

ZOOM TECHNOLOGIES INC  
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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, 2006**

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 0-18672**

**ZOOM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or  
Organization)

**51-0448969**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**207 South Street, Boston, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**02111**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(617) 423-1072**

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 x NO o

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value, as of November 9, 2006 was 9,346,966 shares.

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**PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**ZOOM TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
**(unaudited)**

	<b>September 30, 2006</b>	<b>December 31, 2005</b>
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,158,695	\$ 9,081,122
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$1,179,481 at September 30, 2006 and \$1,294,637 at December 31, 2005	1,825,416	2,630,859
Inventories	4,288,425	5,073,178
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	64,221	301,265
Total current assets	10,336,757	17,086,424
Property, plant and equipment, net	2,513,227	2,600,660
Certificate of deposit held for debt service	214,637	-
Total assets	\$ 13,064,621	\$ 19,687,084
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 135,075	\$ 4,889,928
Accounts payable	1,641,342	3,140,593
Accrued expenses	713,859	788,427
Total current liabilities	2,490,276	8,818,948
Long-term debt, less current portion	3,479,595	-
Total liabilities	5,969,871	8,818,948
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: authorized - 25,000,000 shares; and issued - 9,355,366 shares, including shares held in treasury	93,554	93,554
Additional paid-in capital	31,196,955	31,015,977
Accumulated deficit	(24,691,902)	(20,627,318)
Accumulated other comprehensive income - currency translation adjustment	503,465	393,245
Treasury stock, at cost stock (8,400 shares),	(7,322)	(7,322)
Total stockholders' equity	7,094,750	10,868,136
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 13,064,621	\$ 19,687,084

See accompanying notes.

**ZOOM TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September		Nine Months ended September 30,	
	2006	30, 2005	2006	2005
Net sales	\$ 3,579,317	\$ 5,308,380	\$ 13,378,260	\$ 18,269,296
Costs of goods sold	3,338,349	4,789,732	11,948,971	14,836,965
Gross profit	240,968	518,648	1,429,289	3,432,331
Operating expenses:				
Selling	781,954	977,718	2,563,921	3,172,332
General and administrative	689,599	314,188	2,236,287	2,867,694
Research and development	520,768	664,641	1,709,640	2,109,347
Total operating expenses	1,992,321	1,956,547	6,509,848	8,149,373
Operating income (loss)	(1,751,353)	(1,437,899)	(5,080,559)	(4,717,042)
Other:				
Interest income	51,138	69,984	189,327	151,508
Interest expense	(76,140)	(63,596)	(221,845)	(190,511)
Gain on sale of investment in InterMute, Inc.	869,750		869,750	3,495,516
Other, net	74,364	56,251	178,744	2,131
Total other income (expense), net	919,112	62,639	1,015,976	3,458,644
Income (loss) before income taxes	(832,241)	(1,375,260)	(4,064,583)	(1,258,398)
Income taxes	—	—	—	—
Net income (loss)	\$ (832,241)	\$ (1,375,260)	\$ (4,064,583)	\$ (1,258,398)
Earnings (loss) per common share:				
Basic	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.43)	\$ (0.14)
Diluted	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.43)	\$ (0.14)
Weighted average common and common equivalent shares				
Basic	9,346,966	9,341,124	9,346,966	9,158,734
Diluted	9,346,966	9,341,124	9,346,966	9,158,734

See accompanying notes.

**ZOOM TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**(Unaudited)**

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Operating activities:</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$ (4,064,583)	\$ (1,258,398)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Gain on sale of Investment in InterMute, Inc.	(869,750)	(3,495,516)
Depreciation	172,006	200,605
Stock based compensation	180,977	0
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	921,914	381,433
Inventories	784,753	(101,735)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	22,406	321,758
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(1,573,819)	(949,674)
Net cash provided (used ) by operating activities	(4,426,096)	(4,901,527)
<b>Investing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from sale of Investment in InterMute, Inc.	869,750	3,495,516
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(84,572)	(46,896)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	785,178	3,448,620
<b>Financing activities:</b>		
Principal payments on long-term debt	(1,275,258)	(158,429)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	0	447,450
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	(1,275,258)	289,021
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(6,251)	(2,562)
Net change in cash	(4,922,427)	(1,166,448)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	9,081,122	9,438,596
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 4,158,695	\$ 8,272,148
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:</b>		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 221,845	\$ 190,511
Income taxes	\$ —	\$ —

See accompanying notes.



**ZOOM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**(Unaudited)**

**(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*(a) Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation*

The condensed consolidated financial statements of Zoom Technologies, Inc. (the "Company" or "Zoom") presented herein have been prepared pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission for quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and do not include all of the information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2005 included in the Company's 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The accompanying financial statements are unaudited. However, the condensed balance sheet as of December 31, 2005 was derived from audited financial statements. In the opinion of management, the accompanying financial statements include all adjustments (consisting of normal, recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations, and cash flows for the interim periods.

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts and operations of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Zoom Telephonics, Inc. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation

The results of operations for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

*(b) Stock-Based Compensation*

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123 (R), "Accounting for Stock Based Compensation" using the modified-prospective method. Under this method, compensation cost is recognized for all share-based payments granted, modified or settled after January 1, 2006, as well as for any unvested awards that were granted prior thereto. Compensation cost for unvested awards granted prior to January 1, 2006 is recognized using the same estimate of the grant-date fair value and the same attribution method used to determine the pro forma disclosures under SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation." Compensation cost for awards granted after January 1, 2006 is based on the estimated fair value of the awards on their grant date and is generally recognized over the required service period. Prior to January 1, 2006, the Company accounted for its stock option plans under the recognition and measurement principles of Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and Related Interpretations." No stock-based compensation expense was recognized in operations for these plans, since all options granted under them had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. The effect of adopting SFAS No. 123 (R ) was to increase compensation cost and the reported net loss for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 by \$58 thousand, or \$0.01 per basic and diluted share and for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 by \$181 thousand, or \$0.02 per basic and diluted share.

The unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to non-vested stock awards as of September 30, 2006 was \$117,921. Such amount will be recognized in operations over a remaining period of 3 quarters.

The fair value of each option granted was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The fair value of options granted during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and September 30, 2005 were estimated using the following assumptions:



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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Weighted-average expected stock-price volatility	60.5%	88.9%	63.3%	91.1%
Weighted-average expected option life	2.0 years	2.0 years	2.0 years	2.47 years
Average risk-free interest rate	5.03%	3.74%	4.66%	3.60%
Average dividend yield	0	0	0	0

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Pro-forma information required under SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* before the adoption of SFAS No.123(R) follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2005</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005</b>
Net income (loss), as reported	\$ (1,375,260)	\$ (1,258,398)
Stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value method	(214,657)	(473,398)
Pro forma net income (loss)	\$ (1,589,917)	\$ (1,731,796)
Net income (loss) per share:		
Basic - as reported	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.14)
Diluted - as reported	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.14)
Basic - pro forma	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.19)
Diluted - pro forma	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.19)

*(c) New Accounting Pronouncements*

In July 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109" (FIN 48). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting and disclosure for uncertain tax positions, as defined, and seeks to reduce the diversity in practice associated with certain aspects of the recognition and measurement related to accounting for income taxes. This interpretation is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company does not believe that the adoption of FIN 48 will have a significant impact on its financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" (SFAS 157). SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosure requirements regarding fair value measurement. This statement simplifies and codifies fair value related guidance previously issued and is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company does not believe that SFAS 157 will significantly impact its financial statements.

In September 2006, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, "Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements" (SAB 108). SAB 108 provides guidance on the consideration of the effects of prior year unadjusted errors in quantifying current year misstatements for the purpose of a materiality assessment. SAB 108 requires registrants to apply the new guidance the first time that it identifies material errors in existence at the beginning of the first fiscal year ending after November 15, 2006 by correcting those errors through a one-time cumulative effect adjustment to beginning-of-year retained earnings. The Company does not believe that SAB 108 will significantly impact its financial statements

**(2) Liquidity**

On September 30, 2006 the Company had working capital of \$7.8 million, including \$4.2 million in cash and cash equivalents.

On January 10, 2001 the Company obtained a mortgage for \$6 million on the real estate property located at 201 and 207 South Street, Boston, Massachusetts. The loan was scheduled to be paid in full on January 10, 2006 and the final

payment was deferred during negotiations for a new mortgage. On March 30, 2006 the Company paid the lender \$1.2 million to reduce the then balance of \$4.9 million, and refinanced the remaining \$3.7 million with a new mortgage. Payments on the new mortgage are based on a 15 year amortization period with initial interest at 7.75%, adjusted along with the prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal. The rate of interest at September 30, 2006 was 8.25%. The mortgage matures April 10, 2007 but may be extended at Zoom's option to April 10, 2008 if Zoom makes the election to extend the loan and pays the lender an extension fee of \$36,750 by March 10, 2007 and prior to and following such election Zoom is not in default under the loan. As required by the lender the Company has deposited six months of principal and interest (\$214,637 as of September 30, 2006) in a Certificate of Deposit held by the lender as a debt service reserve account. The new mortgage contains certain customary financial and non-financial covenants including requirements to maintain tangible net worth of \$7.0 million and to maintain cash and cash equivalents, free from any and all encumbrances, of not less than \$1.0 million. The Company was in compliance with these covenants as of September 30, 2006. The Company's tangible net worth at September 30, 2006 was \$7.1 million. For additional liquidity, the Company has negotiated a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the sale of its company-owned buildings which now house its entire Boston headquarters staff. On October 30, 2006 the deposit relating to that purchase was increased to \$400,000. If the sale closes, which is likely but not certain, the Company expects the closing to occur in December 2006. The liquidity impact of the sale would be to eliminate \$3.6 million in bank debt and increase cash by approximately \$4.2 million. The agreement provides for the lease-back to Zoom of a portion of the sold property at below-market lease rates.

