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

For the quarter ended September 30, 2007


#### Abstract

OR

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


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

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

Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or organization)<br>33-0846191<br>(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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

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

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, (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer ý Non-accelerated filer o
Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Securities Exchange Act Rule 12b-2).
YES [ ] NO x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

## Class <br> Common Stock \$. 001 Par Value <br> Outstanding at October 22, 2007 <br> 8,527,312

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## PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |  |
| Current assets: |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 37,577 | \$ | 42,386 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$60 | 1,671 |  | 1,276 |
| Refundable income taxes | 1,220 |  | 1,220 |
| Inventories, net | 426 |  | 442 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 1,073 |  | 1,060 |
| Customer notes receivable, net of allowance of \$23 | 3,696 |  | 2,536 |
| Net deferred income tax asset | 1,050 |  | 1,020 |
| Receivables from sale of net assets of discontinued operations | 92 |  | 92 |
| Total current assets | 46,805 |  | 50,032 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Property and equipment, net | 4,141 |  | 4,081 |
| Goodwill | 12,879 |  | 12,884 |
| Intangible assets, net | 10,456 |  | 10,365 |
| Note receivable from sale of discontinued operation | 206 |  | 229 |
| Other assets | 514 |  | 510 |
|  | \$ 75,001 | \$ | 78,101 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |  |
| Current liabilities: |  |  |  |
| Accounts payable | \$ 1,106 | \$ | 1,435 |
| Accrued liabilities | 2,130 |  | 2,154 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 1,448 |  | 1,988 |
| Income taxes payable | 297 |  | 14 |
| Deferred revenue | 1,889 |  | 2,233 |
| Current liabilities of discontinued operations | 23 |  | - |
| Total current liabilities | 6,893 |  | 7,824 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Deferred rent | 464 |  | 477 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 40 |  | 40 |
| Net deferred income tax liability | 810 |  | 869 |
| Commitments and contingencies | - |  | - |
| Preferred stock, \$.001 par value; 5,000 shares authorized; no shares issued or outstanding | - |  | - |
| Common stock, \$. 001 par value; 45,000 shares authorized; outstanding 8,521 at |  |  |  |
| September 30, 2007 and 8,496 at June 30, 2007 | 9 |  | 9 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 77,049 |  | 76,737 |
| Accumulated deficit | $(10,264)$ |  | $(7,855)$ |
| Total stockholders' equity | 66,794 |  | 68,891 |
|  | \$ 75,001 | \$ | 78,101 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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

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

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, 2007 2006 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net revenues | \$ | 10,825 | \$ | 9,898 |
| Cost of revenues |  | 5,200 |  | 4,356 |
| Gross profit |  | 5,625 |  | 5,542 |
| Selling and marketing expenses |  | 2,018 |  | 1,262 |
| General and administrative expenses |  | 3,948 |  | 3,979 |
| Amortization of intangible assets |  | 270 |  | 171 |
| Total operating expenses |  | 6,236 |  | 5,412 |
| Operating income (loss) |  | (611) |  | 130 |
| Interest income, net |  | 444 |  | 567 |
| Other income |  | 1 |  | 4 |
| Income (loss) before provision (benefit) for income taxes |  | (166) |  | 701 |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes |  | (66) |  | 318 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations |  | (100) |  | 383 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of gain on sales of discontinued businesses (net of income taxes) |  | (10) |  | 11 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | (110) | \$ | 394 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income (loss) per basic share: |  |  |  |  |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ | (0.01) | \$ | 0.05 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of gain on sales of discontinued businesses (net of income taxes) |  |  |  |  |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | (0.01) | \$ | 0.05 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income (loss) per diluted share: |  |  |  |  |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ | (0.01) | \$ | 0.04 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of gain on sales of discontinued businesses (net of income taxes) |  | - |  | - |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | (0.01) | \$ | 0.04 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 8,463 |  | 8,351 |
| Diluted |  | 8,463 |  | 8,628 |
| Dividends declared per common share | \$ | 0.25 | \$ | 0.08 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.
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## COLLECTORS UNIVERSE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(in thousands)
(unaudited)

|  | Commo Shares | Stock Amount | Additional <br> Paid-in <br> Capital |  | Accumulated Deficit |  | Treasury Stock Shares Amount |  |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance at June 30, 2005 | 8,610 | \$ 9 | \$ | 78,594 | \$ | $(7,016)$ | (125) | \$ | $(1,021)$ | \$ | 70,566 |
| Exercise of stock options | 47 | - |  | 243 |  | - | - |  | - |  | 243 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | - | - |  | 670 |  | - | - |  | - |  | 670 |
| Tax benefit on exercise of stock options | - | - |  | 29 |  | - | - |  | - |  | 29 |
| Shares repurchased and cancelled under the Stock Repurchase Plan | (182) | (1) |  | $(2,627)$ |  | - | - |  | - |  | $(2,628)$ |
| Net income | ) |  |  | - |  | 3,700 | - |  | - |  | 3,700 |
| Dividends paid to common stockholders | - | - |  | - |  | (674) | - |  | - |  | (674) |
| Balance at June 30, 2006 | 8,475 | 8 |  | 76,909 |  | $(3,990)$ | (125) |  | $(1,021)$ |  | 71,906 |
| Exercise of stock options | 161 | 1 |  | 275 |  | - | - |  | - |  | 276 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | - | - |  | 726 |  | - | - |  | - |  | 726 |
| Issuance of restricted shares | 57 | - |  | 164 |  | - | - |  | - |  | 164 |
| Tax benefit on exercise of stock options | - | - |  | 633 |  | - | - |  | - |  | 633 |
| Shares repurchased and cancelled under the Stock repurchase Plan | (72) | - |  | (949) |  | - | - |  | - |  | (949) |
| Net loss | - | - |  | - |  | (515) | - |  | - |  | (515) |
| Retirement of treasury shares | (125) | - |  | $(1,021)$ |  | - | 125 |  | 1,021 |  | - |
| Dividends paid (\$0.40 per share) | - | - |  | - |  | $(3,350)$ | - |  | - |  | $(3,350)$ |
| Balance at June 30, 2007 | 8,496 | \$ 9 | \$ | 76,737 | \$ | $(7,855)$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 68,891 |
|  | - | - |  | - |  | (170) | - |  | - |  | (170) |


