the exercise of options. Unless otherwise determined by the committee, stock options become exercisable ratably, on an annual basis, over a period of five years, commencing with the first anniversary of the grant date. On June 7, 2004, the Company granted 1,453,490 options to directors, management and employees of Aplitec at an exercise price of \$3.00. The options become exercisable ratably, on an annual basis, over a period of five years, commencing with the first anniversary of the grant date. No compensation expense was recorded as the grants were made at market value, which was considered to be the price that the Brait Group paid for its shares in the Company.

*Stock Appreciation Rights*

The committee also may grant stock appreciation rights, either singly or in tandem with underlying stock options. Stock appreciation rights entitle the holder upon exercise to receive an amount in any combination of cash or shares of our common stock (as determined by the committee) equal in value to the excess of the fair market value of the shares covered by the right over the grant price.

*Other Stock-Based Awards*

The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan permits the committee to grant awards that are valued by reference to, or otherwise based on the fair market value of, our common stock. These awards will be in such form

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and subject to such conditions, as the committee may determine, including the satisfaction of performance goals, the completion of periods of service or the occurrence of events.

As a condition precedent to the transaction, the committee granted 1,453,490 stock awards to management and employees of Aplitec on June 7, 2004. These grants were valued at \$3.00 per stock award, and become exercisable ratably, on an annual basis, over a period of five years, commencing with the grant date. Market value for the shares was determined to be the price that the Brait Consortium paid for its shares in the Company. The total cost related to these grants recognized in income for the year ended June 30, 2004 is approximately \$4.3 million.

The movement in stock options outstanding during the three years ended June 30, 2004 is summarized in the following table:

	2004		2003		2002	
	No. of Shares Under Option(2)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	No. of Shares Under Option(1)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	No. of Shares Under Option(1)	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at beginning of year			481,787	\$ 0.96	983,929	\$ 0.90
Granted	1,453,490					
Exercised		\$ 3.00	476,811	0.96	495,356	0.90
Lapsed or otherwise forfeited			4,976		6,786	
Outstanding at end of year	1,453,490			\$ 0.96	481,787	\$ 0.90
Exercisable at end of year						

(1) The number of stock based awards outstanding during 2003 and 2002 has been adjusted using the reinvestment ratio mentioned in Note 1 above, and reflects the one-for-six stock split described in Note 11 below.

(2) The number of stock-based awards outstanding during 2004 has been adjusted to reflect the one-for-six reverse stock split described in Note 11 below.

**7. Trade and Other Receivables**

	2004	2003
Trade and other receivables, gross	\$ 41,914	\$ 27,411
Allowance for doubtful accounts, beginning of year restated at year end rates	8,091	5,682
Provisions charged to the income statement	723	1,122
Amounts utilized	(427)	(7)
Allowance for doubtful accounts, end of year	8,387	6,797
Trade and other receivables, net	\$ 33,527	\$ 20,614





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**8. Trade and Other Payables**

	2004	2003
Trade payables	\$ 7,431	\$ 6,189
Accruals	9,091	4,404
Value-added tax payable	1,049	661
Other payables	2,984	2,629
Provisions	3,138	2,576
	\$ 23,693	\$ 16,459

**9. Revenue**

	2004	2003	2002
Sale of goods	\$ 3,321	\$ 7,979	\$ 6,216
Services rendered and loan based interest received	127,777	66,945	45,577
	\$ 131,098	\$ 74,924	\$ 51,793

**10. Capital Structure and Creditor Rights Attached to the B Class Loans**

The balance sheet reflects two classes of equity, namely common stock and linked units. The rights of the holders of common stock and linked units have not been affected by the reverse stock split described in Note 11 below.

The linked units comprise the following instruments which are linked and cannot be traded separately:

Special convertible preferred stock,

B Class preferred stock in New Aplitec and

B Class loans issued by New Aplitec

Although the linked units include certain instruments (the B Class preferred stock and the B Class loans) that are legally equity of a subsidiary of the Company, they have been treated as equity of the Company and recorded as part of shareholders' equity in these consolidated financial statements, in recognition of their substance, which is economically equivalent to that of common stock.