On March 16, 2005 the Company entered into a one year Loan and Security Agreement with Silicon Valley Bank that provides for a revolving line of credit of up to \$2 million. The revolving line of credit terminated, as scheduled, on March 15, 2006. There were no borrowings under the line for the entire one year contract. The Company and Silicon Valley Bank have put further discussions for a new one year line on hold pending the outcome of the sale of the headquarter buildings. There can be no assurance as to the outcome of these negotiations.

To conserve cash and manage liquidity during the past few years, the Company has implemented expense reductions, including the reduction of employee headcount and overhead costs. The employee headcount was 125 at September 30, 2005 and 79 at September 30, 2006. The Company continues to implement cost cutting initiatives including the reduction of employee headcount and overhead costs, and most recently, the move of most of its manufacturing operations to a dedicated facility in Tijuana, Mexico during September 2006. In connection therewith on June 30, 2006 the Company notified 40 employees working at Zoom in Boston that they would be terminated on approximately August 31, 2006. One-time severance benefits of approximately \$100,000 were accrued in the second quarter of 2006 and paid in the third quarter of 2006. The Company plans to continue to assess its cost structure as it relates to the Company's revenues and cash position in 2006, and may make further changes if the actions are deemed necessary.

The Company realized a gain on the sale of its investment in InterMute, Inc. of \$3.5 million during the quarter ended June 30, 2005. The Company realized in cash an additional contingent gain of \$837,750 during the quarter ended September 30, 2006, representing its portion of an earnout payment paid by the buyer as a result of the achievement of a performance milestone. On November 11, 2006 the Company received a second and final performance milestone payment, also of \$837,750. The Company expects to receive in December 2006 a return of its escrow deposit of approximately \$370,000. No further payments from the sale of InterMute are expected.

The Company believes that its current level of working capital combined with the anticipated proceeds from the completion of the pending sale of the Company's headquarter buildings will provide sufficient resources to fund the Company's normal operations over the next twelve months, the relevant period for a going-concern evaluation, through September 30, 2007. However, the Company cannot assure that it can sell its building on favorable terms and on a timely basis, if at all. The Company's \$3.6 million mortgage loan contains financial covenants including the requirement that the Company maintain a tangible net worth of at least \$7.0 million. As of September 30, 2006 the Company's tangible net worth was \$7.1 million. If the Company continues to incur operating losses that are not otherwise offset by proceeds from the timely sale of the Company's headquarters facility the Company could be in default of this covenant before the loan matures in April 2007. In such event, the lender would have the right to demand payment in full of the loan and the Company would have no right to exercise its option to extend the loan.

The Company entered into a consignment arrangement with a significant retailer customer in October 2006. In connection with this agreement ownership of all unsold products previously purchased from the Company by that retailer will revert to the Company in November 2006. The Company estimated the amount of products for which ownership is expected to revert to the Company and applied consignment accounting to them retroactively for products shipped prior to October 1, 2006. The new arrangement has resulted in a reduction of net sales in the quarter ended September 30, 2006 of \$0.5 million and a reduction of cost of sales and other directly related expenses of \$0.3 million, which increased the net loss for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 by \$0.2 million. As of September 30, 2006, the Company estimated that the cash repayment in November for the inventory ownership transferring back to the Company will be approximately \$0.2 million

If the Company is not able to sell its building on a timely basis the Company's liquidity could be significantly impaired and the Company may not have sufficient resources to fund its normal operations over the next twelve months. Longer-term, if the Company is unable to increase its revenues, reduce or otherwise adequately control its expenses, or raise capital, the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and achieve its intended business objectives would be adversely affected.



(3) Earnings (loss) per share

The reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted net earnings (loss) per share computations for the Company's reported net income (loss) is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
<b>Basic:</b>				
Net income (loss)	\$ (832,241)	\$ (1,375,260)	\$ (4,064,583)	\$ (1,258,398)
Weighted average shares outstanding	9,346,966	9,341,124	9,346,966	9,158,734
Earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (.43)	\$ (0.14)
<b>Diluted:</b>				
Net income (loss)	\$ (832,241)	\$ (1,375,260)	\$ (4,064,583)	\$ (1,258,398)
Weighted average shares outstanding	9,346,966	9,341,124	9,346,966	9,158,734
Net effect of dilutive stock options based on the Treasury stock method using average market price	-	-	-	-
Weighted average shares outstanding	9,346,966	9,341,124	9,346,966	9,158,734
Earnings (loss) per share	\$ (.09)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (.43)	\$ (0.14)

Options to purchase 1,228,200 shares of common stock at September 30, 2006, were outstanding but not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 as their effect would be antidilutive.

(4) Inventories

Inventories consist of the following:

	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
Raw materials	\$ 3,421,463	\$ 2,333,949
Work in process	394,717	648,034
Finished goods (including \$294,784 held by a customer as of September 30, 2006)	472,245	2,091,195
Total	\$ 4,288,425	\$ 5,073,178

(5) Comprehensive Income (Loss)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Net income (loss)	\$ (832,241)	\$ (1,375,260)	\$ (4,064,583)	\$ (1,258,398)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	44,696	(10,356)	110,220	(107,193)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (876,937)	\$ (1,385,616)	\$ (3,954,363)	\$ (1,365,591)

(6) Long-Term Debt

On January 10, 2001 the Company obtained a mortgage for \$6 million on the real estate property located at 201 and 207 South Street, Boston, Massachusetts. The loan was scheduled to be paid in full on January 10, 2006 and the final payment was deferred during negotiations for a new mortgage. On March 30, 2006 the Company paid the lender \$1.2 million to reduce the then balance of \$4.9 million, and refinanced the remaining \$3.7 million with a new mortgage. Payments on the new mortgage are based on a 15 year amortization period with the initial interest at 7.75%, adjusted along with the prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal. The rate of interest at September 30, 2006 was 8.25%. The mortgage matures April 10, 2007 but may be extended at Zoom's option to April 10, 2008 if Zoom makes the election to extend the loan and pays the lender an extension fee of \$36,750 by March 10, 2007 and prior to and following such election Zoom is not in default under the loan. Zoom has classified the scheduled principal payments due after September 30, 2007 as long-term debt because the Company intends to extend the maturity date to April 10, 2008 unless other more financially advantageous arrangements are obtained. As required by the lender the Company has deposited six months of principal and interest (\$214,637 as of September 30, 2006) in a Certificate of Deposit held by the lender as a debt service reserve account. The new mortgage contains certain customary financial and non-financial covenants including requirements to maintain tangible net worth of \$7.0 million and to maintain cash and cash equivalents, free from any and all encumbrances, of not less than \$1.0 million. The Company was in compliance with these covenants as of September 30, 2006. The Company's tangible net worth at September 30, 2006 was \$7.1 million. For additional liquidity, the Company has negotiated a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the sale of its company-owned buildings which now house its entire Boston headquarters staff. On October 30, 2006 the deposit relating to that purchase was increased to \$400,000. If the sale closes, which is likely but not certain, the Company expects the closing to occur in December 2006. The liquidity impact of the sale would be to eliminate \$3.6 million in bank debt and increase cash by approximately \$4.2 million. The agreement provides for the lease back to Zoom of a portion of the sold property at below-market lease rates. If the sale of the building is not completed, the Company may not meet the minimum tangible net worth requirement in the near term. If the Company defaults, the lender would have the right to demand payment in full of the loan and the Company would have no right to exercise its option to extend the loan. The Company may not have sufficient liquid assets to repay the loan if the lender makes demand. As such, the Company may be unable to continue as a going concern.

**(7) Commitments**

Except as related to the Company's mortgage as discussed above there were no material changes to the Company's commitments and contractual obligations compared to those disclosed in the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

**(8) Segment and Geographic Information**

The Company's operations are classified as one reportable segment. The Company's net sales were comprised as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2006</b>		<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2005</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005</b>	
		<b>% of Total</b>		<b>% of Total</b>		<b>% of Total</b>		<b>% of Total</b>
North America	\$ 2,280,425	64%	\$ 2,668,030	50%	\$ 7,711,063	58%	\$ 8,439,326	46%
Turkey	49,630	1%	973,349	18%	1,101,894	8%	3,110,560	17%
UK	679,357	19%	1,108,810	21%	2,474,063	18%	4,057,410	22%
All Other	569,905	16%	558,191	11%	2,091,240	16%	2,661,511	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,579,317</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 5,308,380</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 13,378,260</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 18,269,296</b>	<b>100%</b>

**(9) Customer Concentrations**

Relatively few customers have accounted for a substantial portion of the Company's net sales. In the third quarter of 2006 the Company's net sales to its top three customers accounted for 37% of its total net sales, with the Company's net sales to a North American distributor accounting for 19% of total net sales. The remaining 18% was divided between a United Kingdom retailer at 12% and a North American distributor at 6%. For the first nine months of 2006 the Company's net sales to its top three customers accounted for 28% of the Company's net sales, with the Company's net sales to a United Kingdom retailer accounting for 10%, a North American retailer accounting for 9%, and a North American distributor accounting for 9% of total net sales.

