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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 10-Q**

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(Mark One)

Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2003

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: 000-27787

**DIGITAL IMPACT, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**94-3286913**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**177 Bovet Road**  
**San Mateo, California 94402**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Telephone Number (650) 356-3400**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Yes

No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Yes

No

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As of November 7, 2003, there were approximately 32.9 million shares of the Registrant's Common Stock outstanding.

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**DIGITAL IMPACT, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(In thousands, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Six Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Revenues	\$ 10,924	\$ 11,128	\$ 21,852	\$ 21,646
Cost of revenues	4,741	4,502	9,523	8,855
Gross profit	6,183	6,626	12,329	12,791
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	1,279	1,943	2,722	3,718
Sales and marketing	2,910	3,743	5,978	7,007
General and administrative	1,750	1,759	3,438	3,600
Stock-based compensation	17	165	42	428
Amortization of purchased intangibles	53	161	214	322
Total operating expenses	6,009	7,771	12,394	15,075
Income (loss) from operations	174	(1,145)	(65)	(2,284)
Other income and (expense), net	(66)	(18)	(120)	(72)
Net income (loss)	\$ 108	\$ (1,163)	\$ (185)	\$ (2,356)
Basic net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.08)
Weighted average shares used in basic net income (loss) per share	32,780	29,990	32,240	29,830
Diluted net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.08)
Weighted average shares used in diluted net income (loss) per share	35,662	29,990	32,240	29,830

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.*

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**DIGITAL IMPACT, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	<b>September 30, 2003</b>	<b>March 31, 2003</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,458	\$ 23,659
Short-term investments	1,603	108
Accounts receivable, net	9,182	7,903
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,725	1,377
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Total current assets	34,968	33,047
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Property and equipment, net	7,171	8,909
Restricted cash	1,163	1,114
Goodwill	2,002	2,002
Intangible assets		214
Other assets	645	731
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Total assets	\$ 45,949	\$ 46,017
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<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,627	\$ 1,819
Accrued payroll	1,359	1,779
Accrued liabilities	1,953	2,403
Deferred revenues	1,923	1,975
Current portion of capital lease obligations	120	374
Current portion of long term debt	570	1,212
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Total liabilities	7,552	9,562
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Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred Stock		
Common Stock	31	31
Additional paid-in capital	144,636	142,482

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	<b>September 30, 2003</b>	<b>March 31, 2003</b>
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Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(79)	(12)
Unearned stock-based compensation	(46)	(125)
Accumulated deficit	(105,564)	(105,379)
Less treasury stock, at cost	(581)	(542)
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Total stockholders' equity	38,397	36,455
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 45,949	\$ 46,017
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**DIGITAL IMPACT, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**  
(In thousands, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Six Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
Net income (loss)	\$ 108	\$(1,163)	\$(185)	\$(2,356)
Other comprehensive loss:				
Cumulative translation adjustment	(7)	(48)	(67)	(144)
Net changes in comprehensive income (loss)	(7)	(48)	(67)	(144)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 101	\$(1,211)	\$(252)	\$(2,500)

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**DIGITAL IMPACT, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net loss	\$ (185)	\$ (2,356)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,926	3,102
Recovery of bad debts	(70)	(374)
Amortization of unearned stock-based compensation	42	428
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	78	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(1,209)	(389)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(348)	82
Restricted cash	(49)	27
Other assets	86	114
Accounts payable	(192)	1,784
Accrued liabilities and accrued payroll	(870)	46
Deferred revenue	(52)	761
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>157</u>	<u>3,225</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchases of investments in marketable securities	(1,495)	
Maturities of investments in marketable securities		1,433
Acquisition of property and equipment	(1,052)	(3,081)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(2,547)</u>	<u>(1,648)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Principal payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations	(896)	(1,980)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	2,191	536
Purchases of treasury stock	(39)	(58)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>1,256</u>	<u>(1,502)</u>
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(67)	(144)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,201)	(69)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>23,659</u>	<u>23,937</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$22,458</u>	<u>\$23,868</u>
<b>Supplemental non-cash information:</b>		
Assets acquired under capital leases	\$	\$ 1,404
Unearned stock-based comprehensive cancellations	\$ (37)	\$ (217)

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**DIGITAL IMPACT, INC.  
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 1. The Company**

Digital Impact, Inc. (the Company) was incorporated in California in October 1997 and reincorporated in Delaware in October 1999. Digital Impact is the premier provider of online direct marketing solutions for enterprises. The Company solutions enable corporations to create and deliver online direct marketing programs that drive revenue, influence behavior and deepen customer relationships. The Company solutions provide customer insight and powerful program execution through a combination of hosted applications, technology infrastructure and world class services.

Digital Impact derives its revenues from the sale of solutions that enable businesses to proactively communicate with their customers online. Primarily, these services have consisted of the design and execution of online direct marketing campaigns, the development and execution of Customer Acquisition programs and additional services provided by the Professional Services organization.

Digital Impact is organized into two segments: Customer Marketing and Professional Services. Customer Marketing consists of creating and executing online direct marketing programs. Professional Services include several categories of services designed to improve campaign results.

**Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Basis of presentation and liquidity*

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Digital Impact and its wholly owned subsidiary. All significant intercompany accounts and balances have been eliminated.

The accompanying interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The accompanying interim consolidated financial statements are unaudited, but in the opinion of management, contain all the normal, recurring adjustments considered necessary to present fairly the financial position, the results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to interim periods. Results of operations are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the full fiscal year or for any future period.

The accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and the notes thereto included in Digital Impact's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003.

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year's consolidated financial statements to conform to the current year presentation. The reclassification had no effect on prior year's stockholders' equity or results from operations.

The Company generated consolidated net income of approximately \$108,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 and incurred a consolidated net loss of approximately \$185,000 for the six months ended September 30, 2003 compared to a consolidated net loss of \$1.2 million and \$2.4 million for the three months and six months ended September 30, 2002, respectively. The Company generated cash of \$157,000 from operating activities for the six months ended September 30, 2003, compared to \$3.2 million provided by operating activities for the six months ended September 30, 2002.

The Company continues to face risks associated with the execution of its strategy. Future cash flows and capital requirements depend on numerous factors, including market acceptance of its services, competition from new and existing competitors, the amount of resources it invests in its data center infrastructure and new product development, marketing and selling its products and services, brand promotions and any future acquisitions or divestitures.

The Company's primary source of liquidity is \$22.5 million in cash and cash equivalents, and \$1.6 million in short-term investments.

*Use of estimates*

Preparation of the accompanying financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make certain 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



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amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Significant estimates include those required in the valuation of intangible assets acquired in business combinations, allowances for doubtful accounts and sales allowances. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### *Foreign currency translation*

The functional currency for the Company's U.K. subsidiary is the British Pound. Assets and liabilities are translated using the exchange rate at the balance sheet date. Revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are translated using the exchange rate at the end of the month in which the transaction occurred. Translation gains and losses are accumulated as a separate component of stockholders' equity. Net gains and losses from foreign currency transactions are included in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations and were not significant during any of the periods presented.

### *Revenue Recognition*

The Company generates revenue from the sale of solutions that enable businesses to proactively communicate with its customers online.

Digital Impact applies the provisions of Staff Accounting Bulletin 101 Revenue Recognition and recognizes revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the service has been delivered, the fee is fixed or determinable and collection of the resulting receivables is reasonably assured. Customer Marketing revenues are recognized upon sending the campaigns. Revenues attributable to one-time set-up fees for service initiation are deferred and recognized ratably over the term of the client's service agreement, typically twelve months. Customer Acquisition revenues are derived primarily from programs that assist clients in growing their email lists through the use of third-party list rentals. Customer Acquisition programs fall into two general categories: List Rental programs and ProspectNet programs. List Rental programs involve the execution and delivery of email campaigns to a defined number of individuals provided by a third-party list rental or email address marketing service. ProspectNet programs involve the strategic placement of a Digital Impact client offer on a third-party site for the purpose of generating new opt-in email addresses for the client. Digital Impact contracts with third-party providers to deliver names of individuals who opt-in to join the client's email list. Digital Impact is obligated to make payments to third parties for the cost of services associated with the execution of List Rental and ProspectNet programs. Digital Impact accounts for revenues and costs associated with Customer Acquisition programs in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 99-19 (EITF 99-19), Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent. The cost of Customer Acquisition campaigns are recognized in the period that the programs are executed and are netted against program revenue. The cost of Customer Acquisition campaigns are estimated using Company records of outstanding purchase commitments when final vendor invoices have not been received.

Digital Impact recognizes revenue net of third-party costs because the majority of client and supplier contracts have the following characteristics: the supplier, not the Company, is the primary obligor in the arrangement, the Company has limited latitude in establishing the price charged to the client, the Company's credit risk is sometimes mitigated by receiving prepayment or reduced credit terms from its clients before ordering from the supplier, the Company does not maintain any inventory related to Customer Acquisition programs, the Company does not make changes to any data acquired from the supplier, and the client approves the supplier selection and the service specifications.