The B Class loans referred to above are not considered to be a liability in accordance with *SFAS 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Equity and Liability*, as New Aplitec does not have an obligation to transfer assets to its shareholders in respect of the loans. In addition, any distributions relating to the loans are solely at the discretion of New Aplitec.

**Voting rights** The holder of a convertible preference share has the same voting rights as a common shareholder. Therefore, a linked unit-holder is able to vote on the same matters as a common shareholder of the Company, including the selection of directors, corporate decisions submitted to shareholder vote, and decisions regarding distribution of earnings. In addition, the convertible preference shares do not provide any additional rights with respect to control of the Company above or beyond the common shareholder.

*Dividend rights* The corporate by-laws of the Company are such that the Company's common shareholders and linked unit holders have similar rights to the distribution of the Company's earnings.

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*Liquidation rights* The corporate by-laws allow for the automatic conversion of the linked units into common stock of the Company thereby allowing linked unit holder to have identical liquidation rights to a common shareholder in the event liquidation.

*Sale rights* A linked unit holder can only dispose of its interest in the Company by 1) converting the linked units into common stock and 2) selling the common stock on the open market. Therefore, a holder of the linked units receives the same risk and rewards in market price fluctuation as a common shareholder of the Company. In addition, both groups of shareholders have similar means as to which it is able to liquidate its interest in the Company.

***Common Stock***

Holders of shares of the Company's common stock are entitled to receive dividends and other distributions when declared by the Company's board of directors out of funds available. Payment of dividends and distributions is subject to certain restrictions of the state of Florida law, including the requirement that after making any distribution the Company must be able to meet its debts as they become due in the usual course of its business.

Upon voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, holders of common stock share ratably in the assets remaining after payments to creditors and provision for the preference of any preferred stock according to its terms. There are no pre-emptive or other subscription rights, conversion rights or redemption or scheduled installment payment provisions relating to shares of common stock. All of the outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable.

Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote per share for the election of directors and for all other matters to be voted on by shareholders. Holders of common stock may not cumulate their votes in the election of directors, and are entitled to share equally and ratably in the dividends that may be declared by the board of directors, but only after payment of dividends required to be paid on outstanding shares of preferred stock according to its terms. The shares of Company common stock are not subject to redemption.

***Special Convertible Preferred Stock***

The special convertible preferred stock ranks, on parity, without preference and priority, with the Company's common stock with respect to dividend rights (except as described below) or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company. The stock is junior in preference and priority to each other class or series of preferred stock or other equity security of the Company under terms which may be determined by the board of directors to expressly provide that such other security rank senior in preference or priority to the special convertible preferred stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company.

Provided that shares of special convertible preferred stock are outstanding, the Company's board will determine immediately prior to the declaration of any dividend or distribution (i) the portion, if any, of the Company's assets available for such dividend or distribution that is attributable to funds or assets from New Aplitec, regardless of the manner received (the South African Amount), and (ii) the portion of such funds or assets that is not from New Aplitec (the Non South African Amount). The South African Amount will not include amounts received from New Aplitec due to its liquidation, distribution or dividend after an insolvency or winding up.

Provided that shares of special convertible preferred stock are outstanding, (i) any dividends or distributions by the Company's board of Non-South African Amounts must be paid *pro rata* to all holders of common stock and special convertible preferred stock, and (ii) any dividends or distributions by the Company's board of South African Amounts can be paid only to holders of common stock. The

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Company's board has complete discretion to declare a dividend or distribution with respect to South African Amounts or Non-South African Amounts.

In the event of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, distribution of assets or winding-up of the Company, all outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock will automatically convert and holders of such stock will be entitled to receive *pari passu* with holders of common stock, any assets of the Company distributed for the benefit of its shareholders.