In the third quarter of 2006 the Company's net sales to its top three customers accounted for 39% of its total net sales, with the Company's sales to a Turkish distributor accounting for 17% of the total net sales. The Company's net sales to a North American retailer accounted for 14% and to a United Kingdom retailer 8% of total net sales.

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

*The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the safe harbor statement and the risk factors contained in Item 1A of Part II of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q as well those set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and our other filings with the SEC. Readers should also be cautioned that results of any reported period are often not indicative of results for any future period.*



## Overview

We derive our net sales primarily from sales of Internet-related communication products, principally broadband and dial-up modems and other communication products, to retailers, distributors, Internet Service Providers and Original Equipment Manufacturers. We sell our products through a direct sales force and through independent sales agents. Our employees are primarily located at our headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts, our support office in Boca Raton, Florida, our sales office in the United Kingdom, and our new production facility in Tijuana, Mexico. We typically design our hardware products, though we do sometimes use another company's design if it meets our requirements. Electronic assembly and testing of the Company's products in accordance with our specifications is typically done in China or Taiwan.

For many years we performed most of the final assembly, test, packaging, warehousing and distribution effort at a production and warehouse facility on Summer Street in Boston, Massachusetts, which has also engaged in firmware programming for some products. On June 30, 2006 we announced our plans to move most of our Summer Street operations to a dedicated facility in Tijuana, Mexico commencing approximately September 1, 2006, and we have implemented that plan. Our lease for our Summer Street facility expired in August 2006, and we completely vacated the facility on September 30, 2006.

Since 1983 our headquarters has been near South Station in downtown Boston. Zoom owns two adjacent company-owned buildings which connect on most floors, and which now house our entire Boston staff. We recently announced that we have negotiated a Purchase and Sale Agreement for our sale of those buildings, and on October 30, 2006 the deposit relating to that purchase was increased to \$400,000. If that sale closes, which is likely but not certain, we expect the close to occur in December 2006. The liquidity impact of the sale would be to eliminate \$3.6 million in bank debt and increase cash by approximately \$4.2 million. Of course Zoom's total cash and equity will also depend on other factors including our operating results.

For many years we derived a majority of our net sales from the retail after-market sale of dial-up modems to customers seeking to add or upgrade a modem for their personal computers. In recent years the size of this market and our sales to this market have declined, as personal computer manufacturers have incorporated a modem as a built-in component in most consumer personal computers and as increasing numbers of consumers world-wide have switched to broadband Internet access. The consensus of communications industry analysts is that after-market sales of dial-up modems will probably continue to decline. There is also consensus among industry analysts that the installed base for broadband Internet connection devices, such as cable modems and DSL modems, will grow rapidly during the decade. In response to increased and forecasted worldwide demand for faster connection speeds and increased modem functionality, we have invested and continue to invest resources to advance our product line of broadband modems, especially DSL modems and to a lesser extent cable modems.

We continually seek to improve our product designs and manufacturing approach in order to improve product performance and reduce our costs. We pursue a strategy of outsourcing rather than internally developing our modem chipsets, which are application-specific integrated circuits that form the technology base for our modems. By outsourcing the chipset technology, we are able to concentrate our research and development resources on modem system design, leverage the extensive research and development capabilities of our chipset suppliers, and reduce our development time and associated costs and risks. As a result of this approach, we are able to quickly develop new products while maintaining a relatively low level of research and development expense as a percentage of net sales. We also outsource aspects of our manufacturing to contract manufacturers as a means of reducing our costs of production, and to provide us with greater flexibility in our production capacity.

Over the past several years our net sales have declined. In response to declining sales volume, we have cut costs by reducing staffing and some overhead costs. Our total headcount of full-time employees, including temporary workers, went from 125 on September 30, 2005 to 79 on September 30, 2006 primarily due to termination of most of the

employees who worked at our Summer Street facility. However, we have made commitments relating to workers staffing our Tijuana facility, most of whom are hired through a company called NAPS, and are not employees of Zoom.

Generally our gross margin for a given product depends on a number of factors including the type of customer to whom we are selling. The gross margin for retailers tends to be higher than for some of our other customers; but the sales, support, and overhead costs associated with retailers also tend to be higher. Zoom's sales to certain countries, including Turkey, Vietnam, and Saudi Arabia, are currently handled by a single master distributor for each country who handles the support and marketing costs within the country. Gross margin for sales to these master distributors tends to be low, since lower pricing to these distributors helps them to cover the support and marketing costs for their country. Our gross margin for broadband modems tends to be lower than for dial-up modems for a number of reasons, including that retailers are currently a more significant channel for our dial-up modems than for our broadband modems, that a higher percentage of our DSL sales come from low-margin countries, and that there is stronger competition in the DSL market than in the dial-up market.

In the third quarter of 2006 our net sales were down 33% compared to the third quarter of 2005. In the first nine months of 2006 our net sales were down 27% compared to the first nine months of 2005. The main reason for the sales decreases was the decline in DSL modem and dial-up modem sales. Until the second quarter of 2006 we have generally experienced growth in our DSL modem sales. However, a significant portion of these sales is currently concentrated with a small number of customers, and this reduces the predictability of our results. In Turkey Zoom has had a relatively high share of the small but growing DSL market, but our Turkey sales in 2006 have been declining. We attribute this decline to a number of factors including increased competition and actions by Turkish Telecom to dramatically increase their bundling of DSL modems with their service. We are seeing growth in some areas, including DSL sales to U.S. Internet Service Providers, and we are continuing our efforts to expand our DSL customer base and product line. Because of our significant customer concentration, however, our net sales and operating results have fluctuated and in the future could fluctuate significantly due to changes in political or economic conditions or the loss, reduction of business, or less favorable terms for any of our significant customers.

Since 1999 we had a minority interest in a privately held software company, InterMute, Inc. In June 2005 InterMute was acquired by Trend Micro Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of Trend Micro Japan. In connection with the acquisition, in June 2005 we received a payment of approximately \$3.5 million which we recorded as a non-operating gain in our second quarter of 2005. We realized in cash an additional contingent gain of \$837,750 during the quarter ended September 30, 2006, representing our portion of an earnout payment paid by the buyer as a result of the achievement of a performance milestone. On November 11, 2006 we received a second and final performance milestone payment, also of \$837,750. We expect to receive in December 2006 a return of our escrow deposit of approximately \$370,000. No further payments from the sale of InterMute are expected.

Our cash and cash equivalents balance at September 30, 2006 was \$4.2 million compared to \$9.1 million at December 31, 2005. This reduction of \$4.9 million was due primarily to funding our \$4.1 million net loss for the first nine months of 2006, and to a \$1.4 million cash reduction from the refinancing of our mortgage loan.

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

Following is a discussion of what we view as our more significant accounting policies and estimates. As described below, management judgments and estimates must be made and used in connection with the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. We have identified areas where material differences could result in the amount and timing of our net sales, costs, and expenses for any period if we had made different judgments or used different estimates.

**Revenue (Net Sales) Recognition.** We primarily sell hardware products to our customers. The hardware products include dial-up modems, DSL modems, cable modems, voice over IP products, and wireless and wired networking equipment. We earn a small amount of royalty revenue that is included in our net sales, primarily from internet service providers. We generally do not sell software. We began selling services in 2004. We introduced our Global Village VoIP service in late 2004, but sales of those services to date have not been material.

### **We derive our net sales primarily from the sales of hardware products to four types of customers:**

- computer peripherals retailers,
- computer product distributors,
- Internet service providers, and
- original equipment manufacturers (OEMs)

We recognize hardware net sales for our customers at the point when the customers take legal ownership of the delivered products. Legal ownership passes from Zoom to the customer based on the contractual FOB point specified in signed contracts and purchase orders, which are both used extensively. Many of our customer contracts or purchase orders specify FOB destination. We verify the delivery date on all significant FOB destination shipments made during the last 10 business days of each quarter.

Our net sales of hardware include reductions resulting from certain events which are characteristic of the sales of hardware to retailers of computer peripherals. These events are product returns, certain sales and marketing incentives, price protection refunds, and consumer mail-in and in-store rebates. Each of these is accounted for as a reduction of net sales based on detailed management estimates, which are reconciled to actual customer or end-consumer credits on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Our 2006 VoIP service revenues were recorded as the end-user-customer consumed billable VoIP services. The end-user-customer became a service customer by electing to sign up for the Global Village billable service on the Internet. Zoom recorded revenue either when billable services were consumed or when a monthly flat-fee service was billed.