Digital Impact provides other complementary services to clients, such as strategy, solutions engineering, web-page development, creative design and data analytics. These services are typically billed on an hourly rate. The revenue for engagements that support the delivery of future products and services, such as targeted solutions, is deferred at the time of delivery and recognized pro-rata over the future periods of usage. The period over which the revenue is recognized varies, generally between one and twelve months, depending on the term of the contract or the estimated period of usage. Management uses their best estimates to determine the appropriate period for revenue deferral.

The Company assesses the probability of collection based on a number of factors, including its past transaction history with the customer and the credit-worthiness of the customer. New customers and certain existing customers are subject to a credit review process that evaluates the customer's financial position and ultimately their ability to pay according to the original terms of the arrangement. Based on the Company's review process, if it is determined from the outset or during the term of an arrangement that collection of the resulting receivable is not probable, then revenue is recognized on a cash-collected basis.

### *Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments*

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original or remaining maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents.

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Short-term investments consist of certificates of deposit and are classified as current assets because they have a maturity of less than one year.

Digital Impact classifies short-term investments as available-for-sale. Accordingly, these investments are carried at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses reported as a separate component of stockholders' equity. Digital Impact realizes gains or losses when these investments are sold using the specific identification method. Digital Impact has not recognized any material gains or losses from the sale of short-term investments.

Restricted cash of \$1.2 million at September 30, 2003 represents cash pledged as collateral for letters of credit that secure our operating leases.

*Concentration of credit risk and other risks and uncertainties*

Financial instruments subjecting the Company to concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and trade accounts receivable. The Company's cash and cash equivalents are maintained at a major U.S. financial institution. Deposits in this institution may exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits.

The Company's customers are primarily concentrated in the United States. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of customers, historical trends and other information. For the six months ended September 30, 2003, two customers represented 13% and 11% of revenue, respectively. For the six months ended September 30, 2002, one customer represented 13% of revenue. As of September 30, 2003, one customer represented 21% of accounts receivable. As of September 30, 2002, one customer represented 19% of accounts receivable.

*Research and development expense*

Research and development expense consists primarily of salary and related personnel expense, consulting fees and other operating expenses related to research and development departments. The research and development departments perform new product development, enhance and maintain existing products and perform quality assurance. With the exception of capitalized software development costs, research and development costs are expensed as incurred.

The Company follows the provisions outlined in Statement of Position 98-1 "Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software Developed or Obtained for Internal Use" related to the treatment of costs.

The Company capitalizes certain direct costs incurred in the development of internal use software. For the six months ended September 30, 2003, the Company capitalized approximately \$176,000 in software development costs. These costs will be amortized using the straight-line method over the two-year estimated useful life of the software, beginning when the software is ready for use. These amounts are included in property and equipment in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

*Long-lived assets*

Property and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the shorter of the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally three to five years, or the lease term, if applicable. Gains and losses upon asset disposal are taken into operations in the quarter of disposition. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred.

Long-lived assets, such as property and equipment and purchased intangibles subject to amortization, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to estimate undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset. Assets to be disposed of are separately presented in the balance sheet and reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell, and are no longer depreciated.

*Goodwill*

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" (SFAS No. 142), goodwill is no longer subject to amortization, but rather is subject to at least an annual assessment for impairment.

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*Income taxes*

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the differences between financial reporting and tax basis of assets and liabilities, measured at tax rates that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amounts expected to be realized. As of September 30, 2003, the Company had recorded a full valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets.

*Recent accounting pronouncements*

In November 2002, the FASB issued FIN 45, *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others*. FIN 45 requires a guarantor to recognize a liability for obligations it has undertaken in relation to the issuance of a guarantee. It requires that the liability be recorded at fair value on the date that the guarantee is issued. It also requires a guarantor to provide additional disclosures regarding guarantees, including the nature of the guarantee, the maximum potential amount of future payments under the guarantee, the carrying amount of the liability, if any, for the guarantor's obligations under the guarantee, and the nature and extent of any recourse provisions or available collateral that would enable the guarantor to recover the amounts paid under the guarantee. In June 2003, the FASB issued a FASB Staff Position which indicated that indemnification clauses in software agreements related to intellectual property infringement are subject to disclosure requirements of FIN 45, but not the initial recognition or measurement provisions. The disclosure requirements under FIN 45 are effective for the interim and annual periods ending after December 15, 2002. The recognition and measurement provisions under FIN 45 are effective for guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002. The adoption of FIN 45 did not have a material impact upon our financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

In November 2002, the EITF reached consensus on Issue No. 00-21, *Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables*. EITF 00-21 provides guidance on how to account for arrangements that involve the delivery or performance of multiple products, services and/or rights to use assets. The provisions of EITF Issue No. 00-21 will apply to revenue arrangements entered into in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2003. The adoption of EITF 00-21 did not have a material impact upon our financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, Transition and Disclosure* ( SFAS No. 148 ). SFAS No. 148 provides alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. SFAS No. 148 also requires that disclosures of the pro forma effect of using the fair value method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation be displayed more prominently and in a tabular format. Additionally, SFAS No. 148 requires disclosure of the pro forma effect in interim financial statements. The transition and annual disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 148 are effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2002. The interim disclosure requirements are effective for interim periods commencing after December 15, 2002 and these disclosures are contained in Note 3. The Company will continue to apply the APB 25 provisions and will disclose the fair value information on a proforma basis.

In May 2003, the FASB issue SFAS No. 150, *Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity* ( SFAS No. 150 ). SFAS No. 150 establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances). SFAS No. 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. It is to be implemented by reporting the cumulative effect of a change in an accounting principle for financial instruments created before the issuance date of the Statement and still existing at the beginning of the interim period of adoption. Restatement is not permitted. The adoption of SFAS No. 150 did not have a material impact upon our financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

**Note 3. Stock-Based Compensation**

SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* ( SFAS No. 123 ), as amended by SFAS No. 148, permits companies to measure the compensation cost of stock-based awards based on their estimated fair value at the date of grant and recognize the amount over the related service period. Therefore, as permitted by SFAS No. 123 and SFAS No. 148, the Company accounts for its employee stock option plans under the intrinsic value method, in accordance with the provisions of Accounting Principles Board ( APB ) Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related interpretations. As such, compensation expense related to the granting of employee stock options is recorded over the vesting period only if, on the date of grant, the fair value of the underlying stock exceeds the option's exercise price. Digital Impact has adopted the disclosure-only requirements of SFAS No. 123, which allows entities to continue to apply the provisions of APB No. 25 for transactions with employees and provide pro forma net income and pro forma earnings per share disclosures for employee stock grants made as if the fair value





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based method of accounting in SFAS No. 123 had been applied to these transactions.

Had the Company determined compensation expense of employee stock options based on the estimated fair value of the stock options at the grant date, consistent with the guidelines of SFAS No. 123, the net loss would have been increased to the pro forma amounts indicated below (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Six Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Net income (loss), as reported	\$ 108	\$(1,163)	\$ (185)	\$(2,356)
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net loss	17	165	42	428
Deduct: total stock-based compensation determined under fair value based method for all awards	(346)	(811)	(720)	(1,940)
Pro forma net loss, fair value method for all stock-based awards	\$ (221)	\$(1,809)	\$ (863)	\$(3,868)
Basic net income (loss) per share:				
As reported	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.04)	\$(0.01)	\$ (0.08)
Pro forma	\$(0.01)	\$ (0.06)	\$(0.03)	\$ (0.13)
Diluted net income (loss) per share:				
As reported	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.04)	\$(0.01)	\$ (0.08)
Pro forma	\$(0.01)	\$ (0.06)	\$(0.03)	\$ (0.13)

The fair value for each option granted was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, assuming no expected dividends and the following assumptions:

	Stock Options			
	Three Months Ended September 30,		Six Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Expected volatility	90%	90%	90%	90%
Weighted average risk-free interest rate	2.92%	3.56%	2.78%	4.21%
Expected life	4 years	6.5 years	4 to 6.5 years	6.5 years
Expected dividends	0%	0%	0%	0%

	Employee Stock Purchase Plan			
	Three Months Ended September 30,		Six Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Expected volatility	90%	90%	90%	90%
Weighted average risk-free interest rate	1.18%	2.20%	1.28%	2.26%
Expected life	.75 years	.75 years	.75 years	.75 years
Expected dividends	0%	0%	0%	0%

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The weighted average fair value per share of options granted at fair market value for the three and six months ended September 30, 2003 was \$2.53 and \$2.02, respectively, and the weighted average fair value per share of options granted at fair market value for the three and six months ended September 30, 2002 was \$1.47 and \$1.86, respectively.

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The pro forma impact of options on the net loss for the three and six months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, may not be representative of the effects on net income (loss) for future years, as future years will include the effects of additional years of stock option grants.