Holders of special convertible preferred stock have the right to receive notice of, attend, speak and vote at general meetings of Net 1, and are entitled to vote on all matters on which holders of common stock are entitled to vote. Each holder of special convertible preferred stock present in person, or the person representing such holder, is entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of shares of common stock that would be issued upon conversion of the special convertible preferred stock held by such holder on the record date.

***B Class Preferred Stock***

The Company owns 100% of the A class common stock and A class loans in issue of New Aplitec. The B class preferred stock rank *pari passu* with the New Aplitec A class stock in respect of participation in dividends and return of capital prior to winding-up of New Aplitec. The B class preferred stock shall not, however, participate in dividends or a return of capital on a winding-up of New Aplitec for any reason. However, the unit holders will participate, as the B class preference stock will automatically convert into Company common stock on a winding-up of New Aplitec. The B class preferred stock cannot be sold or transferred other than to the Company pursuant to the occurrence of a trigger event. Therefore, the B class preferred stock, the B class loans and the rights to receive Company special convertible preferred stock are linked together and cannot be traded separately.

The holders of B class preferred stock will only be entitled to vote on matters which directly affect the rights attaching to the B class preferred stock. At every general meeting of New Aplitec at which more than one class of shareholders are present and entitled to vote, unit holders of the South African Trust which in turn holds the B class preferred stock, shall be entitled, upon a poll, to that proportion of the total votes in New Aplitec which the aggregate number of B class preferred stock held bears to the aggregate number of all shares entitled to be voted at such meeting (provided that no resolution for the declaration of a dividend or for the disposal of any intellectual property of New Aplitec shall be passed unless unit holders representing 50.1% of the B class preferred stock present at the meeting in person or represented by proxy vote in favor of such resolution).

***B Class Loans***

The B class loans are unsecured and repayable as and when directed by the board of directors of New Aplitec provided that no capital may be repaid until at least 30 days have lapsed from the date of drawdown of the loans, and subject to South African Exchange Control approval. The loans will bear interest at such rates as may be determined by the board of directors of New Aplitec at the beginning of each year, but shall not be more than the prime rate as quoted by Standard Bank of South Africa Limited from time to time. Interest, if so declared by the board of directors of New Aplitec, will be payable by New Aplitec semi-annually in arrears.

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***Conversion of Special Convertible Preferred Stock to Common Stock***

Special convertible preferred stock is convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis upon the occurrence of trigger event. With each converted share of special convertible preferred stock that is converted, the Company will receive:

7.368421056 B class preference shares; and

such holder's interest in the New Aplitec B loan accounts.

Upon conversion, all rights with respect to shares for special convertible preferred stock will cease. Converted shares will be cancelled and have the status of authorized but unissued preferred stock, without designation as to series until such shares are once more designated as part of a particular series by the board of directors.

**11. Earnings Per Share**

The entire consolidated net income of the Company is attributable to the shareholders of the Company comprising both the holders of Net 1 common stock and the holders of the linked units. As described in Note 10, the linked units have the same rights and entitlements as those attached to common shares.

On June 2, 2005, the Company's board of directors approved a one-for-six reverse stock split which became effective on June 13, 2005. Under Florida corporate law the reverse stock split was not required to be approved by the Company's shareholders. The effect of this reverse stock split was to decrease the number of issued and outstanding shares by a factor of six and correspondingly increase the earnings per share by a factor of six. Each holder of common stock received one share for every six shares previously held. Each holder of linked units had an adjustment to the conversion ration of each linked unit from 1.228070176 to 7.368421056 (six-fold conversion ratio change).

As a result of the Aplitec transaction described in Note 1 above and the one-for-six reverse stock split, the weighted average number of shares used to calculate earnings per share for 2003 and 2002 have been retroactively restated to reflect the capital structure after the Aplitec transaction and the one-for-six reverse stock split. For the purpose of these restatements, the Aplitec share capital has been presented as common stock in prior periods.

