

Cactus Ventures, Inc.
Form 10-Q
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended **March 31, 2012**.

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: **000-52446**

CACTUS VENTURES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or
Organization)

000-52446
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

123 W. Nye Lane, Suite 129

89706

Carson City, NV

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

831-770-0217

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

X . Yes . No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

X . Yes . No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer .

Accelerated filer .

Non-accelerated filer . (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company X .

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). X
. Yes . No

APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY

PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS:

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. . Yes . No

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of **April 17, 2012:**
11,155,008

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared by the Company without audit. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows at March 31, 2012 and 2011 and for the periods then ended have been made. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted. It is suggested that these condensed financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's December 31, 2011 audited financial statements. The results of operations for the periods ended March 31, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year.

CACTUS VENTURES, INCORPORATED

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011

	Unaudited 2012	Audited 2011
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current assets		
Cash in bank	\$ 150	\$ 150
Deposits on hand	0	0
Inventory	0	0
Total current assets	150	150
Equipment and parts	0	0
(Less) Accumulated depreciation	0	0
	0	0
Total assets	\$ 150	\$ 150
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,006	\$ 6
Accrued Legal Fees	1,710	300
Accrued interest	27,217	26,005
State corporate tax payable	0	0
Total current liabilities	29,933	26,311
Notes payable related parties	64,173	58,168
Total liabilities	94,106	84,479
Shareholders' deficit		
Preferred stock, 100,000,000 shares \$.01 par		
authorized, 0 outstanding		
Common stock, 100,000,000 shares, \$.01 par		
authorized, 11,155,008 outstanding	111,550	111,550
Paid in capital	63,885	63,885
Retained deficit	(269,392)	(259,764)
Total shareholders' equity	(93,956)	(84,329)
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 150	\$ 150

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

CACTUS VENTURES, INCORPORATED

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011

	2012	2011
Sales	\$ 0	\$ 0
Cost of Goods	0	0
Gross profit	0	0
Expenses		
Bank charges	0	0
Other costs	1,006	205
Professional fees	7,410	2,475
Total expenses	8,416	2,680
Net loss from operations	(8,416)	(2,680)
Other income (expense)		
Loss on sale	0	0
Interest expense	(1,212)	(1,325)
State corporate tax expense	0	0
	(1,212)	(1,325)
Net income (loss)	\$ (9,628)	\$ (4,005)
Loss per common share	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)
Weighted average of shares outstanding	11,155,008	11,155,008

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

CACTUS VENTURES, INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS-INDIRECT METHOD

For the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011

	2012	2011
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income (loss)	\$ (9,628)	\$ (4,005)
Adjustment to reconcile net to net cash provided by operating activities		
Increase in Legal fees payable	1,410	780
Increase in accounts payable	1,000	(2,220)
Increase in accrued interest	1,212	1,324
Rounding error	0	1
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(6,006)	(4,120)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Assets transferred	0	0
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	0	0
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Sale of common stock	0	0
Related party notes	6,006	4,120
NET CASH REALIZED FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	6,006	4,120
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	150	150
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT YEAR END	\$ 150	\$ 150

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

1.

Organization and basis of presentation

Basis of presentation

The accompanying interim condensed financial statements are unaudited, but in the opinion of management of Cactus Ventures, Inc. (the Company), contain all adjustments, which include normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly the financial position at March 31, 2012, the results of operations and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2010. The balance sheet as of December 31, 2011 is derived from the Company's audited financial statements.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, although management of the Company believes that the disclosures contained in these financial statements are adequate to make the information presented therein not misleading. For further information, refer to the financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

Description of business

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Nevada on October 6, 1997. The Company for the past several years has had no activity. Cactus Ventures, Inc (the Company) is a shell entity that is in the market for a merger with an appropriate company.

Net loss per share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period.

2.

New accounting pronouncements

The following accounting pronouncements if implemented would have no effect on the financial statements of the Company.

In May 2011, the FASB issued new authoritative guidance to provide a consistent definition of fair value and ensure that fair value measurements and disclosure requirements are similar between GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. This guidance changes certain fair value measurement principles and enhances the disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. This guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and is applied prospectively. The Company does not expect that the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on its financial statements.