**Note 4. Net Income (Loss) Per Share Computation**

Basic net income (loss) per common share excludes the effect of potentially dilutive securities and is computed by dividing the net income (loss) available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the reporting period. Diluted net income (loss) per share adjusts this calculation to reflect the impact of outstanding stock options and shares subject to repurchase to the extent that their inclusion would have a dilutive effect on net income (loss) per share for the reporting period. The following is a reconciliation of the numerator and denominators used in the basic and diluted net income (loss) per share amounts (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Six Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Numerator:				
Numerator for basic and diluted per share amounts - net income (loss)	\$ 108	\$ (1,163)	\$ (185)	\$ (2,356)
Denominator:				
Denominator for basic net income (loss) per share weighted average shares	32,780	29,990	32,240	29,830
Effect of dilutive securities: stock options and shares subject to repurchase	2,882			
Denominator for diluted net income (loss) per share	35,662	29,990	32,240	29,830
Basic net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.08)
Diluted net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.08)

For the three month period ended September 30, 2003, approximately 1.1 million outstanding, out-of-the-money stock options were not included in the computation of diluted net income per share because to do so would have an antidilutive effect for the period. For the six month period ended September 30, 2003, approximately 5.8 million outstanding options and approximately 100,000 shares subject to repurchase were not included in the computation of diluted net loss per share because to do so would have an antidilutive effect for the period. For each of the three and six months ended September 30, 2002, approximately 8.2 million outstanding options, and 442,000 shares subject to repurchase were not included in the computation of diluted net loss per share because to do so would have an antidilutive effect for the periods.

**Note 5. Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2003	March 31, 2003
Purchased technology	\$ 1,930	\$ 1,930
Accumulated amortization	(1,930)	(1,716)
	\$	\$ 214

Amortization expense was \$53,000 and \$161,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Amortization expense was \$214,000 and \$322,000 for the six months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Intangible assets have been fully amortized as of September 30, 2003.

**Note 6. Restructuring Charges**

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As a result of a cost reduction program initiated by the Company in the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2003, we recorded net restructuring charges of \$546,000, which were classified as operating expenses. This involved the involuntary termination of 18 employees, as well as charges for excess real estate related to the closure of our Cupertino facility.

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During the first six months of fiscal 2004, no such charges were recorded.

In calculating the restructuring charge associated with future lease commitments we consulted with a third party real estate firm to determine reasonable estimates of future sublease income for our idle space, and to determine the time necessary to identify sublessees. The analysis was performed based on the current real estate market in the Silicon Valley area. Digital Impact's restructuring charge related to future lease commitments is based on a review of this information. Should market conditions change, this information may be updated.

The following table sets forth a summary of the costs and related charges for Digital Impact's restructuring charges and the balance of restructuring reserves established (in thousands):

	<u>Severance</u>	<u>Future Lease Costs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at March 31, 2003	\$ 8	\$ 350	\$ 358
Cash expenditures	\$ (8)	\$(176)	\$(184)
	—	—	—
Balance at September 30, 2003	\$	\$ 174	\$ 174
	—	—	—

As of September 30, 2003, approximately \$174,000 remains accrued in Accrued Liabilities.

**Note 7. Contingencies**

In June 2001, a series of putative securities class actions were filed in United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against certain investment bank underwriters for the Company's initial public offering (IPO), the Company, and various of the Company's officers and directors. The complaints, which have been consolidated under the caption *In re Digital Impact, Inc. Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, Civil Action No. 01-CV-4942, allege undisclosed and improper practices concerning the allocation of the Company's IPO shares, in violation of the federal securities laws, and seek unspecified damages on behalf of persons who purchased the Company's stock during the period from November 22, 1999 to December 6, 2000. The Court has appointed a lead plaintiff for the consolidated cases. On April 19, 2002, plaintiffs filed an amended complaint. Other actions have been filed making similar allegations regarding the IPOs of more than 300 other companies. All of these lawsuits have been coordinated for pretrial purposes as *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, Civil Action No. 21-MC-92. Defendants in these cases filed omnibus motions to dismiss on common pleading issues. Oral argument on these omnibus motions to dismiss was held on November 1, 2002. The Company's officers and directors have been dismissed without prejudice in this litigation. On February 19, 2003, the court granted in part and denied in part the omnibus motion to dismiss. The court's order did not dismiss any claims against the Company.

A proposal has been made for the settlement and release of claims against the issuer defendants, including the Company, in exchange for a guaranteed recovery to be paid by the issuer defendants' insurance carriers and an assignment of certain claims. The settlement is subject to a number of conditions, including approval of the proposed settling parties and the court. If the settlement does not occur, and litigation against the Company continues, the Company believes it has meritorious defenses and intends to defend the case vigorously.

On February 28, 2003, a related case, captioned *Liu v. Credit Suisse First Boston, et al.*, Case No. 03-20459, was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The complaint names as defendants over forty companies and their respective directors and officers, including Digital Impact and two of its officers. The *Liu* plaintiff is not alleged to have bought or sold Digital Impact stock. The Company anticipates that this new case will be transferred to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and coordinated with the existing IPO-related litigation, discussed above. In June 2003, the plaintiffs in this action filed an amended complaint but did not rename the Company or its officers or directors.

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Digital Impact is organized into two segments: Customer Marketing and Professional Services.

Customer Marketing provides clients with comprehensive solutions for creating and executing online direct marketing programs. The Company's solutions are designed to enable marketers to drive revenue and deepen customer relationships with a comprehensive process that includes: collecting and managing customer information, analyzing the information to determine ideal segments and offers, and sending highly relevant, individualized email messages.

Professional Services enable clients to enhance marketing programs and improve campaign results. Digital Impact offers clients services in each of the following categories: Strategy, Analysis, Data Management, Solutions Engineering, Web Development, Creative and Customer Acquisition.

The respective revenue and gross profit of each of these segments is as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2003			Three Months Ended September 30, 2002		
	Customer Marketing	Professional Services	Total	Customer Marketing	Professional Services	Total
Revenues	\$ 7,771	\$ 3,153	\$ 10,924	\$ 7,417	\$ 3,711	\$ 11,128
Segment Gross Profit	\$ 4,681	\$ 1,502	\$ 6,183	\$ 4,600	\$ 2,026	\$ 6,626
Gross Margin	60%	48%	57%	62%	55%	60%

	Six Months Ended September 30, 2003			Six Months Ended September 30, 2002		
	Customer Marketing	Professional Services	Total	Customer Marketing	Professional Services	Total
Revenues	\$ 15,305	\$ 6,547	\$ 21,852	\$ 15,127	\$ 6,519	\$ 21,646
Segment Gross Profit	\$ 9,104	\$ 3,225	\$ 12,329	\$ 9,482	\$ 3,309	\$ 12,791
Gross Margin	59%	49%	56%	63%	51%	59%

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### **Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

*You should read the following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with our financial statements and related notes. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of factors including those discussed in "Certain Factors Which May Impact Future Operating Results," starting on page 27. Any forward-looking statements speak only as of the date such statements are made.*

#### **Overview**

Digital Impact was incorporated in California in October 1997 and reincorporated in Delaware in October 1999. Digital Impact is the premier provider of online direct marketing solutions for enterprises. Our solutions enable corporations to create and deliver online direct marketing programs that drive revenue, influence behavior and deepen customer relationships. Our solutions provide customer insight and powerful program execution through a combination of hosted applications, technology infrastructure and world class services.

We derive our revenues from the sale of solutions that enable businesses to proactively communicate with their customers online. Primarily, these services have consisted of the design and execution of online direct marketing campaigns and additional services provided by our Professional Services organization, including the development and execution of Customer Acquisition programs. Revenue for direct marketing and acquisition campaigns are recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the campaign has been sent, the fee is fixed or determinable and collection of the resulting receivables is reasonably assured. Revenue generated by our Professional Service organization is typically recognized as the service is provided.

As of September 30, 2003, the Company had 253 full-time employees.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Digital Impact's consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. On an on-going basis, management evaluates its estimates, including those related to the allowance for doubtful accounts, intangible assets, restructuring costs and contingencies and litigation. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and various factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Management believes that the following critical accounting policies, among others, affect its more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements:

revenue recognition;

restructuring charges;

accounting for internal-use software;

Estimating valuation allowances, specifically the allowance for doubtful accounts;

valuation of long-lived assets and goodwill; and

accounting for stock-based compensation.

*Revenue recognition.* We generate revenue from the sale of solutions that enable businesses to proactively communicate with their customers online.