As the linked units owned by holders are exchangeable for special convertible preferred stock at the ratio of 7.37:1 (prior to reverse stock split: 1.23:1), which is then converted to common stock at the ratio of 1:1, the basic earnings per share for the common stock and linked units are the same and is calculated by dividing the net income by combined number (54.7 million) of common stock (22.5 million) and special convertible preferred stock (32.2 million) in issue. Diluted earnings per share has been calculated to give effect to the number of additional common shares/linked units that would have been outstanding if

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the potential dilutive instruments had been issued in each period, and includes the effects, if any, of the one-for-six reverse stock split. This is demonstrated in the following table:

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>In U.S. cents</b>		
Earnings per share, as previously reported	6.6	6.8	4.5
Effects of one-for-six reverse stock split	33.0	30.4	22.5
Earnings per share, as restated	39.6	37.2	27.0

	<b>000 shares</b>		
Weighted average number of common stock and linked units, as previously reported	201,489	192,967	187,287
Effects of one-for-six reverse stock split	(167,908)	(160,806)	(156,072)
Weighted average number of common stock and linked units, as restated, included in tables below	33,581	32,161	31,215

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>In U.S. cents</b>		
Diluted earnings per share, as previously reported	6.4	6.8	4.5
Effects of one-for-six reverse stock split	32.0	30.4	22.5
Diluted earnings per share, as restated	38.4	37.2	27.0

	<b>000 shares</b>		
Weighted average number of common stock and linked units, as previously reported - diluted	207,939	192,967	187,287
Effects of one-for-six reverse stock split	(173,282)	(160,806)	(156,072)
Weighted average number of common stock and linked units, as restated, included in tables below - diluted	34,657	32,161	31,215

Earnings per common share does not give effect to any future taxes to be paid by Net 1 upon receipt of New Aplitec dividends, which could otherwise reduce the earnings available for distribution to the holders of Net 1 common stock.

The weighted average number of shares for 2004 presented below includes the common shares as well as the special convertible preferred shares as the shareholders that hold these shares have the same rights and entitlements as

those attached to the common shares.

The following tables detail the weighted average number of shares used for the calculation of earnings per share for the years ended June 30.

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Weighted average number of common shares    basic	1,420	32,161	31,215
Weighted average effect of dilutive securities:			
Employee stock options	46		171
Weighted average number of shares    diluted	1,466	32,161	31,386

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	2004	2003	2002
Weighted average number of linked units basic	32,161		
Weighted average effect of dilutive securities:			
Employee stock options	1,030		
Weighted average number of linked units diluted	33,191		

	2004	2003	2002
<b>Basic Earnings per common share, in cents</b>			
Income before extraordinary item and cumulative effect of an accounting change	39.60	37.20	27.00
Extraordinary item		2.40	
Cumulative effect of an accounting change		1.20	
Net income	39.60	40.80	27.00

**12. Commitments and Contingencies*****Operating Lease Commitments***

The Company leases certain premises and equipment under operating leases. At June 30, 2004, the future minimum payments under operating leases consist of:

Due within a year	\$ 2,072
Due within 2 years	1,398
Due within 3 years	840
Due within 4 years	\$ 250

Operating lease payments related to the premises and equipment were \$3 million, \$2.2 million and \$1.9 million, respectively for the years ended June 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

***Capital Commitments***

The Group had no outstanding capital commitments as at June 30, 2004 which had been approved by the directors (2003: nil; 2002: \$1.2 million).

***Purchase Obligations***

As of June 30, 2004 New Aplitec has purchase obligations totaling \$6.6 million.

***Guarantees***

In 2001, Aplitec issued a guarantee of \$3.2 million (R 20 million) to Nedbank Limited ( Nedbank ), regarding the guarantee provided by Nedbank to the Eastern Cape provincial government. The guarantee was required by the provincial government that Cash Paymaster Services (Proprietary) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Aplitec, would perform under the contract for the provision of welfare grants to beneficiaries in the province. The maximum potential amount that Aplitec could pay is \$3.2 million (R 20 million).