| Cumulative effect of adoption of FIN 48 (see note 8) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Exercise of stock options | 25 |  | - |  | 72 |  | - | - |  | - |  | 72 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | - |  | - |  | 240 |  | - | - |  | - |  | 240 |
| Dividends paid (\$0.25 per share) | - |  | - |  |  |  | $(2,129)$ | - |  | - |  | $(2,129)$ |
| Net loss | - |  | - |  | - |  | (110) | - |  | - |  | (110) |
| Balance at September $30,2007$ | 8,521 | \$ | 9 | \$ | 77,049 | \$ | $(10,264)$ | - | \$ |  | \$ | 66,794 |

The accompanying notes are in integral part of these consolidated financial statements.
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## COLLECTORS UNIVERSE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)
(unaudited)


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| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 42,386 |  | 52,110 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ | 37,577 | \$ | 41,602 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: |  |  |  |  |
| Interest paid | \$ |  | \$ | 7 |
| Income taxes paid | \$ |  | \$ | 507 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.
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## COLLECTORS UNIVERSE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

(in thousands)
(unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended <br> September 30, |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2007 |  |  |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.
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# COLLECTORS UNIVERSE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) 

## 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Collectors Universe, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company"). At September 30, 2007, such operating subsidiaries were Professional Coin Grading Services, Inc., Collectors Finance Corporation, Certified Asset Exchange, Inc., Gem Certification and Assurance Lab, Inc., Expos Unlimited, Inc., and American Gemological Laboratories, Inc. All intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated.

In the first quarter of fiscal 2007, the Company acquired the following businesses, the results of operations of which have been consolidated into the financial statements of the Company from their respective dates of acquisition:

| Business | Acquisition Date | Purchase Price |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Expos Unlimite d,July 1, 2006 | $\$ 2.5$ million |  |
| LLC |  |  |
| A m e r i c a nAugust 18, 2006 | $\$ 3.9$ million |  |
| Gemolog i c a l |  |  |
| Laboratories, Inc. |  |  |

## Unaudited Interim Financial Information

The accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for interim financial reporting. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and, in the opinion of management, include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments and accruals) necessary to present fairly the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the periods presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). Operating results for the three months ended September 30, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending June 30, 2008 or for any other interim period during such year. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. Amounts related to disclosure of June 30, 2007 balances within these interim condensed consolidated financial statements were derived from the aforementioned audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in that Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## Reclassifications

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. On the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended September 30, 2006, net cash outflow of $\$ 1,790,000$ from advances to and cash collections from customer notes receivable have been reclassified from cash flows from operating activities to cash flows from investing activities, and shown separately as advances on customer notes receivable and proceeds from customer notes receivables in the amounts of $\$ 2,421,000$ as a cash outflow and

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$\$ 631,000$ as a cash inflow, respectively.

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## Revenue Recognition

Net revenues consist primarily of fees generated from the authentication and grading of coins, sportscards, autographs, currency, diamonds, colored gemstones and stamps. Authentication and grading revenues are recognized when those services have been performed by us and the item is shipped back to the customer. Authentication and grading fees generally are prepaid, although we offer open account privileges to larger dealers. Advance payments received for grading services are deferred until the service is performed and the graded item is shipped to the customer. In the case of dealers to whom we have extended credit, we record authentication and grading revenues at the time the item is shipped back to the customer. With the acquisition of Expos, the Company recognizes revenues earned from the promotion, managing and operation of collectibles conventions in the period that the conventions take place. Many of our customers pay us subscription fees for membership in our Collectors Club, which entitles the member access to our on-line and printed publications, and certain members are entitled to a voucher for free grading services. We record revenue for this multi-element arrangement by recognizing approximately $60 \%$ of the subscription fee in the month following the membership purchase. The balance of the membership purchase price is recognized as revenue over the life of the membership, which ranges from one to two years. We evaluate at least semi-annually the percentage factors used to allocate the subscription fee between the grading and the publication services provided under this membership service.

## Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and such differences could be material to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

## Long-Lived Assets

Management regularly reviews property and equipment and other long-lived assets, including certain identifiable intangibles and goodwill, for possible impairment. This review occurs annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable in full. If there is indication of impairment of property and equipment or amortizable intangible assets, then management prepares an estimate of future undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use of that asset and its eventual disposition. If these cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized to write down the asset to its estimated fair value. The fair value is estimated at the present value of the future cash flows discounted at a rate commensurate with management's estimates of the business risks. During the three months ended September 30, 2007, $\$ 1,000$ was recognized as impairment of long-lived assets and was classified as part of general and administrative expense on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for that three month period. There was no such impairment expense recognized in the three months ended September 30, 2006.

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## Stock-Based Compensation Expense

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ("SFAS") No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment, stock-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date of an award, based on its fair value, and is recognized as expense over the employee's requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period. The following table shows total stock-based compensation expense included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006:

|  | (Dollars in thousands) <br> Three Months Ended <br> September 30, |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 2007 |  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ |
| Included in: | $\$$ | 61 | $\$$ |
| Cost of revenues | $(7)$ | 76 |  |
| Selling and marketing expenses ${ }^{(1)}$ | 192 | 123 |  |
| General and administrative expenses ${ }^{(2)}$ | $\$$ | - | 246 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | $\$$ | $(5)$ |  |

(1) Includes \$8,000 related to a forfeiture of stock options during the first quarter of fiscal 2008.
${ }^{(2)}$ Includes $\$ 82,000$ and $\$ 3,000$ in the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, for amortization of compensation expense related to issuance of restricted stock (see below).