Digital Impact applies the provisions of Staff Accounting Bulletin 101 Revenue Recognition and recognizes revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the service has been delivered, the fee is fixed or determinable and collection of the resulting receivables is reasonably assured. Customer Marketing revenues are recognized on upon





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sending of the campaigns. Revenues attributable to one-time set-up fees for service initiation are deferred and recognized ratably over the term of the client's service agreement, typically twelve months. Customer Acquisition revenues are derived primarily from programs that assist clients in growing their email lists through the use of third-party list rentals. Customer Acquisition programs fall into two general categories: List Rental programs and ProspectNet programs. List Rental programs involve the execution and delivery of email campaigns to a defined number of individuals provided by a third-party list rental or email address matching service. ProspectNet programs involve the strategic placement of a Digital Impact client offer on a third-party site for the purpose of generating new opt-in to join the client's email list. Digital Impact contracts with third-party providers to deliver names of individuals who opt-in to join the client's email list. Digital Impact is obligated to make payments to third-parties for the cost of services associated with the execution of List Rental and ProspectNet programs. Digital Impact accounts for revenues and costs associated with Customer Acquisition programs in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 99-19 (EITF 99-19), Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent. The cost of Customer Acquisition campaigns are estimated using Company records of outstanding purchase commitments when final vendor invoices have not been received. The cost of Customer Acquisition campaigns are recognized in the period that the programs are executed and are netted against program revenue.

Digital Impact recognizes revenue net of third-party costs because the majority of client and supplier contracts have the following characteristics: the supplier, not the Company, is the primary obligor in the arrangement, the Company has limited latitude in establishing the price charged to the client, the Company's credit risk is sometimes mitigated by receiving prepayment or reduced credit terms from its clients before ordering from the supplier, the Company does not maintain any inventory related to Customer Acquisition programs, the Company does not make changes to any data acquired from the supplier, and the client approves the supplier selection and the service specifications.

Digital Impact provides other complementary services to clients, such as strategy, solutions engineering, web-page development, creative design and data analytics. These services are typically billed on an hourly rate. The revenue for engagements that support the delivery of future products and services, such as custom solutions, is deferred at the time of delivery and recognized pro-rata over the future periods of usage. The period over which the revenue is recognized varies, generally between one and twelve months, depending on the term of the contract or the estimated period of usage. Management uses its best estimates to determine the appropriate period for revenue deferral.

We assess probability of collection based on a number of factors, including our past transaction history with the customer and the credit-worthiness of the customer. New customers and certain existing customers are subject to a credit review process that evaluates the customer's financial position and ultimately their ability to pay according to the original terms of the arrangement. Based on our review process, if it is determined from the outset or during the term of an arrangement that collection of the resulting receivable is not reasonably assured, then revenue is recognized on a cash-collected basis.

*Restructuring charges.* Digital Impact's restructuring reserve is related to our facilities in Cupertino. In calculating the restructuring charge we consulted with a third-party real estate firm to determine reasonable estimates of future sublease income for our idle space, and to determine the time necessary to identify sublessees. The analysis was performed based on the current real estate market in the Silicon Valley area. Digital Impact's restructuring charge related to future lease commitments is based on a review of this information. Should market conditions change, this information may be updated.

*Accounting for internal-use software.* We account for internal-use software in accordance with AICPA Statement of Position 98-1, *Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software Developed or Obtained for Internal Use*. Internal-use software costs, including any fees paid to third parties to implement the software, are capitalized beginning when we have determined various factors are present, including among others, that the technology exists to achieve the performance requirements, we have made a decision as to whether we will purchase the software or develop it internally and we have authorized funding for the project. Capitalization of software costs ceases when the software implementation is substantially complete and is ready for its intended use, and the capitalized costs are amortized over the software's estimated useful life (generally one to two years) using the straight-line method. The estimated useful life is based on technical and marketing management judgment as to the product or feature life cycle. For the six months ended September 30, 2003, we capitalized \$176,000 related to internal-use software costs, none of which has been subject to amortization based upon deployment dates of the related projects.

When events or circumstances indicate the carrying value of internal use software might not be recoverable, we assess the recoverability of these assets by determining whether the amortization of the asset balance over its remaining life can be recovered through undiscounted future operating cash flows. The amount of impairment, if any, is recognized to the extent that the carrying value exceeds the projected discounted future operating cash flows and is recognized as a write down of the asset. In addition, if it is no longer probable that computer software being developed will be placed in service, the asset will be adjusted to the lower of its carrying value or fair value, if any, less direct selling costs. Any

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such adjustment would result in an expense in the period recorded, which could have a material adverse effect on our Consolidated Statement of Operations. As of September 30, 2003, we believe that no such impairment of internal-use software existed.

*Allowance for doubtful accounts.* The preparation of financial statements requires our management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported period. Specifically, management must make estimates of the uncollectable portion of our accounts receivable. Management specifically analyzes accounts receivable and analyzes historical bad debt experience, customer account disputes, customer credit worthiness, current economic trends and changes in our customer payment terms when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. Our accounts receivable balance was \$9.2 million, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$275,000, as of September 30, 2003.

*Valuation of long-lived assets and goodwill.* We assess the impairment of identified intangibles, long-lived assets and goodwill annually and whenever events or a change in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Factors we consider important which could trigger an impairment review include the following:

- significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results;
- significant changes in the manner of our use of the acquired assets or the strategy for our overall business;
- significant negative industry or economic trends;
- significant decline in our stock price for a sustained period of time; and
- our market capitalization relative to net book value.

When we determine that the carrying value of intangible assets, long-lived assets or goodwill may not be recoverable based upon the existence of one or more of the above indicators of impairment, we measure any potential impairment based on a projected discounted cash flow method using a discount rate determined by our management to be commensurate with the risk inherent in our current business model. Long-lived assets and goodwill amounted to \$9.2 million as of September 30, 2003.

*Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*

The Company accounts for stock-based awards to employees and directors using the intrinsic value method of accounting in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* (APB No. 25). Under the intrinsic value method, because the exercise price of the Company's employee stock options equals the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant, no compensation expense is recognized in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations. We believe this method is appropriate for the Company because it avoids the volatility of other expense methods which determine stock compensation expense typically by using the Black-Scholes option pricing model which was developed for use in estimating the value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option pricing models require input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility.

We have currently elected to apply the disclosure-only provisions of SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. In accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123, the Company applies APB No. 25, and related interpretations in accounting for its stock option plans.

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The following table sets forth selected data for the periods indicated as a percentage of total revenues. These operating results are not necessarily indicative of results for any future periods.

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
	2003		2002	
<b>Net Revenue:</b>				
Customer marketing	\$ 7,771	71%	\$ 7,417	67%
Professional services	3,153	29%	3,711	33%
Total net revenue	10,924	100%	\$ 11,128	100%
<b>Cost of revenue:</b>				
Customer marketing	3,090	28%	2,817	25%
Professional services	1,651	15%	1,685	15%
Cost of revenue	4,741	43%	4,502	40%
Gross profit	6,183	57%	6,626	60%
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Research and development	1,279	12%	1,943	18%
Sales and marketing	2,910	27%	3,743	34%
General and administrative	1,750	16%	1,759	16%
Stock-based compensation	17	0%	165	1%
Amortization of purchased intangibles	53	0%	161	1%
Total operating expenses	6,009	55%	7,771	70%
Income (loss) from operations	174	2%	(1,145)	(10%)
Other income and (expense), net	(66)	(1%)	(18)	0%
Net income (loss)	\$ 108	1%	\$ (1,163)	(10%)

Three Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2002

*Revenues*

Our Customer Marketing business provides clients with comprehensive solutions for creating and executing online direct marketing programs. Our solutions are designed to enable marketers to drive revenue and deepen customer relationships with a comprehensive process that includes: collecting and managing customer information, analyzing the information to determine ideal segments and offers, and sending highly relevant, individualized email messages. Customer Marketing revenues increased 5% to \$7.8 million or 71% of total revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$7.4 million or 67% of total revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2002..

The Professional Services group provides expertise to enhance marketing programs and improve results. Digital Impact offers clients services in each of the following categories: Strategy, Analysis, Data Management, Solutions Engineering, Web Development, Creative and Customer Acquisition. Professional Services revenues decreased by 15% to \$3.2 million, or 29% of total revenue, for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$3.7 million, or 33% of total revenue, for the three months ended September 30, 2002.

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Total revenues decreased by 2% to \$10.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$11.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. The decrease was due to price erosion over the twelve-month period and lower Professional Services revenue, primarily related to lower Customer Acquisition revenue, offset by a 36% increase in email volume.

For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, we expect minimal revenue growth over the prior fiscal year's net revenue of \$44.0 million.

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### *Cost of Revenues.*

Cost of revenue consists primarily of expenses relating to the delivery of online direct marketing services, including personnel costs of our services staff, the depreciation and amortization of equipment, purchased and licensed technology, and data center expenses.

Total cost of revenues increased 5% to \$4.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$4.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002.

The increase in cost of revenues was primarily related to a \$220,000 increase in depreciation expense and amortization of maintenance contracts related to the expansion of our data center infrastructure and a \$140,000 increase in personnel and consulting expenses, offset by a \$70,000 reduction in data center rent.

Gross margin decreased to 57% for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from 60% for the three months ended September 30, 2002. The decrease was largely due to price erosion and lower utilization rates for our Professional Services personnel, partially offset by operational efficiencies.