***Contingencies***



The Company is also subject to a variety of insignificant claims and suits that arise from time to time in the ordinary course of our business.

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Management of the Company currently believes that resolving all of these matters, individually or in aggregate, will not have a material adverse impact on our financial position or our results of operations.

**13. Related Party Transactions**

Pursuant to a Directors' Resolution of January 29, 2002, approximately \$0.4 million (2003: approximately \$0.2 million) of consulting fees paid to the ex-CEO, Claude Guerard, of the Company have been postponed until the Company has sufficient funds. The amount outstanding as of June 30, 2004 was settled in full in July 2004.

During the 2004 period Net 1 Holdings S.a.r.l. made payments on the Company's behalf. A total of approximately \$0.3 million remains outstanding without interest and is due on demand.

For services provided related to the transaction mentioned in Note 1 above, Brait received a capital raising fee of \$3.7 million and a further corporate finance fee of \$0.2 million, at a price of \$3.00 a share, in the Company's common stock as part payment for the services rendered. The remaining amount is to be paid in cash and is included in accounts payable as of June 30, 2004.

Nedcor Limited's (Nedcor) subsidiary Nedbank has the right to approximately 7.7 million special convertible preferred stock of the Company as of June 30, 2004. Aplitec provides Nedcor with point of sale terminals and other pay processing hardware. In addition, Aplitec has a software development and maintenance contract with Nedcor and provides other sundry services. During the year Aplitec earned \$1.6 million under the software development and maintenance contract, \$0.9 million in hardware sales and \$0.05 million from other sundry services. Included in accounts receivable is \$1 million due from Nedcor.

Light & Livingstone Financial Services CC, in which Mr. J C Livingstone (a non-executive director of Aplitec) is a member, performs the Company Secretarial function for Aplitec.

**14. Reconciliation of Net Income for the Year to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities**

	2004	2003	2002
Net Income for the year	\$ 13,278	\$ 13,117	\$ 8,518
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortizations	5,676	3,323	3,128
Minority interest in net income		452	167
Earnings from equity accounted investment	(87)		
(Profit) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	14	(22)	(67)
Profit on disposal of business		(300)	(267)
Fair value adjustment related to financial liabilities	33		
Fair value of foreign currency exchange contracts	483		
Interest received from equity accounted investment	(68)		
Stock compensation charge related to awards of stock/options	4,360	613	385
Stock issued related to transaction costs	2,500		
Extraordinary item		(857)	
Change in accounting policy		(318)	

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	2004	2003	2002
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>			
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(7,954)	(4,156)	(1,184)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(44)	1,003	106
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	6,770	4,838	(402)
Increase (decrease) in taxes payable	18,166	(647)	406
Increase (decrease) in deferred taxes	(1,232)	598	963
<b>Total adjustments</b>	<b>28,617</b>	<b>4,527</b>	<b>3,235</b>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 41,895	\$ 17,644	\$ 11,753

**15. Operating Segments**

The Company discloses segment information in accordance with SFAS No. 131, *Disclosure About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information* (SFAS 131), which requires companies to determine and review their segments as reflected in the management information systems reports that their managers use in making decisions and to report certain entity-wide disclosures about products and services, major customers, and the material countries in which the entity holds assets and reports revenues. The Company's management prepares consolidated statutory financial statements for management purposes under South African GAAP ( SA GAAP ), the company's chief operating decision-maker evaluates the segment performance using SA GAAP measures. Revenues and operating income are measured on a segmental basis in accordance with SA GAAP (defined as operating (loss)/income of continuing operations before central costs, goodwill amortization, SA GAAP operating exceptional items and share option costs ). In the tables below, this measure is referred to as segment operating (loss)/income.

The Company currently has four reportable segments which each operate mainly within South Africa: transaction-based activities; smart card accounts (previously included within the financial services segment, but now reviewed separately by management); financial services and hardware; software and related technology sales. The Company also has a corporate/eliminations segment. The Company's reportable segments offer different products and services and require different resources and marketing strategies and share the Company's assets.