In June 2011, the FASB issued new guidance on the presentation of comprehensive income. The new guidance allows an entity to present components of net income and other comprehensive income in one continuous statement, referred to as the statement of comprehensive income, or in two separate, but consecutive statements. The new guidance eliminates the current option to report other comprehensive income and its components in the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. While the new guidance changes the presentation of comprehensive income, there are no changes to the components that are recognized in net income or other comprehensive income from that of current accounting guidance. This new guidance is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2011. Upon adoption, the Company will present its consolidated financial statements under this new guidance. The Company does not expect the adoption of this accounting guidance to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

Footnotes to the Condensed Financial Statements

March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011

In December 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued authoritative guidance related to balance sheet offsetting. The new guidance requires disclosures about assets and liabilities that are offset or have the potential to be offset. These disclosures are intended to address differences in the asset and liability offsetting requirements under U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. This new guidance will be effective for us for interim and annual reporting periods beginning January 1, 2013, with retrospective application required. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's results of operations or financial position.

Other accounting standards that have been issued or proposed by the FASB or other standards-setting bodies that do not require adoption until a future date are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements upon adoption.

3.

Related party transaction

Various founders of the Company have performed consulting services for which the Company has paid them consulting fees as voted on during the initial board of directors meeting. There were \$0 and \$0 paid to a related party for continuous maintenance of records during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011.

The Company borrowed \$6,006 and \$9,351 from various related parties and shareholders of the Company for working capital purposes as of March 31, 2012 and 2011 respectively. The Company repaid \$0 and \$25,000 in notes payable to related parties as of March 31, 2012 and 2011 respectively.

In addition, related parties assumed \$10,694 in accounts payable as of March 31, 2011.

4.

Going concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and the settlement of liabilities and commitments in the normal course of business. As reflected in the accompanying financial statements, the company has a negative working capital deficiency of \$29,783 and a stockholders' deficiency of \$93,956. These factors raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. The ability to the Company to continue as a going concern is dependent on the company's ability to raise additional funds and implement its business plan. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary if the company is unable to continue as a going concern.

5.

Letter of Intent

On April 29th, 2011, the Company signed a non-binding Confidential Letter of Intent (LOI) with a private company with respect to a possible Share Exchange Transaction, pending continued discussions, negotiations and completion of due diligence. In good faith, a trust agent received a deposit of \$25,000. On May 16, 2011, the deposits became non-refundable in accordance with the specifications of the LOI. On June 15, 2011, the Company signed Addendum 1 to the Confidential Letter of Intent (CLOI) which amended the closing date no later than July 31, 2011.

ITEM 2. PLAN OF OPERATIONS

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OR PLAN OF OPERATION

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENT NOTICE

This Form 10-Q contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. For this purpose any statements contained in this Form 10-Q that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, words such as may, will, expect, believe, anticipate, estimate or continue or comparable terminology are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially depending on a variety of factors, many of which are not within our control. These factors include but are not limited to economic conditions generally and in the industries in which we may participate; competition within our chosen industry, including competition from much larger competitors; technological advances and failure to successfully develop business relationships.

Description of Business.

We were formed as a Nevada corporation on October 6, 1997 originally under the name Zurich U.S.A., Inc. On July 10, 2006, we changed our name to Cactus Ventures, Inc. and began pursuing our business of marketing sunglasses. The Company encountered numerous problems with various vendors and ceased its operations. The Company has now focused its efforts on seeking a business opportunity. The Company will attempt to locate and negotiate with a business entity for the merger of that target company into the Company. In certain instances, a target company may wish to become a subsidiary of the Company or may wish to contribute assets to the Company rather than merge. No assurances can be given that the Company will be successful in locating or negotiating with any target company. The Company will provide a method for a foreign or domestic private company to become a reporting (public) company whose securities are qualified for trading in the United States secondary market. We are now considered a blank check company.

The Company will attempt to locate and negotiate with a business entity for the merger of that target company into the Company. In certain instances, a target company may wish to become a subsidiary of the Company or may wish to contribute assets to the Company rather than merge. No assurances can be given that the Company will be successful in locating or negotiating with any target company. The Company will provide a method for a foreign or domestic private company to become a reporting (public) company whose securities are qualified for trading in the United

States secondary market.