Gross margin for Customer Marketing was 60% and 62% for the three months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The decrease in gross margin is primarily the result of price erosion, partially offset by operational efficiencies which provided for a 36% increase in email volume with a 10% increase in total costs.

Gross margin for Professional Services was 48% and 55% for the three months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The decrease in Professional Services gross margin was related lower utilization rates, primarily in Customer Acquisitions, for our Professional Service personnel.

### *Operating Expenses.*

Our operating expenses are classified into three general categories: research and development, sales and marketing, and general and administrative. Although each category includes expenses that are unique to that category, some expenditures, such as compensation, employee benefits, office equipment, travel and entertainment, facilities and third-party professional service, occur in all of these categories.

We allocate the total cost for information services and facilities to each of the functional areas that use the information services and facilities based on each area's relative headcount. These allocated charges include rent and other facilities related costs, communication charges and depreciation charges for furniture and office equipment.

Total operating expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002 also include non-cash expenses related to stock-based compensation and the amortization of purchased intangibles.

*Research and Development.* Research and development expenses consist primarily of personnel related costs, outside contractor costs, and software and hardware maintenance costs. Research and development expenses declined by 34% to \$1.3 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2003 from \$1.9 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2002. The decline is primarily a result of a \$525,000 reduction in personnel and allocated expenses related to the reduction in our engineering and contractor staff and the capitalization of internal-use software. We capitalized \$53,000 and \$84,000 for internally developed software for the three months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. We expect research and development expense to remain approximately equal to current levels which represents a decrease in absolute dollars and a decrease in the percentage of revenue from the prior fiscal year. Research and development expense is substantially dependent on the level of development activity and related staffing.

*Sales and Marketing.* Sales and marketing expenses consist of personnel and related costs of our direct sales force, senior account management and marketing staff and marketing expenses for trade shows, advertisements, promotional activities and media events. Sales and marketing expenses decreased 22% to \$2.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$3.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. The decrease was primarily due to a \$830,000 decline in personnel and allocated expenses and a \$80,000 reduction in recruiting and outside consulting expense, offset by a \$70,000 increase in travel and entertainment expenses. Sales and marketing expense can vary as a result of our expectations of future sales growth. If sales growth were to exceed expectations, sales and marketing expense may increase in line with revenue growth.

*General and Administrative.* General and administrative expenses consist primarily of personnel and related costs for general corporate operations, including information technology services, finance, accounting, human resources, facilities and legal functions. General and administrative expenses were essentially unchanged at \$1.7 million and \$1.8 million for the



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three months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. During the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, we expect general and administrative expenses to increase slightly in absolute dollars from fiscal 2003 and to decline as a percentage of revenue.

*Stock-based Compensation.* Stock-based compensation, a non-cash expense, decreased 90% to \$17,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$165,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2002. The decline was primarily due to our use of the accelerated method of amortization for our employee stock-based compensation arrangements plus the reversal of balances of unamortized stock-based compensation related to employee terminations.

As of September 30, 2003, approximately \$46,000 of unearned stock-based compensation remains to be amortized.

*Amortization of Purchased Intangibles.* Amortization of purchased intangibles consists of the amortization of purchased technology from our July 2000 acquisition of MineShare. Amortization of purchased intangibles declined 66% to \$54,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$161,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2002.

As of September 30, 2003 all purchased intangibles have been fully amortized.

*Other Income and (expense).* Other income and (expense) was (\$66,000) for the three months ended September 30, 2003, compared to (\$18,000) for the three months ended September 30, 2002. Other expenses relate primarily to interest paid on leases and debt and losses on disposals of fixed assets. Other income relates to interest income on cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. For the three months ended September 30, 2003 we incurred a loss on disposal of fixed assets of \$76,000.

*Income taxes.* No provision for federal and state income taxes was recorded as we incurred net operating losses from inception through September 30, 2003. Due to the uncertainty regarding the ultimate utilization of the net operating loss carryforwards, we have not recorded any benefit for losses and a valuation allowance has been recorded for the entire amount of the net deferred tax asset. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 limits the use of net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards in certain situations where changes occur in the stock ownership of a company. If we should have an ownership change, as defined for tax purposes, utilization of the carryforwards could be restricted. In addition, sales of our stock, including shares sold in the initial public offering, may further restrict our ability to utilize our net operating loss carryforwards.



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The following table sets forth selected data for the periods indicated as a percentage of total revenues. These operating results are not necessarily indicative of results for any future periods.

	Six Months Ended September 30,			
	2003		2002	
Net Revenue:				
Customer marketing	\$ 15,305	70%	\$ 15,127	70%
Professional services	6,547	30%	6,519	30%
Total net revenue	21,852	100%	\$ 21,646	100%
Cost of revenue:				
Customer marketing	6,201	29%	5,645	26%
Professional services	3,322	15%	3,210	15%
Cost of revenue	9,523	44%	8,855	41%
Gross profit	12,329	56%	12,791	59%
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	2,722	13%	3,718	17%
Sales and marketing	5,978	27%	7,007	32%
General and administrative	3,438	16%	3,600	17%
Stock-based compensation	42	0%	428	2%
Amortization of purchased intangibles	214	1%	322	2%
Total operating expenses	12,394	57%	15,075	70%
Loss from operations	(65)	0%	(2,284)	(11%)
Other income and (expense), net	(120)	(1%)	(72)	(0%)
Net loss	\$ (185)	(1%)	\$ (2,356)	(11%)

Six Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2002

*Revenues*

Customer Marketing revenues increased 1% to \$15.3 million for the six months ended September 30, 2003 from \$15.1 million for the six months ended September 30, 2002. Customer Marketing represented 70% of total revenue for each of the six months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002.

Professional Services revenues were \$6.5 million or 30% of total revenue for each of the six months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002.

Total revenues increased by 1% to \$21.9 million for the six months ended September 30, 2003 from \$21.6 million for the six months ended September 30, 2002. The increase was primarily due to a 29% increase in email volume, offset by price erosion over the twelve-month period.

*Cost of Revenues*

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Total cost of revenues increased 8% to \$9.5 million for the six months ended September 30, 2003 from \$8.9 million for the six months ended September 30, 2002.

The increase in costs of revenues was primarily related to a \$650,000 increase in depreciation expense and amortization of maintenance contracts related to the expansion of our data center infrastructure and a \$300,000 increase in service personnel and consulting expenses, offset by a \$260,000 reduction in data center rent.

Gross margin decreased to 56% for the six months ended September 30, 2003 from 59% for the six months ended September 30, 2002. The decrease was largely due to price erosion, partially offset by operational efficiencies.

Gross margin for Customer Marketing was 59% and 63% for the six months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002,

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respectively. The decrease in gross margin is primarily the result of price erosion, offset by improvements in operational efficiency which provided for a 30% increase in email volume on a 10% increase in total costs.

Gross margin for Professional Services was 49% and 51% for the six months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The decrease in gross margin is primarily the result of a decline in utilization rates for our professional service personnel.

### *Operating Expenses.*

*Research and Development.* Research and development expenses consist primarily of personnel related costs, outside contractor costs, and software and hardware maintenance costs. Research and development expenses declined by 27% to \$2.7 million for the six months ended September 30, 2003 from \$3.7 million for the six months ended September 30, 2002. The decline is primarily a result of a \$875,000 reduction in personnel and allocated expenses, related to the reduction in our engineering and contractor staff and the capitalization of internal-use software. We capitalized \$176,000 for internally developed software for the six months ended September 30, 2003. We expect research and development expense to remain approximately equal to current levels which represents a decrease in absolute dollars and a decrease in the percentage of revenue from the prior fiscal year. Research and development expense is substantially dependent on the level of development activity and related staffing.

*Sales and Marketing.* Sales and marketing expenses consist of personnel and related costs of our direct sales force, senior account management and marketing staff and marketing expenses for trade shows, advertisements, promotional activities and media events. Sales and marketing expenses decreased 15% to \$6.0 million for the six months ended September 30, 2003 from \$7.0 million for the six months ended September 30, 2002. The decrease was primarily due to a \$1.2 million decline in personnel and allocated expenses and a \$220,000 reduction in recruiting and outside consulting expense, offset by a \$160,000 increase in marketing, travel and entertainment, and professional development expenses. Sales and marketing expense can vary as a result of our expectations of future sales growth. If sales growth were to exceed expectations, sales and marketing expense may increase in line with revenue growth.

*General and Administrative.* General and administrative expenses consist primarily of personnel and related costs for general corporate operations, including information technology services, finance, accounting, human resources, facilities and legal. General and administrative decreased 5% to \$3.4 million for the six months ended September 30, 2003 from \$3.6 million for the six months ended September 30, 2002. The overall decrease was primarily the result of lower personnel expenses and allocated overhead and decreases in travel and entertainment expense. During the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, we expect general and administrative expenses to increase slightly in absolute dollars from fiscal 2003 and to decline as a percentage of revenue.