For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, the Company estimated the rates of forfeiture of outstanding non-vested stock-based compensation awards to be $9 \%$ and $10.5 \%$, respectively.

No options were granted during the three months ended September 30, 2007; whereas, options to purchase a total of 28,000 shares of common stock were granted during three months ended September 30, 2006. The Company used the Black-Scholes option pricing model and the assumptions set forth in the following table to determine the fair values of the options granted in the three months ended September 30, 2006:

|  | Three Months <br> Ended <br> September 30, |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ |

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The following table presents information relative to the stock options outstanding under all equity incentive plans as of and for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The closing price of our common stock as of September 29, 2007 was $\$ 14.06$.

| Options | Shares | Weighted <br> Average Exercise Price |  | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term |  | Aggregate <br> Intrinsic <br> Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outstanding at June 30, 2007 | 912,000 | \$ | 12.98 |  |  |  |
| Granted ${ }^{(1)}$ | - |  | - |  |  |  |
| Exercised | $(25,000)$ |  | 5.96 |  |  |  |
| Forfeited or cancelled | $(11,000)$ |  | 13.82 |  |  |  |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2007 | 876,000 | \$ | 13.17 | 6.2 yrs. | \$ | 2,304,000 |
| Exercisable at September 30, 2007 | 631,000 | \$ | 12.79 | 5.7 yrs. | \$ | 2,140,000 |
| Unvested at September 30, 2007 | 245,000 | \$ | 14.15 | 7.5 yrs. | \$ | 166,000 |
| Expected to vest at September 30, 2007 | 216,000 | \$ | 14.16 | 7.4 yrs. | \$ | 155,000 |

(1) No options were granted during the three months ended September 30, 2007.

The weighted average grant-date fair value of options, determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, granted during the three months ended September 30, 2006 was $\$ 5.85$. The aggregate intrinsic values of the options exercised during the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 were $\$ 249,000$ and $\$ 29,000$, respectively.

The 216,000 options that are expected to vest at September 30, 2007 are based on the current forfeiture rate of $9 \%$ and the remaining vesting terms of the 245,000 unvested options at September 30, 2007.

During the three months ended September 30, 2006, approximately 56,000 options were vested with an aggregate fair value of approximately $\$ 378,000$. During the three months ended September 30, 2007 approximately 22,000 options were vested with an aggregate fair value of approximately $\$ 146,000$.

The following table presents the non-vested status of the restricted shares for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and the weighted average grant-date fair values.

| Non-Vested |  | Weighted <br> Average <br> Shares: |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Non-vested at | Shares | Fair Value |

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As of September 30, 2007, $\$ 1,387,000$ of total unrecognized compensation costs, related to non-vested stock-based awards, is expected to be recognized through fiscal 2011, and the weighted average remaining vesting period of those awards is approximately 1.8 years. That amount and time period do not include the cost or effect of the possible grant of any additional stock-based compensation awards in the future or any change that may occur in the Company's forfeiture percentage.

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## Concentrations

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

Financial Instruments and Cash Balances. At September 30, 2007, cash and cash equivalents, totaling approximately $\$ 37.6$ million, were comprised primarily of money market funds. At September 30, 2007, the Company had approximately $\$ 1.2$ million in a non-interest bearing bank account for general day-to-day operations.

Accounts Receivable. A substantial portion of accounts receivable are due from collectibles dealers. At September 30, 2007 and June 30, 2007, two and one customer(s) accounted for approximately $27 \%$ and $13 \%$, respectively, of total gross accounts receivable balances of $\$ 1,731,000$ and $\$ 1,336,000$, respectively. The Company performs an analysis of the expected collectibility of accounts receivable based on several factors, including the age and extent of significant past due accounts and economic conditions or trends that may adversely affect the ability of account debtors to pay their account receivable balances. Based on that review, the Company establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts, when necessary. The allowance for doubtful accounts receivable was $\$ 60,000$ at both September 30, 2007 and June 30, 2007.

Customer Notes Receivables. At September 30, 2007, the outstanding principal amount of customer notes receivable, which evidenced short term advances made to customers, totaled $\$ 3,696,000$, net of a $\$ 23,000$ allowance for uncollectible amounts, and four of those notes receivable represented $88 \%$ of the total principal amounts outstanding. At June 30, 2007, two customers' loan balances represented $68 \%$ of the total principal balances outstanding of $\$ 2,536,000$. During the quarter ended September 30, 2007, the Company made short-term advances to and recorded cash collections from these four customers in the aggregate amounts of $\$ 1,700,000$ and $\$ 449,000$, respectively. In total, the Company made short-term advances of $\$ 1,926,000$ and recorded cash collections of $\$ 769,000$ during the first quarter of fiscal year 2007. The Company performs an analysis of the expected collectibility of customer notes receivables based on several factors, including the age and extent of significant past due amounts, economic conditions or trends that may adversely affect the ability of customers to pay those notes and the value of collateral securing the repayment of the outstanding balances. At September 30, 2007 and June 30, 2007, the allowance of $\$ 23,000$ reflected a deficiency in collateral value securing the notes of one customer. Included in the September 30, 2007 balance of $\$ 3,696,000$ was approximately $\$ 128,000$ in connection with a note receivable recorded in September, 2006 that matures in December, 2007. At June 30, 2007, the carrying value of this note was approximately $\$ 125,000$ and approximately $\$ 3,000$ was recorded as interest income in the three months ended September 30, 2007.