**Product Returns.** Products are returned by retail stores and distributors for inventory balancing, contractual stock rotation privileges, and warranty repair or replacements. We estimate the sales and cost value of expected future product returns of previously sold products. Our estimates for product returns are based on recent historical trends plus estimates for returns prompted by, among other things, new product introductions, announced stock rotations and announced customer store closings. Management reviews historical returns, current economic trends, and changes in customer demand and acceptance of our products when estimating sales return allowances. The estimate for future returns is recorded as a reserve against accounts receivable, a reduction of net sales, and the corresponding change to inventory reserves and cost of sales. Product returns as a percentage of total net sales were 11.8% and 9.2 %, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to 8.9 % and 7.5%, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005.

**Price Protection Refunds.** We have a policy of offering price protection to certain of our retailer and distributor customers for some or all their inventory. Under the price protection policies, when we reduce our prices for a product, the customer receives a credit for the difference between the original purchase price and our reduced price for their unsold inventory of that product. Our estimates for price protection refunds are based on a detailed understanding and tracking by customer and by sales program. Estimated price protection refunds are recorded in the same period as the announcement of a pricing change. Information from customer inventory-on-hand reports or from direct communications with the customers is used to estimate the refund, which is recorded as a reduction of net sales and a reserve against accounts receivable. Reductions in our net sales due to price protection were \$0.2 million in 2003, \$0.1 million in 2004, and \$0.2 million in 2005. In the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, the reduction in our net sales due to price protection was \$0.02 million and \$0.07 million, respectively compared to \$0.07 million and \$0.22 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005.

**Sales and Marketing Incentives.** Many of our retailer customers require sales and marketing support funding, usually set as a percentage of our sales in their stores. The incentives were reported as reductions in our net sales and were \$1.5 million in 2003, \$1.3 million in 2004, and \$1.1 million in 2005. In the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, the reduction in our net sales due to sales and marketing incentives was \$0.14 million and \$0.71 million, respectively compared to \$0.21 million and \$0.86 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005.

**Consumer Mail-In and In-Store Rebates.** Our estimates for consumer mail-in and in-store rebates are based on a detailed understanding and tracking by customer and sales program, supported by actual rebate claims processed by the rebate redemption centers plus an accrual for an estimated lag in processing at the redemption centers. The estimate for mail-in and in-store rebates is recorded as a reserve against accounts receivable and a reduction of net sales in the same period that the rebate obligation was triggered. Reductions in our net sales due to the consumer rebates were \$0.2 million in 2003, \$1.4 million in 2004, and \$0.8 million in 2005. In the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, the reduction in our net sales due to consumer rebates was \$0.02 million and \$0.56 million, respectively compared to \$0.24 million and \$0.88 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005.

To ensure that the sales, discounts, and marketing incentives are recorded in the proper period, we perform extensive tracking and documenting by customer, by period, and by type of marketing event. This tracking includes reconciliation to the accounts receivable records for deductions taken by our customers for these discounts and incentives.

**Accounts Receivable Valuation.** We establish accounts receivable valuation allowances equal to the above-discussed net sales adjustments for estimates of product returns, price protection refunds, consumer rebates, and general bad debt reserves. These allowances are reduced as actual credits are issued to the customer's accounts. Our bad-debt write-offs were less than \$0.01 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006.

**Inventory Valuation and Cost of Goods Sold.** Inventory is valued on a standard cost basis where the material standards are periodically updated for current material pricing. Allowances for obsolete inventory are established by management based on usability reviews performed each quarter. Our allowances against the inventory of a particular product range from 0% to 100%, based on management's estimate of the probability that the material will not be consumed or that it will be sold below cost. In the third quarter of 2006 we recorded an additional \$0.1 million charge for inventory reserves related to some slow-moving VoIP products.

**Valuation and Impairment of Deferred Tax Assets.** As part of the process of preparing our consolidated financial statements we estimate our income tax expense and deferred income tax position. This process involves the estimation of our actual current tax exposure together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included in our consolidated balance sheet. We then assess the likelihood that our deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income. To the extent we believe that recovery is not likely, we establish a valuation allowance. Changes in the valuation allowance are reflected in the statement of operations.

Significant management judgment is required in determining our provision for income taxes and any valuation allowance recorded against our net deferred tax assets. We have recorded a 100% valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets. It is management's estimate that, after considering all the available objective evidence, historical and prospective, with greater weight given to historical evidence, it is more likely than not that these assets will not be realized. If we establish a record of continuing profitability, at some point we will be required to reverse the valuation allowance and restore the deferred asset value to the balance sheet, recording an equal income tax benefit which will increase net income in that period(s).

On December 31, 2005 we had federal net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$31,854,000. These federal net operating losses are available to offset future taxable income, and are due to expire in years ranging from 2018 to 2025. On December 31, 2005 we had state net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$22,253,000. These state net operating losses are available to offset future taxable income, and are primarily due to expire in years ranging from 2006 to 2010.

## Results of Operations

**Summary.** Net sales were \$3.6 million for our third quarter ended September 30, 2006, down 32.6% (including the \$0.5 million sales reduction resulting from our new consignment arrangement with a significant retailer customer) from \$5.3 million in the third quarter of 2005. We had a net loss of \$0.8 million for the third quarter of 2006, compared to a net loss of \$1.4 million in the third quarter of 2005. Our operating loss for the third quarter of 2006 was \$1.8 million, compared to an operating loss of \$1.4 million for the third quarter of 2005. The net loss of \$0.8 million for the third quarter of 2006 was comprised of an operating loss of \$1.8 million offset by other income of \$0.9 million, due to the additional \$870 thousand payment based on a performance goal earn-out from the 2005 sale of our interest in InterMute. Loss per diluted share was \$0.09 for the third quarter of 2006 compared to a loss per diluted share of \$0.15 for the third quarter of 2005.

Net sales were \$13.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, down 26.8% (including the \$0.5 million sales reduction resulting from our new consignment arrangement with a significant retailer customer) from \$18.3 million in the first nine months of 2005. We had a net loss of \$4.1 million for the first nine months of 2006, compared to a net loss of \$1.3 million in the first nine months of 2005. Our operating loss for the first nine months of 2006 was \$5.1 million, and our operating loss was \$4.7 million for the first nine months of 2005. Other income for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 was \$1.0 million and \$3.5 million, respectively, due primarily to proceeds from the sale of our interest in InterMute. Net loss per diluted share was \$0.43 for the first nine months of 2006 compared to net loss per diluted share of \$0.14 for the first nine months of 2005.

**Net Sales.** Our net sales for the third quarter of 2006 decreased 32.6% from the third quarter of 2005, primarily due to a 49% decrease in DSL modem sales and a 14% decrease in dial-up modem sales. DSL modem net sales decreased from \$2.6 million in the third quarter of 2005 to \$1.3 million in the third quarter of 2006 primarily as a result of: (i) decreased DSL sales to our Turkish distributor due to the plans by Turkish Telecom to dramatically increase their bundling of DSL modems with their service offerings, (ii) reduced DSL sales at retail in the U.K. due to the decision in the third quarter of 2005 of a large U.K. retailer to discontinue carrying most of our DSL product line; and (iii) reduced DSL sales to our distributor in Vietnam. Dial-up modem net sales declined to \$2.0 million in the third quarter of 2006 compared to \$2.3 million in the third quarter of 2005, and net sales would have risen without the \$0.5 million reserve recorded against the third quarter sales to our major retailer customer who will be moving to consignment in the fourth quarter. Net sales in our other products sales categories, which include wireless networking equipment, cable modems, and VoIP decreased \$0.1 million from \$0.4 million in the first nine months of 2005 to \$0.3 million in the first nine months of 2006.

Our net sales for the first nine months of 2006 decreased 26.8% from the first nine months of 2005, primarily due to a 35% decrease in DSL modem sales and a 24% decrease in dial-up modem sales. DSL modem net sales decreased to

\$5.8 million in the first nine months of 2006 compared to \$8.8 million in the first nine months of 2005, primarily as a result of decreased DSL sales to our Turkish distributor as discussed above, reduced DSL sales at retail in the U.K. due to the decision in the third quarter of 2005 of a large U.K retailer to discontinue carrying most of our DSL product line, and the loss of Granville Technologies, a former large DSL and dial-up modem customer in the United Kingdom that went out of business in mid-2005. Dial-up modem net sales declined to \$6.2 million in the first nine months of 2006 compared to \$8.2 million in the first nine months of 2005, primarily due to lower dial-up modem unit sales, primarily resulting from the continued decline of the dial-up modem after-market, lower dial-up modem average selling prices, and to the \$0.5 million reserve recorded against the third quarter sales to our major retailer customer who will be moving to consignment in the fourth quarter. Net sales in our other product sales categories, which include wireless networking equipment, cable modems, and VoIP increased \$0.1 million from \$1.3 million for the first nine months of 2005 to \$1.4 million in the first nine months of 2006, primarily due to increased wireless product sales.



Our net sales in North America were \$2.3 million in the third quarter of 2006, a decrease from \$2.7 million in the third quarter of 2005. Our net sales in Turkey were \$0.05 million in the third quarter of 2006, a decrease from \$1.0 million in the third quarter of 2005. Our net sales in the U.K. were \$0.7 million in the third quarter of 2006, a decline from \$1.1 million in the third quarter of 2005. The decline in net sales in Turkey and the U.K. are for the reasons discussed above. Our net sales other than North America, Turkey and the U.K. were \$0.6 million in the third quarter of 2006, and \$0.6 million in the third quarter of 2005. Our net sales in North America were \$7.7 million in the first nine months of 2006, a decline from \$8.4 million in the first nine months of 2005. Our net sales in Turkey were \$1.1 million in the first nine months of 2006 and \$3.1 million in the first nine months of 2005. Our net sales in the U.K. were \$2.5 million in the first nine months of 2006, a decline from \$4.1 million in the first nine months of 2005. Our net sales in countries other than North America, Turkey and the U.K. were \$2.1 million for the first nine months of 2006 and \$2.7 million for the first nine months of 2005.