*Stock-based Compensation.* Stock-based compensation, a non-cash expense, decreased 90% to \$42,000 for the six months ended September 30, 2003 from \$428,000 for the six months ended September 30, 2002. The decline was primarily due to our use of the accelerated method of amortization for our employee stock-based compensation arrangements plus the reversal of balances of unamortized stock-based compensation related to employee terminations.

As of September 30, 2003, approximately \$46,000 of unearned stock-based compensation remains to be amortized.

*Amortization of Purchased Intangibles.* Amortization of purchased intangibles consists of the amortization of purchased technology from our July 2000 acquisition of MineShare. Amortization of purchased intangibles declined 33% to \$214,000 for the six months ended September 30, 2003 from \$322,000 for the six months ended September 30, 2002.

As of September 30, 2003, no purchased intangibles remain to be amortized.

*Other Income and (expense).* Other income and (expense) was (\$120,000) for the six months ended September 30, 2003, compared to (\$72,000) for the six months ended September 30, 2002. Other expenses relate primarily to interest paid on leases and debt and losses on disposals of fixed assets. Other income relates to interest income on cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. For the three months ended September 30, 2003 we incurred a loss on disposal of fixed assets of \$78,000.

*Income taxes.* No provision for federal and state income taxes was recorded as we incurred net operating losses from inception through September 30, 2003. Due to the uncertainty regarding the ultimate utilization of the net operating loss carryforwards, we have not recorded any benefit for losses and a valuation allowance has been recorded for the entire amount of the net deferred tax asset. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 limits the use of net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards in certain situations where changes occur in the stock ownership of a company. If we should have an ownership change, as defined for tax purposes, utilization of the carryforwards could be restricted. In addition, sales



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of our stock, including shares sold in the initial public offering, may further restrict our ability to utilize our net operating loss carryforwards.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As of September 30, 2003, we had \$24.1 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments and working capital of \$27.4 million. In addition, as of September 30, 2003, we had \$1.2 million in restricted cash supporting letters of credit issued against certain contractual lease obligations.

For the six months ended September 30, 2003 our operating activities generated net cash of \$155,000 compared to \$3.2 million for the six months ended September 30, 2002. Net cash generated by operating activities for the six months ended September 30, 2003 consisted of the net loss of \$185,000, offset by non-cash items of \$3.0 million and a decrease in cash items of \$2.6 million arising from increases in accounts receivable and prepaid expenses of \$1.5 million and decreases in accounts payable, accrued liabilities and payroll of \$1.1 million. Cash provided by operating activities for the six months ended September 30, 2002 resulted from the net loss of \$2.4 million, offset by non-cash items of \$3.1 million, and changes in operating assets and liabilities that generated \$2.4 million.

Investing activities generally relate to property and equipment purchases and the purchases of investments, offset by cash provided from the sales and maturity of investments for the six months ended September 30, 2003. Our investing activities used net cash of \$2.5 million for the six months ended September 30, 2003 compared to \$1.6 million used by investing activities for the six months ended September 30, 2002. Net cash used in investing activities for the six months ended September 30, 2003 related to acquisitions of property and equipment totaling \$1.1 million and purchases of short-term investments totaling \$1.5 million. Net cash used by investing activities for the six months ended September 30, 2002 was attributable to acquisitions of equipment of approximately \$3.1 million, offset by maturities of investments in marketable securities of \$1.4 million.

For the six months ended September 30, 2003, our financing activities provided net cash of \$1.3 million compared to \$1.5 million used in financing activities for the six months ended September 30, 2002. Net cash provided by financing activities for the six months ended September 30, 2003 consisted of proceeds from option exercises and employee stock plan purchases totaling \$2.2 million, offset by principal payments on long-term debt of \$896,000 and purchases of treasury stock of \$39,000. Net cash used by financing activities for the six months ended September 30, 2002 was attributable primarily to payments on long-term debt and leases of \$2.0 million, partially offset by proceeds from the exercise of stock options and the purchase of shares through our employee stock purchase plan of \$500,000.

We are committed to making cash payments in the future on three types of contracts: notes payable, capital leases and non-cancelable operating leases. We have no off-balance sheet debt or other such unrecorded obligations and we have not guaranteed the debt of any other party. We had borrowings in the form of notes payable and capital leases totaling \$690,000, payable in monthly installments through March 2004, with a weighted average interest rate of 14%. Our credit agreements place restrictions on our ability to pay dividends. We have a term loan that contains a cash covenant, which requires that we maintain a minimum of \$11.5 million in unrestricted cash and cash equivalents. In the event that the covenant is violated the loan is immediately callable. As of September 30, 2003, there was approximately \$570,000 outstanding under this loan agreement.

Digital Impact has made certain commercial commitments that extend beyond our fiscal year ending March 31, 2004. These commitments include letters of credit obtained from a financial institution in lieu of a security deposit for leased office space. The aggregate amount of the letters of credit is classified as restricted cash and is stated separately on the balance sheet.

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Below is a schedule of the future payments that we are obligated to make based on agreements in place as of September 30, 2003:

	Total	Six Months Ended	Year Ended March 31,			
		March 31, 2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
(in thousands)						
<b>Contractual Obligations:</b>						
Notes payable	\$ 570	\$ 570	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital leases	120	120				
Operating leases	9,545	1,883	2,864	2,270	2,324	204
<b>Total Contractual Obligations</b>	<b>\$ 10,235</b>	<b>\$ 2,573</b>	<b>\$ 2,864</b>	<b>\$ 2,270</b>	<b>\$ 2,324</b>	<b>\$ 204</b>

We have commercial commitments under letters of credit that expire in amounts of \$57,000 and \$1.0 million in fiscal year 2004 and fiscal year 2008, respectively.

The Company continues to face risks associated with the execution of its strategy. Our future cash flows and capital requirements depend on numerous factors, including market acceptance of our services, competition from new and existing competitors, the amount of resources we invest in our data center infrastructure and new product development, marketing and selling our products and services, our brand promotions and any future acquisitions or divestitures.

The Company's primary source of liquidity is \$24.1 million in cash and cash equivalents, and short-term investments. The Company believes it has the necessary financial resources to fund its working capital needs, capital expenditures and other business requirements for at least the next 12 months.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In November 2002, the FASB issued FIN 45, Guarantors' Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others. FIN 45 requires a guarantor to recognize a liability for obligations it has undertaken in relation to the issuance of a guarantee. It requires that the liability be recorded at fair value on the date that the guarantee is issued. It also requires a guarantor to provide additional disclosures regarding guarantees, including the nature of the guarantee, the maximum potential amount of future payments under the guarantee, the carrying amount of the liability, if any, for the guarantor's obligations under the guarantee, and the nature and extent of any recourse provisions or available collateral that would enable the guarantor to recover the amounts paid under the guarantee. In June 2003, the FASB issued a FASB Staff Position which indicated that indemnification clauses in software agreements related to intellectual property infringement are subject to disclosure requirements of FIN 45, but not the initial recognition or measurement provisions. The disclosure requirements under FIN 45 are effective for the interim and annual periods ending after December 15, 2002. The recognition and measurement provisions under FIN 45 are effective for guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002. The adoption of FIN 45 did not have a material impact upon our financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

In November 2002, the EITF reached consensus on Issue No. 00-21, Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables. EITF 00-21 provides guidance on how to account for arrangements that involve the delivery or performance of multiple products, services and/or rights to use assets. The provisions of EITF Issue No. 00-21 will apply to revenue arrangements entered into in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2003. The adoption of EITF 00-21 did not have a material impact upon our financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, Transition and Disclosure (SFAS No. 148). SFAS No. 148 provides alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. SFAS No. 148 also requires that disclosures of the pro forma effect of using the fair value method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation be displayed more prominently and in a tabular format. Additionally, SFAS No. 148 requires disclosure of the pro forma effect in interim financial statements. The transition and annual disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 148 are effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2002. The interim disclosure requirements are effective for interim periods commencing after December 15, 2002 and these disclosures are contained in Note 3. The Company will continue to apply the APB 25 provisions and will disclose the fair value information on a proforma basis.



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In May 2003, the FASB issue SFAS No. 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity ( SFAS No. 150 ). SFAS No. 150 establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances). SFAS No. 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. It is to be implemented by reporting the cumulative effect of a change in an accounting principle for financial instruments created before the issuance date of the Statement and still existing at the beginning of the interim period of adoption. Restatement is not permitted. The adoption of SFAS No. 150 did not have a material impact upon our financial position, cash flows or results of operations.