The selection of a business opportunity in which to participate is complex and extremely risky and will be made by management in the exercise of its business judgment. There is no assurance that we will be able to identify and acquire any business opportunity which will ultimately prove to be beneficial to our company and shareholders.

Because we have no specific business plan or expertise, our activities are subject to several significant risks. In particular, any business acquisition or participation we pursue will likely be based on the decision of management without the consent, vote, or approval of our shareholders.

Sources of Opportunities

We anticipate that business opportunities may arise from various sources, including officers and directors, professional advisers, securities broker-dealers, venture capitalists, members of the financial community, and others who may present unsolicited proposals.

We will seek potential business opportunities from all known sources, but will rely principally on the personal contacts of our officers and directors as well as indirect associations between them and other business and professional people. Although we do not anticipate engaging professional firms specializing in business acquisitions or reorganizations, we may retain such firms if management deems it in our best interests. In some instances, we may publish notices or advertisements seeking a potential business opportunity in financial or trade publications.

Criteria

We will not restrict our search to any particular business, industry or geographical location. We may acquire a business opportunity in any stage of development. This includes opportunities involving start up or new companies. In seeking a business venture, management will base their decisions on the business objective of seeking long-term capital appreciation in the real value of our company. We will not be controlled by an attempt to take advantage of an anticipated or perceived appeal of a specific industry, management group, or product.

In analyzing prospective business opportunities, management will consider the following factors:

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available technical, financial and managerial resources;
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working capital and other financial requirements;
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the history of operations, if any;
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prospects for the future;
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the nature of present and expected competition;
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the quality and experience of management services which may be available and the depth of the management;
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the potential for further research, development or exploration;
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the potential for growth and expansion;
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the potential for profit;
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the perceived public recognition or acceptance of products, services, trade or service marks, name identification; and other relevant factors.

Generally, our management will analyze all available factors and make a determination based upon a composite of available facts, without relying on any single factor.

Methods of Participation of Acquisition

Management will review specific business and then select the most suitable opportunities based on legal structure or method of participation. Such structures and methods may include, but are not limited to, leases, purchase and sale agreements, licenses, joint ventures, other contractual arrangements, and may involve a reorganization, merger or consolidation transactions. Management may act directly or indirectly through an interest in a partnership, corporation, or other form of organization.

Procedures

As part of the our investigation of business opportunities, officers and directors may meet personally with management and key personnel of the firm sponsoring the business opportunity. We may visit and inspect material facilities, obtain independent analysis or verification of certain information provided, check references of management and key personnel, and conduct other reasonable measures.

We will generally ask to be provided with written materials regarding the business opportunity. These materials may include the following:

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descriptions of product, service and company history; management resumes;
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financial information;
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available projections with related assumptions upon which they are based;
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an explanation of proprietary products and services;

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evidence of existing patents, trademarks or service marks or rights thereto;

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present and proposed forms of compensation to management;

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a description of transactions between the prospective entity and its affiliates;

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relevant analysis of risks and competitive conditions;

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a financial plan of operation and estimated capital requirements;

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and other information deemed relevant.

Competition

We expect to encounter substantial competition in our efforts to acquire a business opportunity. The primary competition is from other companies organized and funded for similar purposes, small venture capital partnerships and corporations, small business investment companies and wealthy individuals.

Employees

We do not currently have any employees but rely upon the efforts of our officer and director to conduct our business. We do not have any employment or compensation agreements in place with our officers and directors although they are reimbursed for expenditures advanced on our behalf.

Plan of Operation

The Company is seeking to acquire assets or shares of an entity actively engaged in business which generates revenues. The Company has no particular acquisitions in mind and has not entered into any negotiations regarding such an acquisition. None of the Company's officers, directors, promoters or affiliates have engaged in any substantive contact or discussions with any representative of any other company regarding the possibility of an acquisition or merger between the Company and such other company as of the date of this annual report. The Board of Directors intends to obtain certain assurances of value of the target entity's assets prior to consummating such a transaction. Any business combination or transaction will likely result in a significant issuance of shares and substantial dilution to present stockholders of the Company.