Relatively few customers have accounted for a substantial portion of our net sales. In the third quarter and nine months of 2006, respectively, net sales to our top three customers accounted for 37% and 28% of total net sales. In the third quarter and nine months of 2005, respectively, net sales to our top three customers accounted for 38% and 39% of total net sales.

**Gross Profit.** Our total gross profit was \$0.2 million in the third quarter of 2006, a decline from \$0.5 million in the third quarter of 2005. Our gross margin percent of net sales decreased to 6.7% in the third quarter of 2006 from 9.8% in the third quarter of 2005. The lower gross profit resulted primarily from lower sales volume with the gross margin drop due primarily to lower absorption of fixed manufacturing overhead due to lower sales, and transition costs relating to the move of our production operations from Boston to Tijuana, Mexico.

Our total gross profit was \$1.4 million in the first nine months of 2006, a decline from \$3.4 million in the first nine months of 2005. Our gross margin percent of net sales decreased to 10.7% in the first nine months of 2006 from 18.8% in the first nine months of 2005. Gross margins were lower primarily because of lower absorption of fixed manufacturing overhead due to lower sales in the first nine months of 2006 compared to the first nine months of 2005, and a \$0.1 million severance charge and other moving-related costs associated with the closing of our manufacturing operations in Boston and the move of those operations to Tijuana, Mexico in the second and third quarters of 2006. .

**Selling Expense.** Selling expense decreased \$0.2 million to \$0.8 million or 21.8% of net sales in the third quarter of 2006 from \$1.0 million or 18.4% of net sales in the third quarter of 2005. Selling expense was lower primarily because of lower personnel and related costs resulting from employee headcount reductions and lower sales, sales promotions, and product delivery expense.

Selling expense decreased \$.6 million to \$2.6 million or 19.2% of net sales in the first nine months of 2006 from \$3.2 million or 17.4% of net sales in the first nine months of 2005. Selling expense was lower primarily because of lower personnel and related costs resulting from employee headcount reductions and lower sales, sales promotions, and product delivery expense.

**General and Administrative Expense.** General and administrative expense was \$0.7 million or 19.3% of net sales in the third quarter of 2006 compared to \$0.3 million or 5.9% of net sales in the third quarter of 2005. General and administrative expense in the third quarter of 2005 was low due to the \$0.4 million reversal of a \$1.1 million bad debt allowance recorded in the second quarter of 2005 for the business failure of Granville Technologies.

General and administrative expense decreased \$0.6 million to \$2.2 million, or 16.7% of net sales in the first nine months of 2006 from \$2.9 million or 15.7% of net sales in the first nine months of 2005. The decrease of \$0.6 million was primarily due to the \$0.7 million bad debt charge to general and administrative expense for Granville Technologies in 2005.

**Research and Development Expense.** Research and development expense decreased \$0.2 million to \$0.5 million or 14.5% of net sales in the third quarter of 2006 from \$0.7 million or 12.5% of net sales in the third quarter of 2005. Research and development costs decreased primarily as a result of lower personnel costs due to headcount reductions and lower consulting and product license and approval fees. Development and support continues on all of our major product lines with particular emphasis on VoIP products and service, DSL products, wireless products, and the new iHIFi product line.

Research and development expense decreased \$0.4 million to \$1.7 million or 12.8% of net sales in the first nine months of 2006 from \$2.1 million or 11.5% of net sales in the first nine months of 2005. Research and development costs decreased primarily as a result of lower personnel costs due to headcount reductions and lower consulting and product license and approval fees.

**Other Income (Expense), Net.** Other income (expense), net was net income of \$0.9 million in the third quarter of 2006 compared to net income of \$0.1 million in the third quarter of 2005. The \$0.9 million income gain resulted primarily from a performance milestone payment in the third quarter ended September 30, 2006 related to the sale of InterMute to Trend Micro in 2005.

Other income net was \$1.0 million in the first nine months of 2006, compared to \$3.5 million in the first nine months of 2005. The primary reason for both the \$1.0 million and \$3.5 million income in the first nine months of 2006 and 2005, respectively, was due to payments we received from the sale of our interest in InterMute to Trend Micro.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

On September 30, 2006 we had working capital of \$7.8 million, including \$4.2 million in cash and cash equivalents. Our net loss in the first nine months of 2006 was \$4.1 million. In the first nine months of 2006, operating activities used \$4.4 million in cash. Uses of cash from operations included a decrease of accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$1.6 million. Sources of cash from operations included a decrease of accounts receivable of \$0.9 million, and a decrease of inventory of \$0.8 million.

In the first nine months of 2006 net cash used in financing activities was \$1.3 million, due primarily to the refinancing of the mortgage on our headquarters buildings. Our original mortgage was a 5-year balloon mortgage that was initially due and payable on January 10, 2006. The balloon payment was deferred until March 30, 2006 when a mortgage amendment was agreed and signed. On that date we paid the lender \$1.2 million to reduce the then outstanding balance of \$4.9 million and refinanced the remaining \$3.7 million with a new mortgage. Payments on the new mortgage are based on a 15 year amortization period with initial interest at 7.75%, adjusted along with the prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal. The rate of interest as of September 30, 2006 was 8.25%. The mortgage matures April 10, 2007 but may be extended at Zoom's option to April 10, 2008 if Zoom makes the election to extend and Zoom pays the lender an extension fee of \$36,750 by March 10, 2007 and prior to and following such election Zoom is not in default under the loan. As required by the lender we deposited six months of principal and interest (\$214,637 as of September 30, 2006) in a Certificate of Deposit held by the lender as a debt service reserve account. The new mortgage contains certain customary financial and non-financial covenants, including the requirement to maintain a tangible net worth of \$7.0 million and an amount of cash and cash equivalents, free from any and all encumbrances, in an amount of not less than \$1.0 million. We were in compliance with those covenants as of September 30, 2006. Our tangible net worth at September 30, 2006 was \$7.1 million. For additional liquidity, we negotiated a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the sale of our company-owned buildings which now house our entire Boston headquarters staff. On October 30, 2006 the deposit relating to that purchase was increased to \$400,000. If the sale closes, which is likely but not certain, we expect the closing to occur in December 2006. The liquidity impact of the sale would be to eliminate \$3.6 million in bank debt and increase cash by approximately \$4.2 million. The agreement provides for the lease-back to Zoom of a portion of the sold property at below-market lease rates. If the sale of the building is not completed, we may not meet the minimum tangible net worth requirement in the near term. If we default, the lender would have the right to demand payment in full of the loan and we would have no right to exercise our option to extend the loan. We may not have sufficient liquid assets to repay the loan if the lender makes demand. As such, we may be unable to continue as a going concern.

On March 15, 2006 our one-year revolving line of credit with Silicon Valley Bank terminated. There were no borrowings under the line for the entire one-year contract. Our discussions on a new line of credit are currently on hold, pending the outcome of the sale of our Headquarters buildings. Accordingly, we do not currently have a line of credit from which we can borrow.

In June 2005 InterMute, Inc., a software company in which we have a minority interest, was acquired by Trend Micro Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of Trend Micro Japan. In connection with the acquisition, in June 2005, we received a payment of approximately \$3.5 million in exchange for our investment. We recorded a non-operating gain of \$3.5 million in

our third quarter of 2005 in connection with this sale. At that time we disclosed that we could receive up to \$3.0 million in additional payments in 2006 if certain conditions and performance targets are met. We realized in cash an additional contingent gain of \$837,750 during the quarter ended September 30, 2006, representing our portion of an earnout payment paid by the buyer as a result of the achievement of a performance milestone. On November 11, 2006 we received a second and final performance milestone payment, also of \$837,750. We expect to receive in December 2006 a return of our escrow deposit of approximately \$370,000. No further payments from the sale of InterMute are expected.

To conserve cash and manage our liquidity, we continue to implement cost cutting initiatives including the reduction of employee headcount and overhead costs, and most recently, the move of most of our manufacturing operations to a dedicated facility in Tijuana, Mexico starting on approximately September 1, 2006. In connection therewith on June 30, 2006 we notified 40 employees currently working at Zoom in Boston that they would be terminated on approximately August 31, 2006. One-time severance benefits approximating \$100,000 were accrued for this termination and charged to operations as of June 30, 2006. We expect to incur approximately \$300,000 of costs, including the aforementioned severance benefits, in connection with the move. We plan to continue to assess our cost structure as it relates to our revenues and cash position in 2006, and we may make further changes if the actions are deemed necessary.