Sources of Revenues. The authentication and grading of collectible coins accounted for approximately $56 \%$ of our net revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.

## Comprehensive Income

The Company does not have any items of other comprehensive income requiring separate disclosure.

## Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, the Company is required to evaluate the carrying value of its goodwill and certain indefinite-lived intangible assets at least annually for impairment, or more frequently if facts and circumstances indicate that an impairment has occurred. Management evaluates the carrying value of its goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment on the anniversary date of each of the acquisitions that gave rise to the recording of such assets. During the three months ended September 30, 2007, the Company completed its annual review of the carrying values of the goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible
assets acquired in the acquisitions of CoinFacts.com (Coinfacts), Certified Coin Exchange (CCE), Expos Unlimited (Expos) and AGL, and concluded that no impairments had occurred at any of these reporting units. Intangible assets with definite lives, acquired by acquisition, are subject to amortization over their remaining useful lives.

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The following table sets forth, by "reporting unit" as defined by SFAS No. 142, the amounts classified as goodwill and intangible assets, net, on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 30 and September 30, 2007 in thousands of dollars:

|  | Coins |  | CGAL <br> including <br> Gemprint |  | AGL |  | Expos |  | CCE and Other |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Goodwill: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance at June 30, 2007 | \$ | 515 | \$ | 8,168 | \$ | 2,083 | \$ | 1,001 | \$ | 1,117 | \$ | 12,884 |
| Purchase price adjustment since June 30, 2007: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CCE |  | - |  |  |  | - |  | - |  | (5) |  | (5) |
| Balance at September 30, 2007 | \$ | 515 | \$ | 8,168 | \$ | 2,083 | \$ | 1,001 | \$ | 1,112 | \$ | 12,879 |
| Intangible Assets, Net: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance at June 30, 2007 | \$ | 412 | \$ | 4,013 | \$ | 2,916 | \$ | 1,700 | \$ | 1,324 | \$ | 10,365 |
| Capitalized software costs |  | - |  | 111 |  | - |  | - |  | 250 |  | 361 |
| Less: amortization for three months ended September 30, 2007 |  | (38) |  | (124) |  | (28) |  | (28) |  | (52) |  | (270) |
| Balance at September 30, 2007 | \$ | 374 | \$ | 4,000 | \$ | 2,888 | \$ | 1,672 | \$ | 1,522 | \$ | 10,456 |

Amortization expense for each of the five succeeding years relating to intangible assets with definite lives currently recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets is estimated to be as follows at September 30, 2007:

| 2008 (for |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Q2-Q4) | $\$$ | 976,000 |
| 2009 | $\$ 1,376,000$ |  |
| 2010 | $\$ 1,364,000$ |  |
| 2011 | $\$$ | 981,000 |
| 2012 | $\$$ | 563,000 |

Approximately $\$ 9.6$ million of the $\$ 12.9$ million classified as goodwill on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2007 is amortizable and deductible for tax purposes over a period of 15 years.

## Stock Buyback

During the first quarter of fiscal year 2007, the Company repurchased a total of 27,117 shares of its common stock in the open market and, as a result, recorded a reduction of additional paid-in capital in the amount of approximately $\$ 378,000$ as of September 30, 2006. There were no share repurchases in the three month period ended September 30, 2007.

## Dividends

On September 7, 2007, the Company paid a quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 0.25$ per common share, aggregating approximately $\$ 2,129,000$. During the first quarter of fiscal 2007, a dividend of $\$ 0.08$ per share was paid, aggregating approximately $\$ 668,000$.

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Through September 30, 2007, the Company has capitalized an aggregate of approximately $\$ 1,937,000$, net of accumulated amortization of approximately $\$ 329,000$ in accordance with Statement of Position ("SOP") $98-1$. Approximately $\$ 361,000$ of such costs was capitalized during the three month period ended September 30, 2007, and $\$ 125,000$ was recognized as amortization expense. During the first quarter of fiscal 2007, approximately $\$ 383,000$ of development costs were capitalized and approximately $\$ 13,000$ was recognized as amortization expense. Planning, training, support and maintenance costs incurred either prior to or following the implementation phase of a software project are recognized as expense in the period in which they occur. The Company evaluates the carrying values of capitalized software to determine if the carrying values are impaired, and, if necessary, an impairment loss is recorded in the period in which an impairment occurs. Management believes that no such impairments have occurred.

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## 2. BUSINESS ACQUISITIONS

Effective July 1, 2006, the Company acquired the assets and business of Expos Unlimited LLC ("Expos"), a trade show management company that operates the Long Beach and the Santa Clara, California coin, stamp and collectibles expositions. The Company paid a purchase price of $\$ 2,400,000$ in cash and $\$ 75,000$ in other directly-related costs and may become obligated to make payments of up to an additional $\$ 750,000$ after five years, or July 2011, based on the future revenues of Expos.

On August 18, 2006, the Company acquired all the common stock of American Gemological Laboratories ("AGL"), an international colored gemstone certification and grading laboratory. The Company prepared a preliminary purchase price allocation based on the AGL acquisition price of $\$ 3,500,000$, plus additional costs and assumed obligations aggregating approximately $\$ 447,000$. Based on that preliminary allocation, the Company has recorded, on its Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2007, $\$ 2,083,000$ as goodwill, $\$ 1,930,000$ as intangible assets with indefinite lives and $\$ 1,100,000$ as intangible assets with definite lives. The Company did not finalize the purchase price allocation for AGL within the prescribed one-year period following the date of acquisition due to delays in completing and finalizing the valuation of AGL's colored gemstone reference set, which was preliminary allocated $\$ 500,000$ of the purchase price and was recorded on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2007 as part of intangible assets with indefinite lives. The Company expects to complete the valuation of the colored gemstone reference set during the second quarter of fiscal 2008 and finalize the purchase price allocation, which will likely result in an adjustment to the carrying values of goodwill and intangible assets.