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### **Certain Factors Which May Impact Future Operating Results**

*Our future operating results may vary substantially from period to period due to a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control. The following discussion highlights some of these factors and the possible impact of these factors on future results of operations. If any of the following factors actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be harmed. In that case, the price of our common stock could decline, and investors could experience losses on their investment.*

*Because of our limited operating history and the emerging nature of the online direct marketing industry, any predictions about our future revenues and expenses may not be as accurate as they would be if we had a longer business history, and we cannot determine trends that may affect our business.*

We were incorporated in October 1997 in California and reincorporated in Delaware in October 1999. Our limited operating history makes financial forecasting and evaluation of our business difficult. Since we have limited financial data, any predictions about our future revenues and expenses may not be as accurate as they would be if we had a longer business history. Because of the emerging nature of the online direct marketing industry, we cannot determine trends that may emerge in our market or affect our business. The revenue and income potential of the online direct marketing industry, and our business, are unproven.

*Our operating results have varied significantly in the past and are likely to vary significantly from period to period, and our stock price may decline if we fail to meet the expectations of analysts and investors.*

Our operating results have varied significantly in the past and are likely to vary significantly from period to period. As a result, our operating results are difficult to predict and may not meet the expectations of securities analysts or investors. If this occurs, the price of our common stock would likely decline.

*We derive our revenue from marketing services, which revenues tend to be cyclical and dependent on the economic prospects of our clients and the economy in general. A sustained reduction in expenditures by our clients or a sustained downturn in the economy could cause our revenues to decline significantly in any given period.*

Our clients' marketing and advertising expenditures tend to be cyclical, reflecting overall economic conditions as well as budgeting and buying patterns. The overall market for marketing and advertising services, including Internet marketing and advertising services, has been characterized in recent quarters by increasing softness of demand and lower prices. We also cannot assure you that if economic conditions improve, marketing budgets and advertising spending will increase from current levels. A continued decline in the economic prospects of our clients or the economy in general could alter pending priorities or increase the time it takes to close a sale with a prospective client. As a result, our revenues from marketing services may decline significantly in any given period.

*We may not be able to forecast our revenues accurately because our customers' marketing budgets are difficult to predict and may fluctuate from period to period.*

Our revenue and operating results depend upon the marketing budgets of our existing and new customers. These marketing budgets are difficult to predict and may vary from period to period as a result of factors that are beyond our control, including our customers' marketing objectives for a particular period, the general state of the economy and our customers' success in the marketplace. Consequently, we face difficulty in predicting the amount of revenues each client will generate in any particular quarter. As a result, our operating results are difficult to predict and may not meet the expectations of securities analysts or investors. If this occurs, the price of our common stock would likely decline.

*Seasonal trends may cause our quarterly operating results to fluctuate, which may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.*

The traditional direct marketing industry has typically generated lower revenues during the summer months and higher revenues during the calendar year-end months. We believe our business is affected by similar revenue fluctuations, but our limited operating history is insufficient to isolate and predict the magnitude of these effects. Because we do experience these effects, analysts and investors may not be able to predict our quarterly or annual operating results. If we fail to meet expectations of analysts and investors, our stock price could decline.

*If businesses and consumers fail to accept online direct marketing as a means to attract new customers, demand for our services may not develop and the price of our stock could decline.*

The market for online direct marketing services is relatively new and rapidly evolving, and our business may be



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harmed if sufficient demand for our services does not develop. Our current and planned services are very different from the traditional methods that many of our clients have historically used to attract new customers and maintain customer relationships.

*The loss of a major client could result in lower than expected revenues.*

The loss of a major client could harm our business. While only two clients each accounted for more than 10% of our revenues for the three and six months ended September 30, 2003, the loss of one of these clients or another major client could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

*The online direct marketing industry is highly competitive, and if we are unable to compete effectively, the demand for, or the prices of, our services may decline.*

The market for online direct marketing is highly competitive, rapidly evolving and experiencing rapid technological change. Intense competition may result in price reductions, reduced sales, gross margins and operating margins, and loss of market share. Our principal competitors include providers of online direct marketing solutions such as DoubleClick, Responsys, Cheetahmail, Bigfoot Interactive, eDialog and InfoUSA, as well as the in-house information technology departments of our existing and prospective clients. The loss of a client due to service quality or technology problems could result in reputational harm to us and, as a result, increase the effect of competition and negatively impact our ability to attract new clients.

In addition, we expect competition to persist and intensify in the future, which could harm our ability to increase sales and maintain our prices. In the future, we may experience competition from Internet service providers, advertising and direct marketing agencies and other large established businesses possessing large, existing customer bases, substantial financial resources and established distribution channels and could develop, market or resell a number of online direct marketing solutions. These potential competitors may also choose to enter, or have already entered, the market for online direct marketing by acquiring one of our existing competitors or by forming strategic alliances with a competitor.

Many of these potential competitors have broad distribution channels and they may bundle competing products or services. As a result of future competition, the demand for our services could substantially decline. Any of these occurrences could harm our ability to compete effectively.

*If we fail to respond to changing customer preferences in our market, demand for our technology and services may decline, causing our revenues to suffer.*

If we do not continue to develop new technology and services that keep pace with competitive developments, satisfy diverse and rapidly evolving customer requirements and achieve market acceptance, we might be unable to attract new customers and retain existing customers. The development of proprietary technology and service enhancements entails significant technical and business risks and requires substantial expenditures and lead-time. We might not be successful in marketing and supporting recently released versions of our technology and services on a timely or cost-effective basis. In addition, even if new technology and services are developed and released, they might not achieve market acceptance. We have experienced delays in releasing new or enhanced technology and services in the past and could experience similar delays in the future, which could cause us to lose customers.

*If we do not attract and retain additional highly skilled personnel, we may be unable to execute our business strategy.*

Our business depends on the continued technological innovation of our core products and services and our ability to provide comprehensive online direct marketing expertise. Our main offices are located in the San Francisco Bay Area and New York City, where competition for personnel with Internet-related technology and marketing skills has traditionally been intense. In addition, we restructure our organization from time to time, including reductions in our workforce, to streamline operations and reduce costs. These measures may have unanticipated consequences, such as low morale, unexpected litigation and difficulty in future employee hiring and retention. If we fail to identify, attract, retain and motivate these highly skilled personnel, we may be unable to successfully introduce new services or otherwise implement our business strategy. As a public company we face greater difficulty attracting and retaining personnel than we did as a private company.

*If the delivery of our email messages is limited or blocked, then the amount we may be able to charge our clients for producing and sending their campaigns may be reduced and our clients may discontinue their use of our services.*

Our business model relies on our ability to deliver emails over the Internet through Internet service providers and to recipients in major corporations. In particular, a significant percentage of our emails are sent to recipients who use

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AOL. We do not have, nor are we required to have, an agreement with AOL to deliver emails to their customers. AOL uses a proprietary set of technologies to handle and deliver email and the value of our services will be reduced if we are unable to provide emails compatible with these technologies.

In addition, AOL and other Internet service providers are able to block messages from reaching their users. Recent releases of Internet service provider software and the implementation of stringent new policies by Internet service providers have caused periodic temporary blockages of our ability to successfully deliver emails to their customers. We continually improve our own technology and work with Internet service providers to improve our ability to successfully deliver our emails. However, if Internet service providers materially limit or halt the delivery of our emails, or if we fail to deliver emails in such a way as to be compatible with these companies' email handling technologies, then the amount we may be able to charge our clients for producing and sending their online direct marketing campaigns may be reduced and our clients may discontinue their use of our services. In addition, the effectiveness of email marketing may decrease as a result of increased consumer resistance to email marketing in general.

*Our facilities and systems are vulnerable to natural disasters and other unexpected events, and any of these events could result in an interruption of our ability to execute our clients' online direct marketing campaigns.*

We depend on the efficient and uninterrupted operations of our data center and hardware systems. Our data center and hardware systems are located in northern California, an area susceptible to earthquakes. Our data center and hardware systems are also vulnerable to damage from fire, floods, power loss, telecommunications failures, and similar events. If any of these events results in damage to our data center or systems, we may be unable to execute our clients' online direct marketing campaigns until the damage is repaired, and may accordingly lose clients and revenues. In addition, subject to applicable insurance coverage, we may incur substantial costs in repairing any damage.

*Our data center is located at facilities provided by a third party, and if this party is unable to adequately protect our data center, our reputation may be harmed and we may lose clients.*

Our data center, which is critical to our ongoing operations, is located at facilities provided by a third party. Our operations depend on this party's ability to protect our data center from damage or interruption from human error, break-ins, sabotage, computer viruses, intentional acts of vandalism and similar events. If this party is unable to adequately protect our data center and information is lost or our ability to deliver our services is interrupted, our reputation may be harmed and we may lose clients.

*If we are unable to protect our intellectual property or if third parties develop superior intellectual property, third parties could use our intellectual property without our consent and prevent us from using their technology.*

Our ability to successfully compete is substantially dependent upon our internally developed technology and intellectual property, which we protect through a combination of patent, copyright, trade secret and trademark law, as well as contractual obligations. We have one issued U.S. patent and have three U.S. patent applications pending. We have several registered trademarks in the U.S. and Japan and have several more applications pending in the U.S., Europe and Japan. We may not be able to protect our proprietary rights. Unauthorized parties may attempt to obtain and use our proprietary information. Policing unauthorized use of our proprietary information is difficult, and we cannot be certain that the steps we have taken will prevent misappropriation, particularly in foreign countries where the laws may not protect our proprietary rights as fully as in the United States.