We believe that our current level of working capital combined with the anticipated proceeds from the completion of the pending sale of our headquarter buildings will provide sufficient resources to fund the Company's normal operations over the next twelve months, the relevant period for a going-concern evaluation, through September 30, 2007. However, we cannot assure that we can sell our building on favorable terms and on a timely basis, if at all. Our \$3.6 million mortgage loan contains financial covenants including the requirement that we maintain a tangible net worth of at least \$7.0 million. As of September 30, 2006 our tangible net worth was \$7.1 million. If we continue to incur operating losses that are not otherwise offset by proceeds from the timely sale of our headquarters facility we could be in default of this covenant before the loan matures in April 2007. In such event, the lender would have the right to demand payment in full of the loan and we would have no right to exercise our option to extend the loan.

We entered into a consignment arrangement with a significant retailer customer in October 2006. In connection with this agreement ownership of all unsold products previously purchased from Zoom are scheduled to revert to us in November 2006. The new arrangement has resulted in an accounting adjustment that reduced our net sales in the quarter ended September 30, 2006 by \$0.5 million and reduced cost of sales and other directly related expenses by \$0.3 million, which increased the net loss for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 by \$0.2 million. We estimated, as of September 30, 2006, that the cash repayment to the retailer in November for the inventory ownership transferring back to us will be approximately \$0.2 million. Sales in the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2006 will also be reduced compared to a non-consignment arrangement. The recording of sales under the consignment arrangement does not take place until the retailer makes a sale to its customer. The dating of invoices, the recognition of Accounts Receivable, and the due dates for payments to Zoom are also delayed.

If the buyer of our headquarters buildings does not close on the sale through no fault of ours, we are entitled to \$0.4 million of cash that has been deposited in escrow by the buyer. However, if we subsequently are not able sell our building on a timely basis our liquidity could be significantly impaired and we may not have sufficient resources to fund our normal operations over the next twelve months. Longer-term, if we are unable to increase our revenues, reduce or otherwise adequately control our expenses, or raise capital, our ability to continue as a going concern and achieve our intended business objectives would be adversely affected. See the safe harbor statement contained herein and the "Risk Factors" in Item 1A under Part II of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q below, Zoom's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and Zoom's other filings with the SEC, for further information with respect to events and uncertainties that could harm our business, operating results, and financial condition.

### **Commitments**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, there were no material changes to our capital commitments and contractual obligations from those disclosed in the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 except that, as described above, in March 2006 we paid our mortgage lender \$1.2 million to reduce the then balance of \$4.8 million, and refinanced the remaining balance of our mortgage loan with a new \$3.7 million mortgage with a 15 year amortization for one year and a Maturity Date of April 10, 2007.

### **"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.**

*Some of the statements contained in this report are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our or our industry's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to statements regarding: Zoom's plans, expectations and intentions, including statements relating to Zoom's prospects and plans relating to sales of and markets for its products; Zoom's expected benefits and cost savings resulting from the move of its manufacturing facilities to Mexico; Zoom's sufficiency of capital resources; and Zoom's financial condition or results of operations.*

*In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "would," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "projects," "predicts," "potential" and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are only predictions and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Given these uncertainties you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Also, these forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this report. We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement contained in this report to reflect any change in our expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any of our forward-looking statements are based. Factors that could cause or contribute to differences in our future financial results include those discussed in the risk factors set forth in Item 1A of Part II below as well as those discussed elsewhere in this report and in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.*

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

We own financial instruments that are sensitive to market risks as part of our investment portfolio. The investment portfolio is used to preserve our capital until it is required to fund operations, including our research and development activities. None of these market-risk sensitive instruments are held for trading purposes. We do not own derivative financial instruments in our investment portfolio. The investment portfolio contains instruments that are subject to the risk of a decline in interest rates. Investment Rate Risk - Our investment portfolio consists entirely of money market funds, which are subject to interest rate risk. Due to the short duration and conservative nature of these instruments, we do not believe that it has a material exposure to interest rate risk. Our market risks have not changed substantially since December 31, 2005.

### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

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

As of September 30, 2006 we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in enabling us to record, process, summarize and report information required to be included in our periodic SEC filings within the required time period.

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

### **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

*This report contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, such as statements of our objectives, expectations and intentions. The cautionary statements made in this report should be read as applicable to all forward-looking statements wherever they appear in this report. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed herein. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include those discussed below, as well as those discussed elsewhere in this report.*

#### **Our liquidity may be significantly impaired if we are not able to sell our headquarters facility.**

We recently announced that we have negotiated a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the sale of our headquarters facility. The potential purchaser has deposited \$400,000 related to this purchase. While we expect the closing of the sale of our headquarters will occur in December 2006, there can be no assurance that the sale will close. If the sale of our headquarters to the currently identified purchaser does not close there can be no assurance that we would be able

to locate another purchaser for the buildings on a timely basis and on terms acceptable to us. Our headquarters facility is subject to a \$3.6 million mortgage. The mortgage matures April 10, 2007 but may be extended at our option to April 10, 2008 if we make the election to extend the loan and pay the lender an extension fee of \$36,750 by March 10, 2007 and if prior to and following such election we are not in default under the loan. The mortgage contains financial and non-financial covenants, including the requirement to maintain a minimum tangible net worth of \$7.0 million. As of September 30, 2006 our tangible net worth was \$7.1 million. If we continue to incur losses that are not otherwise offset by proceeds from the timely sale of our headquarters facility, we could be in default of this covenant before the loan matures on April 10, 2007. In such event, the lender would have the right to demand payment in full of the loan and we would have no right to exercise our option to extend the loan. If we are not able to sell our building on a timely basis, our liquidity could be significantly impaired and we may not have sufficient resources to fund our normal operations over the next twelve months. Moreover, if we do sell our headquarters facility, we believe that we will be able to lease back a portion of the sold property or otherwise find suitable space for our principal headquarters on satisfactory terms. If we fail to lease back a portion of the sold property or to find suitable space for our principal headquarters, our business would be harmed.



**To stay in business we may require future additional funding which we may be unable to obtain on favorable terms, if at all.**

In addition to obtaining funds to refinance or repay our mortgage, over the next twelve months we may require additional financing for our operations either to fund losses beyond those we anticipate or to fund growth in our inventory and accounts receivable. Our revolving credit facility expired on March 15, 2006 and we currently have no line of credit from which we can borrow. Our discussions on a new line of credit are currently on hold, pending the outcome of the sale of our Headquarters buildings. Additional financing may not be available to us on a timely basis if at all, or on terms acceptable to us. If we fail to obtain acceptable additional financing when needed, we may not have sufficient resources to fund our normal operations and we may be required to further reduce planned expenditures or forego business opportunities. These factors could reduce our net sales, increase our losses, and harm our business. Moreover, additional equity financing could dilute the per share value of our common stock held by current shareholders, while additional debt financing could restrict our ability to make capital expenditures or incur additional indebtedness, all of which would impede our ability to succeed.

**Delays, unanticipated costs, interruptions in production or other problems in connection with the transfer of our manufacturing operations to Mexico or the continuing operation of that facility could harm our business.**

In September 2006 we transferred most of our manufacturing operations from Boston, Massachusetts to Tijuana, Mexico. As a result of moving our manufacturing operations to Mexico, we experienced delays and interruptions in production and may experience additional delays and interruptions as well as unanticipated costs and other problems. We incurred approximately \$280,000 in costs in connection with the move of our manufacturing operations to Mexico. Delays, interruptions in production or other problems related to the move could lead to increased or unexpected costs, reduced margins, delays in product deliveries, order cancellations, and lost revenue, all of which could harm our business, results of operation, and liquidity. Our conduct of business in Mexico is subject to the additional challenges and risks associated with international operations, including those related to integration of operations across different cultures and languages, currency risk, and economic, legal, political and regulatory risks.

**The market for high-speed communications products and services has many competing technologies and, as a result, the demand for certain of our products and services is declining.**

Industry analysts believe that the market for our dial-up modems will continue to decline. If we are unable to increase demand for and sales of our broadband modems, we may be unable to sustain or grow our business. The market for high-speed communications products and services has a number of competing technologies. For instance, Internet access can be achieved by:

- using a standard telephone line and appropriate service for dial-up modems;
- ISDN modems, or DSL modems, possibly in combination;
- using a cable modem with a cable TV line and cable modem service;
- using a router and some type of modem to service the computers connected to a local area network; or
- other approaches, including wireless links to the Internet.

Although we currently sell products that include these technologies, our most successful products have historically been our dial-up modems. The introduction of new products by competitors, market acceptance of products based on new or alternative technologies, or the emergence of new industry standards have in the past rendered and could continue to render our products less competitive or even obsolete. For example, these factors have caused the market

for our dial-up modems to shrink dramatically. If we are unable to increase demand for our broadband modems, we may be unable to sustain or grow our business.

**Capacity constraints in our Mexican operations could reduce our sales and revenues and hurt customer relationships.**

We now rely on our Mexican operations to finish and ship most of the products we sell. Since moving our manufacturing operations to our Mexican facility we have experienced and may continue to experience constraints on our manufacturing capacity as we address challenges related to operating our new facility, such as hiring and training workers, creating the facility's infrastructure, developing new supplier relationships, complying with customs and border regulations, and resolving shipping and logistical issues. Our sales and revenues may be reduced and our customer relationships may be impaired if we continue to experience constraints on our manufacturing capacity. We are working to minimize capacity constraints in a cost-effective manner, but there can be no assurance that we will be able to adequately minimize capacity constraints.