The Transaction-based activities segment currently consists mainly of a state pension and welfare benefit distribution service to provincial governments in South Africa. Fee income is earned based on the number of beneficiaries included in the government pay-file. This segment has individually significant customers that each provides more than 10 percent of the total revenue of the Company. For the year ended June 30, 2004, there were three such customers, providing 38, 22 and 11 percent of total revenue (2003: two customers providing 35, and 20 percent of total revenue; 2002: three customers providing 30, 18 and 13 percent of total revenue).

The smart card accounts segment derives revenue from the provision of smart card accounts, as a fixed monthly fee per card is charged for the maintenance of these accounts. This segment's activities were previously included in the financial services segment. Prior year segment information has been restated in order to show comparative information.

The financial services segment derives revenue from the provision of short-term personal lending activities and life insurance products. Interest income is recognized in the income statement as it falls due, using the interest method by reference to the constant interest rate stated in each loan agreement.

The hardware, software and related technology sales segment markets, sells and implements the Universal Electronic Payment System ( UEPS ). The segment undertakes smart card system implementation projects, delivering hardware, software and business solutions in the form of customized systems.



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Corporate/ Eliminations include the Company's head office cost centers in addition to the elimination of inter-segment transactions.

The Company evaluates segment performance based on operating income. The following tables summarize segment information which is prepared in accordance with SA GAAP:

	<b>June 30,</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Transaction-based activities	\$ 83,275	\$ 44,058	\$ 28,291
Smart card accounts	26,584	13,750	8,318
Financial services	16,633	13,407	10,465
Hardware, software and related technology sales	4,606	5,135	4,719
<b>Total</b>	<b>131,098</b>	<b>76,350</b>	<b>51,793</b>
<b>Operating income</b>			
Transaction-based activities	24,913	10,196	7,376
Smart card accounts	12,055	5,500	2,772
Financial services	6,778	4,705	900
Hardware, software and related technology sales	1,232	680	1,611
Corporate/Eliminations	(5,735)	(1,663)	642
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,243</b>	<b>19,418</b>	<b>13,301</b>
<b>Interest earned</b>			
Transaction-based activities			
Smart card accounts			
Financial services			
Hardware, software and related technology sales			
Corporate/Eliminations	15,418	8,070	3,261
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,418</b>	<b>8,070</b>	<b>3,261</b>
<b>Interest expense</b>			
Transaction-based activities	11,175	4,887	1,617
Smart card accounts			
Financial services	29	51	15
Hardware, software and related technology sales	155	338	247
Corporate/Eliminations	419	194	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,778</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>1,879</b>

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	<b>June 30,</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Depreciation and amortization</b>			
Transaction-based activities	4,017	3,287	2,004
<b>Smart card accounts</b>			
Financial services	572	488	408
Hardware, software and related technology sales	4	14	50
Corporate/Eliminations	299	179	173
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,892</b>	<b>3,968</b>	<b>2,635</b>
<b>Income taxation expense</b>			
Transaction-based activities	4,121	1,593	1,728
Smart card accounts	3,617	1,650	832
Financial services	2,024	1,396	265
Hardware, software and related technology sales	323	103	409
Corporate/Eliminations	18,791	2,892	1,031
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,876</b>	<b>7,634</b>	<b>4,265</b>
<b>Net income after taxation</b>			
Transaction-based activities	9,616	3,716	4,031
Smart card accounts	8,438	3,850	1,940
Financial services	4,725	3,258	619
Hardware, software and related technology sales	754	240	955
Corporate/Eliminations	(9,614)	3,321	2,873
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,919</b>	<b>14,385</b>	<b>10,418</b>
<b>Segment assets</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>142,309</b>	<b>87,252</b>	<b>49,250</b>
<b>Expenditures for long-lived assets</b>			
Transaction-based activities	2,371	6,043	943
Smart card accounts			