The Company's current operating plan is to continue searching for potential businesses, products, technologies and companies for acquisition and to handle the administrative and reporting requirements of a public company. To demonstrate our commitment to maintaining ethical reporting and business practices, we adopted a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct.

The Company has, and will continue to have, no capital with which to provide the owners of business opportunities with any significant cash or other assets. However, management believes the Company will be able to offer owners of acquisition candidates the opportunity to acquire a controlling ownership interest in a publicly registered company without incurring the cost and time required to conduct an initial public offering. The owners of the acquisition candidate will, however, incur significant legal and accounting costs in connection with the acquisition of a business opportunity, including the costs of preparing Form 8-K's, 10-K's, 10-Q's, agreements and related reports and documents.

Results of Operations Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2011

We have \$150 cash on hand and have experienced operating losses since inception. We did not generate any revenues from operations during the periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011. Expenses during the period ended March 31, 2012 were \$8,416 with interest expense of \$1,212 compared to expenses of \$2,680 with interest expense of \$1,325 for the period ended March 31, 2011. Expenses for both periods consisted entirely of general and administrative expenses. These expenses were due to professional, legal and accounting fees relating to our reporting requirements.

As a result of the foregoing factors, we realized a net loss of \$9,628 for the period ended March 31, 2012, compared to a net loss of \$4,005 for the period ended March 31, 2011.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's balance sheet as of March 31, 2012, reflects total assets of \$150 in cash. As of March 31, 2012, our liabilities were \$94,106 which included \$1,006 in accounts payable, \$64,173 in notes payable to related parties, \$1,710 in accrued legal fees, and \$27,217 in accrued interest. The Company borrowed \$6,006 and \$9,351 from various related parties and shareholders of the Company for working capital purposes as of March 31, 2012 and 2011 respectively. We repaid \$0- and \$25,000 in notes payable to related parties as of March 31, 2012 and 2011 respectively. In addition, related parties assumed \$10,694 in accounts payable as of March 31, 2011.

Various founders of the Company have performed consulting services for which the Company has paid them consulting fees as voted on during the initial board of directors meeting. There were \$0 and \$0- paid to a related party for continuous maintenance of records during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011.

We anticipate our expenses for the next twelve months will be approximately \$20,000. In the past we have relied on advances from our president to cover our operating costs. Management anticipates that we will receive sufficient advances from our president to meet our needs through the next 12 months. However, there can be no assurances to that effect. Our need for capital may change dramatically if we acquire an interest in a business opportunity during that period. At present, we have no understandings, commitments or agreements with respect to the acquisition of any business venture, and there can be no assurance that we will identify a business venture suitable for acquisition in the future. Further, we cannot assure that we will be successful in consummating any acquisition on favorable terms or that we will be able to profitably manage any business venture we acquire. Should we require additional capital, we may seek additional advances from officers, sell common stock or find other forms of debt financing.

The Company has no other assets or line of credit, other than that which present management may agree to extend to or invest in the Company, nor does it expect to have one before a merger is effected. The Company will carry out its business plan as discussed above. The Company cannot predict to what extent its liquidity and capital resources will be diminished prior to the consummation of a business combination or whether its capital will be further depleted by the operating losses (if any) of the business entity which the Company may eventually acquire.

Our current operating plan is to continue searching for potential businesses, products, technologies and companies for acquisition and to handle the administrative and reporting requirements of a public company.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

Not required by smaller reporting companies.

ITEM 4T. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a)

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. We carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based upon our evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective, as of March 31, 2012, in ensuring that material information that we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms.

(b)

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting. There were no changes in our system of internal controls over financial reporting during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

None.

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

None.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES.

None

ITEM 4. [REMOVED AND RESERVED]

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K.

(a) Exhibits

Copies of the following documents are included as exhibits to this report pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

Exhibit

No.	Title of Document	Location
31	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer/ Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	Attached
32	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer/ Principal Financial Officer pursuant to U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*	Attached
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document	Attached
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document	Attached
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document	Attached
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document	Attached
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document	Attached
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document	Attached

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The Exhibit attached to this Form 10-Q shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to liability under that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

SIGNATURES

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

CACTUS VENTURES, INC.

Date: April 20, 2012

By: /s/ Diane S. Button

Diane S. Button, President and Chief Financial Officer