**Our reliance on a business processing outsourcing partner to conduct our operations in Mexico could materially harm our business and prospects.**

In connection with the move of most of our manufacturing operations to Mexico, we rely on a business processing outsourcing partner to hire, subject to our oversight, the production team for our manufacturing operation, provide the selected facility described above, and coordinate some of the start-up and ongoing manufacturing logistics relating to our operations in Mexico. Our outsourcing partner's related functions include acquiring the necessary Mexican permits, providing the appropriate Mexican operating entity, assisting in customs clearances, and providing other general assistance and administrative services in connection with the start-up and ongoing operation of the Mexican facility. Our outsourcing partner's performance of these obligations efficiently and effectively will be critical to the success of our operations in Mexico. Failure of our outsourcing partner to perform its obligations efficiently and effectively could result in delays, unanticipated costs or interruptions in production, delays in deliveries to our customers or other harm to our business, results of operation, and liquidity. Moreover, if our outsourcing arrangement is not successful, we cannot assure our ability to find an alternative production facility or outsourcing partner to assist in our operations in Mexico or our ability to operate successfully in Mexico without outsourcing or similar assistance.

**Our reliance on a limited number of customers for a large portion of our revenues could materially harm our business and prospects.**

Relatively few customers have accounted for a substantial portion of our net sales. In the first nine months of 2006, our net sales to three companies constituted 34% of our total net sales. Our customers generally do not enter into long-term agreements obligating them to purchase our products. We may not continue to receive significant revenues from any of these or from other large customers. Because of our significant customer concentration, our net sales and operating income could fluctuate significantly due to changes in political or economic conditions or the loss of, reduction of business with, or less favorable terms for any of our significant customers. For example, in the first nine months of 2006, DSL sales to our Turkish distributor, one of our top three customers, have declined significantly from \$3.1 million in the first nine months in 2005 to \$1.1 million in the first nine months in 2006. We attribute this decline due to a number of factors including increased competition and plans by Turkish Telecom to dramatically increase the bundling of DSL modems with their service. We cannot guarantee that we will increase our sales to our Turkish distributor. A reduction or delay in orders from any of our significant customers, or a delay or default in payment by any significant customer could materially harm our business, results of operation and liquidity.

**Our net sales, operating results and liquidity have been and may in the future be adversely affected because of the decline in the retail market for dial-up modems.**

The dial-up modem industry has been characterized by declining average selling prices and a declining retail market. The decline in average selling prices is due to a number of factors, including technological change, lower component costs, and competition. The decline in the size of the retail market for dial-up modems is primarily due to the inclusion of dial-up modems as a standard feature contained in new PCs, and the advent of broadband products. Decreasing average selling prices and reduced demand for our dial-up modems have resulted and may in the future result in decreased net sales for dial-up modems. If we fail to replace declining revenue from the sales of dial-up modems with the sales of our other products, including our broadband modems, our business, results of operation and liquidity will be harmed.

**Less advantageous terms of sale of our products could harm our business.**

The Company entered into a consignment arrangement with a significant retailer customer in October 2006. In connection with this arrangement ownership of all unsold products previously purchased from the Company are scheduled to revert to the Company in November 2006. The new arrangement has resulted in an accounting adjustment that reduced the Company's net sales in the quarter ended September 30, 2006 by \$0.5 million and reduced

cost of sales and other directly related expenses by \$0.3 million, which increased the net loss for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 by \$0.2 million. The Company estimated, as of September 30, 2006, that the cash repayment to the retailer in November for the inventory ownership transferring back to the Company will be approximately \$0.2 million. Sales in the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2006 will also be reduced due to the start of the consignment arrangement. Under the consignment arrangement we are not able to recognize revenue from the sale of a product until the retailer actually sells such product to its customer. The consignment arrangement also results in a delay in the dating of invoices, the recognition of accounts receivable, and the due dates for payment by the retailer for goods sold. If additional significant customers adopt similar arrangements or otherwise change the terms of sale, our business, results of operation and liquidity will be harmed.

**We believe that our future success will depend in large part on our ability to more successfully penetrate the broadband modem markets, which have been challenging markets, with significant barriers to entry.**

With the shrinking of the dial-up modem market, we believe that our future success will depend in large part on our ability to more successfully penetrate the broadband modem markets, DSL and cable, and the VoIP market. These markets have significant barriers to entry that have adversely affected our sales to these markets. Although some cable and DSL modems are sold at retail, the high volume purchasers of these modems are concentrated in a relatively few large cable, telecommunications, and Internet service providers which offer broadband modem services to their customers. These customers, particularly cable services providers, also have extensive and varied approval processes for modems to be approved for use on their network. These approvals are expensive, time consuming, and continue to evolve. Successfully penetrating the broadband modem market therefore presents a number of challenges including:

- the current limited retail market for broadband modems;
- the relatively small number of cable, telecommunications and Internet service provider customers that make up a substantial part of the market for broadband modems;
- the significant bargaining power of these large volume purchasers;
- the time consuming, expensive, uncertain and varied approval process of the various cable service providers; and
- the strong relationships with cable service providers enjoyed by incumbent cable equipment providers like Motorola and Scientific Atlanta.

Our sales of broadband products have been adversely affected by all of these factors. Sales of our broadband products in European countries have fluctuated and may continue to fluctuate due to approvals and delays in the deployment by service providers of cable and DSL service in these countries. We cannot assure that we will be able to successfully penetrate these markets.

**Our failure to meet changing customer requirements and emerging industry standards would adversely impact our ability to sell our products and services.**

The market for PC communications products and high-speed broadband access products and services is characterized by aggressive pricing practices, continually changing customer demand patterns, rapid technological advances, emerging industry standards and short product life cycles. Some of our product and service developments and enhancements have taken longer than planned and have delayed the availability of our products and services, which adversely affected our sales and profitability in the past. Any significant delays in the future may adversely impact our ability to sell our products and services, and our results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected. Our future success will depend in large part upon our ability to:

- identify and respond to emerging technological trends and industry standards in the market;
- develop and maintain competitive products that meet changing customer demands;
- enhance our products by adding innovative features that differentiate our products from those of our competitors;
- bring products to market on a timely basis;
- introduce products that have competitive prices;

- manage our product transitions, inventory levels and manufacturing processes efficiently;
- respond effectively to new technological changes or new product announcements by others; and
- meet changing industry standards.

Our product cycles tend to be short, and we may incur significant non-recoverable expenses or devote significant resources to sales that do not occur when anticipated. Therefore, the resources we devote to product development, sales and marketing may not generate material net sales for us. In addition, short product cycles have resulted in and may in the future result in excess and obsolete inventory, which has had and may in the future have an adverse affect on our results of operations. In an effort to develop innovative products and technology, we have incurred and may in the future incur substantial development, sales, marketing, and inventory costs. If we are unable to recover these costs, our financial condition and operating results could be adversely affected. In addition, if we sell our products at reduced prices in anticipation of cost reductions and we still have higher cost products in inventory, our business would be harmed and our results of operations and financial condition would be adversely affected.

**Our international operations are subject to a number of risks that could harm our business.**

Currently our business is significantly dependent on our operations outside the United States, particularly sales of our products and the production of most of our products. All of our manufacturing operations except our rework operations are now located outside of the United States. In the first nine months of 2005, sales outside of North America were approximately 54% of our net sales. In the first nine months of 2006, sales outside North America were 42% of our net sales. The inherent risks of international operations could harm our business, results of operation, and liquidity. The types of risks faced in connection with international operations and sales include, among others:

- regulatory and communications requirements and policy changes;
- favoritism toward local suppliers;
- delays in the rollout of broadband services by cable and DSL service providers;
- local language and technical support requirements;
- difficulties in inventory management, accounts receivable collection and the management of distributors or representatives;
- cultural differences;
- reduced control over staff and other difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations;
- reduced protection for intellectual property rights in some countries;
- political and economic changes and disruptions;
- governmental currency controls;
- shipping costs;
- currency exchange rate fluctuations, including, as a result of the move of our manufacturing operations to Mexico, changes in value of the Mexican Peso relative to the US dollar; and import, export, and tariff regulations.

**We may be subject to product returns resulting from defects, or from overstocking of our products. Product returns could result in the failure to attain market acceptance of our products, which would harm our business.**

If our products contain undetected defects, errors, or failures, we could face:

- delays in the development of our products;
- numerous product returns; and
- other losses to us or to our customers or end users.

Any of these occurrences could also result in the loss of or delay in market acceptance of our products, either of which would reduce our sales and harm our business. We are also exposed to the risk of product returns from our customers as a result of contractual stock rotation privileges and our practice of assisting some of our customers in balancing their inventories. Overstocking has in the past led and may in the future lead to higher than normal returns.

**Our failure to effectively manage our inventory levels could materially and adversely affect our liquidity and harm our business.**

Due to rapid technological change and changing markets we are required to manage our inventory levels carefully to both meet customer expectations regarding delivery times and to limit our excess inventory exposure. In the event we fail to effectively manage our inventory our liquidity may be adversely affected and we may face increased risk of inventory obsolescence, a decline in market value of the inventory, or losses from theft, fire, or other casualty. We incurred a \$0.1 million inventory obsolescence charge in the three months ended September 30,2006 for inventory reserves related to some slow-moving VoIP products.