The operating results of each of these acquired businesses were consolidated into the Company's financial statements from the respective dates of their acquisition.

The proforma statements of operations that are set forth in the following table are prepared assuming that the AGL and Expos acquisitions had occurred on July 1, 2006.

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
| Revenue | \$ | 10,825 | \$ | 9,975 |
| Operating income (loss) |  | (611) |  | 99 |
| Interest income, net |  | 444 |  | 546 |
| Other income |  | 1 |  | 4 |
| Income (loss) before provision (benefit) for income taxes |  | (166) |  | 649 |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes |  | (66) |  | 297 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations |  | (100) |  | 352 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations |  | (10) |  | 11 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | (110) | \$ | 363 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income (loss) per diluted share: |  |  |  |  |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ | (0.01) | \$ | 0.04 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | (0.01) | \$ | 0.04 |

## 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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At June 30 and September 30, 2007, cash and cash equivalents consisted of approximately $\$ 42.4$ million and $\$ 37.6$ million, respectively, invested primarily in money market funds. During the first quarter of fiscal 2008, the Company invested approximately $\$ 32.6$ million of its excess cash into a short-term, high-grade tax-free municipal fund in compliance with the Company's established investment policies. Under the Company's investment policies, the minimum credit quality of a portfolio of trading securities must be rated no less than single-A long-term or A1/P1 short-term, and the portfolio must contain no more than $25 \%$ exposure to securities of issuers whose principal business activities are in the same industry. However, the $25 \%$ limitation does not apply to securities guaranteed by the U.S. government or to bank obligations, subject to U.S. banking regulations. In addition, the weighted average maturity of the portfolio must not exceed 90 days.

## 4. INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of the following:

|  | (in thousands) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & \text { 30, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |  | June 30, 2007 |  |
| Coins | \$ | 265 | \$ | 253 |
| Other collectibles |  | 36 |  | 33 |
| Grading raw materials consumable inventory |  | 226 |  | 247 |
|  |  | 527 |  | 533 |
| Less inventory reserve |  | (101) |  | (91) |
| Inventories, net | \$ | 426 | \$ | 442 |

## 5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

|  | (in thousands) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } \\ 30, \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |  | June 30, 2007 |  |
| Coins and stamp grading reference sets | \$ | 354 | \$ | 222 |
| Computer hardware and equipment |  | 1,678 |  | 1,664 |
| Computer software |  | 1,030 |  | 1,027 |
| Equipment |  | 3,556 |  | 3,366 |
| Furniture and office equipment |  | 1,089 |  | 1,064 |
| Leasehold improvements |  | 1,449 |  | 1,452 |
| Trading card reference |  |  |  |  |
| library |  | 52 |  | 52 |
|  |  | 9,208 |  | 8,847 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization |  | $(5,067)$ |  | $(4,766)$ |
| Property and equipment, net | \$ | 4,141 | \$ | 4,081 |

## 6. ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accrued liabilities consist of the following:
(in thousands)

|  | September |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | 30, |  |  | June 30, |  |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | 2007 |  |  |  |
| Warranty costs | $\$$ | 763 | $\$$ | 735 |  |
| Professional fees | 227 | 183 |  |  |  |
| Other | 1,140 | 1,236 |  |  |  |
|  | $\$$ | 2,130 | $\$$ | 2,154 |  |

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The following table presents the changes in the Company's warranty reserve during the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 (in thousands):

|  | (in thousands) <br> Three Months Ended <br> September 30, |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ |  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ |

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## 7. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

As previously disclosed, on December 4, 2003, the Company's Board of Directors authorized management to implement a plan to focus the Company's financial and management resources, and collectibles expertise, on the operations and growth of its grading and authentication businesses, by divesting the Company's collectibles auctions and direct sales businesses.

The operating results of the discontinued collectible sales businessesthat are included in the accompanying Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations, are as follows:

|  | (in thousands) <br> Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net revenues | \$ | 4 | \$ | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Income (loss) |  | (17) |  | 11 |
| Gain on sale of discontinued businesses |  | - |  | 6 |
|  |  | (17) |  | 17 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) |  | (7) |  | 6 |
| Net income (loss) from discontinued operations | \$ | (10) | \$ | 11 |

The gain realized on sales of discontinued businesses in the three-month period ended September 30, 2006 related to contingent consideration that became determinable in that period.

## 8. INCOME TAXES

Income tax benefit or expense was provided for at rates of $40 \%$ and $45 \%$ for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006, respectively. The decreased effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2007, as compared to the same three month period in 2006, reflects an anticipated favorable tax impact in fiscal year 2008 due to the Company's decision in the first quarter of 2008 to invest approximately $\$ 32.6$ million in a tax-free municipal money-market fund. Following the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) in fiscal 2006, the recognition of stock-based compensation has had a generally adverse effect on the effective tax rates due to the non-deductibility of certain stock-based compensation expense.

We adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ("FIN 48") effective July 1, 2007. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and, in addition, requires us to disclose our policy for the classification of interest and penalties in our income statement. FIN 48 requires that we adjust our financial statements to reflect only those tax positions that are more-likely-than-not to be sustained on audit, based on the technical merits of the position. FIN 48 requires that any necessary adjustment be recorded directly to the beginning balance of retained earnings or accumulated deficit in the period of adoption and reported as a change in accounting principle, if material. During the first quarter of fiscal 2008, the cumulative effects of applying FIN 48 were recorded as an increase of $\$ 170,000$ to accumulated deficit, an increase to income taxes payable of $\$ 279,000$ and a decrease to deferred tax liabilities of $\$ 109,000$ in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2007.