We are one of several companies rapidly building new technologies in our industry. It is possible that a third party could be awarded a patent that applies to some portion of our technology. If this occurs, we may be required to incur substantial legal fees, cease using the technology or pay significant licensing fees for such use.

*If we are unable to safeguard the confidential information in our data warehouse, our reputation may be harmed and we may be exposed to liability.*

We currently store confidential customer information in a secure data warehouse. We cannot be certain, however, that we will be able to prevent unauthorized individuals from gaining access to this data warehouse. If any compromise or breach of security were to occur, it could harm our reputation and expose us to possible liability. Any unauthorized access to our servers could result in the misappropriation of confidential customer information or cause interruptions in our services. It is also possible that one of our employees could attempt to misuse confidential customer information, exposing us to liability. In addition, our reputation may be harmed if we lose customer information maintained in our data warehouse due to systems interruptions or other reasons.

*Activities of our clients could damage our reputation or give rise to legal claims against us.*



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Our clients' promotion of their products and services may not comply with federal, state and local laws. We cannot predict whether our role in facilitating these marketing activities would expose us to liability under these laws. Any claims made against us could be costly and time-consuming to defend. If we are exposed to this kind of liability, we could be required to pay fines or penalties, redesign our business methods, discontinue some of our services or otherwise expend resources to avoid liability.

Our services involve the transmission of information through the Internet. Our services could be used to transmit harmful applications, negative messages, unauthorized reproduction of copyrighted material, inaccurate data or computer viruses to end-users in the course of delivery. Any transmission of this kind could damage our reputation or could give rise to legal claims against us. We could spend a significant amount of time and money defending against these legal claims.

*New regulation of, and uncertainties regarding the application of existing laws and regulations to, online direct marketing and the Internet could prohibit, limit or increase the cost of our business.*

Legislation has been enacted in several states regulating the sending of unsolicited commercial email. We cannot assure you that existing or future legislation regarding commercial email will not harm our business. The federal government, foreign governments and several state governments are considering, or have considered, similar legislation. These provisions generally regulate or prohibit both the transmission of unsolicited commercial emails and the use of forged or fraudulent routing and header information. For example, the State of California recently enacted a law prohibiting the sending of unsolicited commercial email and providing recipients with a private right of action to collect \$1,000 per violation from offenders. Such legislation, and the threat of litigation against legitimate marketers, may cause some conservative clients to re-evaluate their use of email marketing or chill the adoption of email marketing by prospects. Certain aspects of this new legislation may have the effect of eliminating affiliate marketing practices such as list rental altogether, which would cause a reduction of our revenue derived from that Customer Acquisition offering.

Our business could be negatively impacted by new laws or regulations applicable to online direct marketing or the Internet, the application of existing laws and regulations to online direct marketing or the Internet or the application of new laws and regulations to our business as we expand into new jurisdictions. There is a growing body of laws and regulations applicable to access to, or commerce on, the Internet. Moreover, the applicability to the Internet of existing laws is uncertain and may take years to resolve. Due to the increasing popularity and use of the Internet, it is likely that additional laws and regulations will be adopted covering issues such as privacy, pricing, content, copyrights, distribution, taxation, antitrust, characteristics and quality of services and consumer protection. The adoption of any additional laws or regulations may impair the growth of the Internet or online direct marketing, which could, in turn, decrease the demand for our services and prohibit, limit or increase the cost of our doing business.

*Internet-related stock prices are especially volatile and this volatility may depress our stock price.*

The stock market and specifically the stock prices of Internet-related companies have been very volatile. Because we are an Internet-related company, we expect our stock price to be similarly volatile. As a result of this volatility, the market price of our common stock could significantly decrease. This volatility is often not related to our operating performance and may accordingly reduce the price of our common stock without regard to our operating performance.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Our exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to the increase or decrease in the amount of interest income we can earn on our investment portfolio and on the increase or decrease in the amount of interest expense we must pay on our outstanding debt instruments. The risk associated with fluctuating interest expense is limited, however, to the exposure related to those debt instruments and credit facilities which are tied to market rates. We do not plan to use derivative financial instruments in our investment portfolio. We plan to ensure the safety and preservation of our invested principal funds by limiting default risk, market risk and reinvestment risk. We plan to mitigate default risk by investing in high quality securities.

#### **Foreign Currency Risk**

For the period from our inception through September 30, 2003, we provided our services to clients primarily in the United States. As a result, our financial results have not been materially affected by factors such as changes in foreign currency exchange rates or weak economic conditions in foreign markets. The majority of our sales are currently



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denominated in U.S. dollars. We have a subsidiary in the United Kingdom which, to date, has had minimal operations and minimal foreign currency sales. The effect of foreign exchange rates fluctuations on operations were not material for the six months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002.

As the operations of this subsidiary expand, our future operating results could be directly impacted by changes in foreign currency exchange rates or economic conditions in this region. As of September 30, 2003, we had \$168,000 in cash and cash equivalents denominated in foreign currencies.

### **Item 4. Control and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act)). Based on this evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective, as of the end of the period covered by this report, to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the Company's most recently completed fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

In June 2001, a series of putative securities class actions were filed in United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against certain investment bank underwriters for the Company's initial public offering (IPO), the Company, and various of the Company's officers and directors. The complaints, which have been consolidated under the caption *In re Digital Impact, Inc. Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, Civil Action No. 01-CV-4942, allege undisclosed and improper practices concerning the allocation of the Company's IPO shares, in violation of the federal securities laws, and seek unspecified damages on behalf of persons who purchased the Company's stock during the period from November 22, 1999 to December 6, 2000. The Court has appointed a lead plaintiff for the consolidated cases. On April 19, 2002, plaintiffs filed an amended complaint. Other actions have been filed making similar allegations regarding the IPOs of more than 300 other companies. All of these lawsuits have been coordinated for pretrial purposes as *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, Civil Action No. 21-MC-92. Defendants in these cases filed omnibus motions to dismiss on common pleading issues. Oral argument on these omnibus motions to dismiss was held on November 1, 2002. The Company's officers and directors have been dismissed without prejudice in this litigation. On February 19, 2003, the court granted in part and denied in part the omnibus motion to dismiss. The court's order did not dismiss any claims against the Company.

A proposal has been made for the settlement and release of claims against the issuer defendants, including the Company, in exchange for a guaranteed recovery to be paid by the issuer defendants' insurance carriers and an assignment of certain claims. The settlement is subject to a number of conditions, including approval of the proposed settling parties and the court. If the settlement does not occur, and litigation against the Company continues, the Company believes it has meritorious defenses and intends to defend the case vigorously.

On February 28, 2003, a related case, captioned *Liu v. Credit Suisse First Boston, et al.*, Case No. 03-20459, was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The complaint names as defendants over forty companies and their respective directors and officers, including Digital Impact and two of its officers. The *Liu* plaintiff is not alleged to have bought or sold Digital Impact stock. The Company anticipates that this new case will be transferred to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and coordinated with the existing IPO-related litigation, discussed above. In June 2003, the plaintiffs in this action filed an amended complaint but did not rename the Company or its officers or directors.

### **Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds**

Not applicable.



**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

Not applicable.

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**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

At the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders ( Annual Meeting ) held on July 31, 2003, the following individual was re-elected to the Board of Directors as a Class I director for a term of three years:

	<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Withheld</u>
Gerardo Capiel	29,092,980	340,071

William Park, Michael Brown, Ruthann Quindlen and Edward J. Spiegel continue as either Class II or Class III directors of the Company.

Additionally, at the Company Annual Meeting, the following proposals were adopted by the margin indicated:

To approve amendments to our 1999 Director Equity Plan (formerly called the 1999 Director Option Plan). The votes cast for, against and withheld were 27,830,285, 1,401,550 and 201,216, respectively.

To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent accountants for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004. The votes cast for, against and withheld were 29,310,575, 118,580 and 3,896, respectively.

**Item 5. Other Information**

Not applicable.

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

a) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
31.1	Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a or 15d-14 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 signed by the Principal Executive Officer, filed herewith.
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b) Reports on Form 8-K

On July 24, 2003, Digital Impact furnished a Form 8-K announcing our financial results for our first fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2003.

On October 23, 2003, the Company furnished a Current Report on Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Current Report on Form 8-K includes a copy of our press release dated October 23, 2003 reporting our results of operations and financial condition for the quarter ended September 30, 2003.



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**SIGNATURES**

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

Dated: November 13, 2003

DIGITAL IMPACT, INC.  
(Registrant)

/S/ WILLIAM PARK

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William Park  
President, Chief Executive Officer and  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
(Principal Executive Officer)

/S/ DAVID OPPENHEIMER

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David Oppenheimer  
Sr. Vice President, Chief Financial  
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