**We may be unable to produce sufficient quantities of our products because we depend on third party manufacturers. If these third party manufacturers fail to produce quality products in a timely manner, our ability to fulfill our customer orders would be adversely impacted.**

We use contract manufacturers to partially manufacture our products. We use these third party manufacturers to help ensure low costs, rapid market entry, and reliability. Any manufacturing disruption could impair our ability to fulfill orders, and failure to fulfill orders would adversely affect our sales. Although we currently use four contract manufacturers for the bulk of our purchases, in some cases a given product is only provided by one of these companies. The loss of the services of any of our significant third party manufacturers or a material adverse change in the business of or our relationships with any of these manufacturers could harm our business. Since third parties manufacture our products and we expect this to continue in the future, our success will depend, in part, on the ability of third parties to manufacture our products cost effectively and in sufficient quantities to meet our customer demand.



We are subject to the following risks because of our reliance on third party manufacturers:

- reduced management and control of component purchases;
- reduced control over delivery schedules, quality assurance and manufacturing yields;
- lack of adequate capacity during periods of excess demand;
- limited warranties on products supplied to us;
- potential increases in prices;
- interruption of supplies from assemblers as a result of a fire, natural calamity, strike or other significant event; and
- misappropriation of our intellectual property.

**We may be unable to produce sufficient quantities of our products because we obtain key components from, and depend on, sole or limited source suppliers.**

We obtain certain key parts, components, and equipment from sole or limited sources of supply. For example, we purchase most of our dial-up and broadband modem chipsets from Conexant Systems, Agere Systems, and Ikanos Communications. Integrated circuit product areas covered by at least one of these companies include dial-up modems, DSL modems, cable modems, networking, routers, and gateways. In the past we have experienced delays in receiving shipments of modem chipsets from our sole source suppliers. We may experience similar delays in the future. In addition, some products may have other components that are available from only one source. If we are unable to obtain a sufficient supply of components from our current sources, we would experience difficulties in obtaining alternative sources or in altering product designs to use alternative components. Resulting delays or reductions in product shipments could damage relationships with our customers, and our customers could decide to purchase products from our competitors. Inability to meet our customers' demand or a decision by one or more of our customers to purchase products from our competitors could harm our operating results.

**We face significant competition, which could result in decreased demand for our products or services.**

We may be unable to compete successfully. A number of companies have developed, or are expected to develop, products that compete or will compete with our products. Furthermore, many of our current and potential competitors have significantly greater resources than we do. Intense competition, rapid technological change and evolving industry standards could result in less favorable selling terms to our customers, decrease demand for our products or make our products obsolete.

**Changes in existing regulations or adoption of new regulations affecting the Internet could increase the cost of our products or otherwise affect our ability to offer our products and services over the Internet.**

Congress has adopted legislation that regulates certain aspects of the Internet, including online content, user privacy, taxation, liability for third-party activities and jurisdiction. In addition, a number of initiatives pending in Congress and state legislatures would prohibit or restrict advertising or sale of certain products and services on the Internet, which may have the effect of raising the cost of doing business on the Internet generally. Federal, state, local and foreign governmental organizations are considering other legislative and regulatory proposals that would regulate the Internet. We cannot predict whether new taxes will be imposed on our services, and depending on the type of taxes imposed, whether and how our services would be affected thereafter. Increased regulation of the Internet may decrease its growth and hinder technological development, which may negatively impact the cost of doing business via the

Internet or otherwise harm our business.

**New regulations to reduce the use of hazardous materials in products scheduled to be implemented in 2007 may increase our manufacturing costs and harm our business.**

The Federal government has announced plans to reduce the use of hazardous materials, such as lead, in electronic equipment. The implementation of these new requirements, currently scheduled to begin in 2007, may require us and other electronics companies to change or discontinue many products. We believe compliance with these new requirements will be difficult, and will typically increase our product costs by up to \$.50 per unit, depending on the product. In addition, we may incur additional costs involved with the disposal of inventory or with returned products that do not meet the new requirements, which could further harm our business. In the first nine months of 2006, we incurred an additional \$0.1 million in costs due to establishment of obsolescence reserves for the eventual disposal of some of our modem components as a result of recently enacted regulatory requirements in the European Union.

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**Changes in current or future laws or governmental regulations and industry standards that negatively impact our products, services and technologies could harm our business.**

The jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission, or the FCC, extends to the entire United States communications industry including our customers and their products and services that incorporate our products. Our products are also required to meet the regulatory requirements of other countries throughout the world where our products and services are sold. Obtaining government regulatory approvals is time-consuming and very costly. In the past, we have encountered delays in the introduction of our products, such as our cable modems, as a result of government certifications. We may face further delays if we are unable to comply with governmental regulations. Delays caused by the time it takes to comply with regulatory requirements may result in cancellations or postponements of product orders or purchases by our customers, which would harm our business.

In addition to reliability and quality standards, the market acceptance of our VoIP products and services is dependent upon the adoption of industry standards so that products from multiple manufacturers are able to communicate with each other. Standards are continuously being modified and replaced. As standards evolve, we may be required to modify our existing products or develop and support new versions of our products. The failure of our products to comply, or delays in compliance, with various existing and evolving industry standards could delay or interrupt volume production of our products, which could harm our business.

**Regulation of VoIP services is developing and is therefore uncertain. Future regulation of VoIP services could increase our costs and restrict the growth of our VoIP business.**

VoIP services currently have different regulations from traditional telephony in most countries including the US. The US, various states and other countries may impose surcharges, taxes or new regulations upon providers of VoIP services. The imposition of any such surcharges, taxes and regulations on VoIP services could materially increase our costs, may limit or eliminate our competitive pricing and may require us to restructure the VoIP services we currently offer. For example, regulations requiring compliance with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) or provision of the same type of 911 services as required for traditional telecommunications providers could place a significant financial burden on us depending on the technical changes required to accommodate the requirements. In May 2005 the FCC issued an order requiring interconnected VoIP providers to deliver 911 calls to the customer's local emergency operator as a standard feature of the service. We believe our VoIP products are capable of meeting the FCC requirements. In the event our VoIP products do not meet the FCC requirements, we may need to modify our products, which could increase our costs.

In many countries outside the US in which we operate or our services are sold, we cannot be certain that we will be able to comply with existing or future requirements, or that we will be able to continue to be in compliance with any such requirements. Our failure to comply with these requirements could materially adversely affect our ability to continue to offer our VoIP services in these jurisdictions.

**Fluctuations in the foreign currency exchange rates in relation to the U.S. Dollar could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.**

Changes in currency exchange rates that increase the relative value of the U.S. dollar may make it more difficult for us to compete with foreign manufacturers on price, may reduce our foreign currency denominated sales when expressed in dollars, or may otherwise have a material adverse effect on our sales and operating results. A significant increase in our foreign currency denominated sales would increase our risk associated with foreign currency fluctuations. A weakness in the U.S. dollar relative to the Mexican Peso and various Asian currencies including the Chinese renminbi could increase our product costs.

**Our future success will depend on the continued services of our executive officers and key product development personnel.**

The loss of any of our executive officers or key product development personnel, the inability to attract or retain qualified personnel in the future, or delays in hiring skilled personnel could harm our business. Competition for skilled personnel is significant. We may be unable to attract and retain all the personnel necessary for the development of our business. In addition, the loss of Frank B. Manning, our president and chief executive officer, or Peter Kramer, our executive vice president, some other member of the senior management team, a key engineer or salesperson, or other key contributors, could harm our relations with our customers, our ability to respond to technological change, and our business.

**We may have difficulty protecting our intellectual property.**

Our ability to compete is heavily affected by our ability to protect our intellectual property. We rely primarily on trade secret laws, confidentiality procedures, patents, copyrights, trademarks, and licensing arrangements to protect our intellectual property. The steps we take to protect our technology may be inadequate. Existing trade secret, trademark and copyright laws offer only limited protection. Our patents could be invalidated or circumvented. We have more intellectual property assets in some countries than we do in others. In addition, the laws of some foreign countries in which our products are or may be developed, manufactured or sold may not protect our products or intellectual property rights to the same extent as do the laws of the United States. This may make the possibility of piracy of our technology and products more likely. We cannot assure that the steps that we have taken to protect our intellectual property will be adequate to prevent misappropriation of our technology.

**We could infringe the intellectual property rights of others.**

Particular aspects of our technology could be found to infringe on the intellectual property rights or patents of others. Other companies may hold or obtain patents on inventions or may otherwise claim proprietary rights to technology necessary to our business. We cannot predict the extent to which we may be required to seek licenses. We cannot assure that the terms of any licenses we may be required to seek will be reasonable. We are often indemnified by our suppliers relative to certain intellectual property rights; but these indemnifications do not cover all possible suits, and there is no guarantee that a relevant indemnification will be honored by the indemnifying.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

Exhibit Exhibit Description  
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- 31.1 CEO Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*\*
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\*\*Filed herewith

**SIGNATURES**

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

**ZOOM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
(Registrant)

Date: November 13, 2006

By: /s/ Frank B. Manning

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Frank B. Manning, President

Date: November 13, 2006

By: /s/ Robert Crist

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Robert Crist, Vice President of Finance and Chief  
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