Interest and penalties were in the aggregate of $\$ 101,000$ as of the date of adoption and were accounted for as part of the total adjustment to accumulated deficit of $\$ 170,000$. Following the adoption of FIN 48 , we have elected to
classify interest and penalties as components of income tax expense.
The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various states and has open tax periods for federal taxes for the years ended June 30, 2004 through June 30, 2007 and for certain state tax jurisdictions for the years ended June 30, 1999 through June 30, 2007. The Company has no income tax audits in progress, at present.

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## 9. NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE

Net income (loss) per share is determined in accordance with SFAS No. 128, Earnings Per Share. Net income (loss) per share for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, are computed as follows:


Options and warrants to purchase approximately 716,000 shares of common stock for the three months ended September 30, 2006, at exercise prices of up to $\$ 24$ per share, were not included in the computation of diluted income (loss) per share because their exercise prices were greater than the average market price for the respective periods. For the three months ended September 30, 2007, options and warrants to purchase $1,026,000$ shares of common stock were not included in the computation of diluted income (loss) per share as they would have been anti-dilutive in the calculation of earnings per share.

## 10. BUSINESS SEGMENTS

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

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For our continuing operations, we operate principally in four reportable service segments: coins, sportscards, jewelry and other high-end collectibles. Services provided by these segments include authentication, grading, publication advertising and subscription-based revenues. The other collectibles segment includes autographs, stamps, currency, the CCE subscription business and our collectibles conventions business.

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We allocate operating expenses to each service segment based upon activity levels. The following tables set forth on a business segment basis, including a reconciliation with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, (i) external revenues, (ii) amortization and depreciation, (iii) stock-based compensation expense as a significant other non-cash transaction, and (iv) operating income for the three month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. Net identifiable assets are provided by business segment as of September 30, 2007 and June 30, 2007. All of our sales and identifiable assets are located in the United States.


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| Unallocated assets | 42,210 | 46,578 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Consolidated assets | $\$ \quad 75,001$ | $\$$ | 78,101 |

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## 11. LINE OF CREDIT

To provide a source of funds for its Dealer Financing Program, in June 2005 our wholly-owned subsidiary, Collectors Finance Corp. ("CFC"), entered into a two-year revolving bank line of credit agreement, that expired on June 30, 2007 and was extended to November 30, 2007, and permits CFC to borrow, at any one time, up to the lesser of (i) $\$ 7,000,000$ or (ii) an amount equal to $85 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount of customer receivables that meet the bank's eligibility criteria. Borrowings under this credit line bear interest at rates based on the bank's Prime Rate or LIBOR, as applicable, and are secured by substantially all the assets of CFC (including customer receivables and CFC's security interests in customer-owned loan collateral). At June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2007, the amount outstanding under this line of credit was $\$ 0$. On a quarterly basis, CFC incurs an unused line fee of $0.25 \%$ per annum, based on the average daily unused portion of the total facility during the quarter.

CFC's obligations under this line of credit have been guaranteed by the Company pursuant to a Continuing Guaranty Agreement with the bank lender. The terms of that Agreement require the Company to be in compliance with certain financial and other restrictive covenants, and require the consent of the lender (i) for the Company to pay cash dividends or repurchase shares of its common stock in amounts exceeding its annual net income in any year, and (ii) to consummate more than $\$ 5$ million of business acquisitions in any year. The Company was in compliance or received waivers for all covenants at September 30, 2007.

## 12. LEGAL MATTERS

Bill Miller v. Collectors Universe. Inc. As previously reported, the Company was a defendant in this legal action, which was brought in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, by Bill Miller, a former employee of the Company, who was president of one of the Company's collectibles sales businesses that was sold in 2004 and an expert in the authentication of autographs and memorabilia. Miller alleged that the Company had issued authentication certificates bearing his name without his consent, in violation of a California statute prohibiting unauthorized appropriation of a person's name, signature or likeness. The statute provides that a person whose name, signature or likeness has been misappropriated, in violation of the statute, is entitled to recover the greater of $\$ 750$ or the actual damages suffered as a result of the unauthorized use, and any profits from that were attributable to that unauthorized use that are not taken into account in computing the actual damages. The Company denied Miller's allegations and asserted that he was not entitled to any recovery under the statute in excess of his actual damages and that he had not suffered any actual damages as a result of the issuance of the certificates.

Also, as previously reported, at the conclusion of the trial, which took place in October 2005, (i) the jury found that the Company had used Miller's name without his consent on 14,060 authentication certificates, but that Miller had sustained actual damages from that use totaling $\$ 14,060$; and (ii) the parties entered into a stipulated judgment in the case, which, among other things, provides that Miller's statutory damages arising from the actions of the Company were zero. The court left unresolved and for future determination the issue of which party, if any, was the prevailing party in the lawsuit, which would determine which party, if any, is entitled to recover its attorney's fees from the other party.

In December, 2005, Miller filed a Notice of Appeal seeking an appellate court review, a reversal of the judgment entered by the trial court and a finding, that as a matter of law, he was entitled to statutory damages that should be determined by multiplying $\$ 750$ times the 14,060 authentication certificates on which his name appeared without his consent, or approximately $\$ 10.5$ million in total.

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In August 2007, the Appellate Court issued a decision in which it ruled that, contrary to his assertions, Miller was not entitled to statutory damages of $\$ 10.5$ million. In reaching its decision, the Appellate Court found that the use of Miller's name by the Company constituted, at most, a single violation of the statute in question and, therefore, Miller was not entitled to multiply $\$ 750.00$ by the number of times his name was used. The Appellate Court also ruled that Miller has the right to file a new trial in an effort to recover damages for the use by the Company of his name; however, in that lawsuit he must prove that Collectors Universe violated the statute at issue or common law and, if he succeeds in proving such a violation, he must prove that he was damaged as a result of that violation in order to recover any amounts against the Company. However, the Appellate Court ruled that in any such retrial Miller cannot seek, as a measure of damages, to multiply $\$ 750.00$ by the number of times, if any, that Collectors Universe used his name without his consent.

Following that ruling, Miller filed a petition for rehearing with the Appellate Court, asserting that its August 2007 ruling was based on a legal theory not raised by the parties in the Appellate Court briefs and, therefore, that he did not have the opportunity to fully present his views as to whether that theory should have been relied on by the Court in reaching its August 2007 decision. As previously reported, in September 2007, the Appellate Court granted Miller's petition for rehearing. In its order, the Court stated that it was debatable whether or not the legal theory in question was "fairly encompassed within the parties' briefs" submitted prior to its August 2007 decision; however, " $[t]$ o assure fairness, and ' $[t] \mathrm{o}$ afford the parties all benefit of the doubt' . . . we invite the parties to submit supplemental briefs limited to argument . . ." concerning (i) whether the legal theory used by the Court to arrive at its earlier decision may be properly utilized in this particular case, and (ii) if not, what legal theory should be used to determine the damages that may be awarded to Miller. The supplemental briefs were filed by both parties with the Appellate Court on October 31, 2007.

The Company continues to believe that it will not incur any material liability to Miller in this case. However, due to the relatively novel legal issues involved, it is not possible to predict, with certainty, how the Appellate Court will ultimately rule.

## 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On November 7, 2007, we declared our second quarter fiscal 2008 dividend of $\$ 0.25$ per share of common stock to be paid on December 5, 2007 to our stockholders of record as of November 21, 2007 in the aggregate amount of approximately $\$ 2,132,000$.

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

## Forward-Looking Statements

The discussion in this Item 2 and in Item 3 of this Quarterly Report ("Report") on Form 10-Q includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act") and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"). Those Sections of the 1933 Act and 1934 Act provide a "safe harbor" for forward-looking statements to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their financial performance so long as they provide meaningful, cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ from projected results. Other than statements of historical fact, all statements in this Report and, in particular, any projections of or statements as to our expectations or beliefs concerning our future financial performance or financial condition or as to trends in our business or in our markets, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements often include the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "estimate," "project," or words of similar meaning, or future or conditional verbs such as "will," "would," "should," "could," or "may." Our actual financial performance in future periods may differ significantly from the currently expected financial performance set forth in the forward-looking statements contained in this Report. The sections below entitled "Factors That Can Affect our Financial Position and Operating Results" and "Risks and Uncertainties That Could Affect our Future Financial Performance" describe some, but not all, of the factors and the risks and uncertainties that could cause these differences, and readers of this Report are urged to read those sections of this Report in their entirety and to review certain additional risk factors that are described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

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

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any other prior filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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## Our Business

Collectors Universe, Inc. (the "Company") provides grading and authentication services to dealers and collectors of high-value coins, sportscards, autographs, stamps, and vintage U.S. currency notes and to sellers and purchasers of diamonds and colored gemstones. We believe that our authentication and grading services add value to these collectibles and to diamonds and colored gemstones by enhancing their marketability and, thereby, providing increased liquidity to the dealers, collectors and consumers that own, buy and sell them.

We principally generate revenues from the fees paid for our authentication and grading services. To a much lesser extent, we generate revenues from: the sale of advertising on our websites; the sale of printed publications and collectibles price guides and advertising in such publications and on our website; the sale of Collectors Club membership subscriptions; from subscriptions to our CCE dealer-to-dealer Internet bid-ask market for certified coins; interest income earned on advances by our dealer financing business; and the collectibles trade show conventions that we conduct.

Recent Business Acquisitions. On July 14, 2005, the Company purchased substantially all the assets of CoinFacts.com, which operates an Internet website on which it publishes detailed proprietary information and history on U.S. Coins for an aggregate purchase price of $\$ 515,000$.

On September 2, 2005, the Company acquired the common stock of Certified Coin Exchange ("CCE"), which operates a subscription-based dealer-to-dealer Internet bid-ask market for third-party certified coins for an aggregate purchase price of $\$ 2,377,000$.

On November 8, 2005, the Company acquired Gem Certification \& Appraisal Lab ("GCAL"), a gemological certification and grading laboratory for an aggregate acquisition price of $\$ 3,268,000$. On December 22, 2005, the Company acquired the business and substantially all of the assets of Gemprint Corporation ("Gemprint") and paid an aggregate purchase price for Gemprint's business and assets of $\$ 8,583,000$ in cash. GCAL has incorporated the Gemprint process into its diamond grading process, so that each GCAL authenticated and graded diamond also carries a Gemprint image stored in GCAL's registered database, which enables GCAL to provide an additional measure of protection against misrepresentations of diamond quality that can occur by, for example, switching a diamond grading certificate issued for a higher quality diamond to a lower quality diamond.

Effective July 1, 2006, for an aggregate cash purchase price of \$2,475,000, we acquired Expos Unlimited LLC ("Expos"), which is engaged in the business of owning and conducting collectibles trade shows and conventions. Depending on the future revenues of Expos, the Company may become obligated to make additional payments to Expos' former owners of up to an aggregate of $\$ 750,000$ in July 2011. Expos owns and operates the Long Beach Coin, Stamp \& Collectibles Expo ("Long Beach") and the Santa Clara Coin, Stamp \& Collectibles Expo ("Santa Clara"), which comprise, in total, five trade shows that are held annually. At both the Long Beach and Santa Clara Expos, leading numismatic, philatelic and collectibles dealers offer rare and valuable collectibles to the public, while auctions of coins and currency are conducted by third party auction companies alongside exhibitions of major numismatic and collectible interest.

On August 18, 2006, we acquired American Gemological Laboratories ("AGL"), an international colored gemstone certification and grading laboratory. AGL is one of the leading third party authentication and grading services for colored gemstones, including colored gemstones that are sold at auction through Sotheby's and Christies and by jewelry retailers such as Cartier and Fred Leighton. The Company paid an aggregate acquisition price of $\$ 3,947,000$ in cash for AGL, and, depending on the future revenue performance of AGL, the Company may become obligated to make payments of up to an aggregate of an additional $\$ 3,500,000$ over the next five years.

The operating results of these acquired businesses have been consolidated into our operating results from the respective dates of their acquisition

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Discontinued Operations. As previously disclosed, the remaining activities resulting from our divestiture of our collectibles auctions and sales businesses have been classified as discontinued operations and the discussion that follows focuses almost entirely on our authentication and grading businesses, which comprise substantially all of our continuing operations. All of the remaining assets of those businesses were either liquidated or fully reserved for on our balance sheets at June 30, 2007. At September 30, 2007, an accrued expense in the amount of $\$ 23,000$ was recorded related to an estimated state sales tax liability from our former auction business.

## Overview of Results of Operation for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2007

The following table sets forth certain financial data, expressed as a percentage of net revenues, derived from our interim condensed consolidated statements of income (included earlier in this report) for the respective periods indicated below:

|  | Three Months Ended September |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
|  | $\mathbf{3 0 ,}$ |  |
| Net revenues | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ |
| Cost of revenues | $100.0 \%$ | $100.0 \%$ |
| Gross profit | $48.0 \%$ | $44.0 \%$ |
| Operating expenses: | $52.0 \%$ | $56.0 \%$ |
| Selling and marketing expenses |  |  |
| General and administrative expenses | $18.7 \%$ | $12.8 \%$ |
| Amortization of intangibles | $36.4 \%$ | $40.2 \%$ |
| Total operating expenses | $2.5 \%$ | $1.7 \%$ |
| Operating income (loss) | $57.6 \%$ | $54.7 \%$ |
| Interest income, net | $(5.6 \%)$ | $1.3 \%$ |
| Other income | $4.1 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ |
| Income (loss) before provision (benefit) for income taxes | $0.0 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes | $(1.5 \%)$ | $7.1 \%$ |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | $(0.6 \%)$ | $3.2 \%$ |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of gain on sales | $(0.9 \%)$ | $3.9 \%$ |
| of discontinued businesses (net of income taxes) | $(0.1 \%)$ |  |
| Net income (loss) | $(1.0 \%)$ | $0.1 \%$ |

Revenues increased by $9.4 \%$ in the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, primarily as a result of an increase of $\$ 656,000$, or $7.9 \%$, in authentication and grading service fees and increases totaling $\$ 271,000$ or $17.1 \%$, generated in our other related services. However, notwithstanding that revenue increase, we incurred an operating loss of $\$ 611,000$ in the three months ended September 30, 2007, as compared to operating income of $\$ 130,000$ in the same three months of 2006. This decline was attributable to an increase in operating losses of $\$ 1,169,000$ incurred by the Company's diamond and colored gemstones operations, as we continued to invest in and develop those businesses, including incurring higher selling and marketing costs in support of the upcoming holiday season, which is the strongest period of the year in the jewelry market. That operating loss was partially offset by an overall improvement in the performance of our other businesses, as compared to the same quarter last year, due primarily to increased revenues. These, as well as other factors affecting our operating results in the first quarter of 2008, are described in more detail below

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

Factors that Can Affect our Revenues. Our revenues are comprised of (i) fees generated by the authentication and grading of high-value collectibles, and other high value assets consisting of diamonds and colored gemstones, and

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(ii) to a lesser extent, revenues from sales of collectibles club memberships; advertising space on our websites and in printed publications and collectibles price guides; subscriptions primarily related to our CCE dealer-to-dealer Internet bid-ask market for certified coins; interest income earned from advances made by our dealer financing business, and fees earned from the management, operation and promotion of collectibles trade shows and conventions.

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Our authentication and grading revenues, which accounted for approximately $83 \%$ of our total net revenues in the three months ended September 30, 2007, are primarily affected by (i) the volume and mix, among coins, sportscards and other collectibles and high value assets, of authentication and grading submissions; (ii) in the case of coins and sportscards, the "turn-around" times requested by our customers, because we charge higher fees for faster service times and (iii) the mix of authentication and grading submissions between vintage or "classic" coins and sportscards, on the one hand, and modern coins and sportscards, on the other hand, because dealers generally request faster turn-around times for vintage or classic coins and sports cards than they do for modern submissions, as vintage or classic collectibles are of significantly higher value and are more saleable by dealers than modern coins and sportscards.

Five of our coin authentication and grading customers accounted for approximately $13 \%$ and $14 \%$, respectively, of our total net revenues in the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. As a result, the loss of any of those customers, or a decrease in the volume of grading submissions from any of them to us, would cause our net revenues to decline and, therefore, could adversely affect our profitability. Our revenues are also impacted by the level of submissions and revenue earned from submissions at those trade shows where we provide on-site grading and authentication services to show attendees who typically request same-day turn-around. The level of such revenues can vary depending upon a number of factors, including the timing of the shows or short-term decisions made by dealers during shows. In addition, the level of our revenues can be impacted by short-term changes in the price of gold that may occur around the time of the show, which affects the volume of coin transactions at the shows which, in turn, affects the volume of submissions to us for on-site grading and same-day turn-around.

Factors Affecting our Gross Profit Margins. The gross profit margins on authentication and grading submissions also are primarily affected by (i) the volume and mix, among coins, sportscards and other collectibles and high value assets, of authentication and grading submissions, because we generally realize higher margins on coin submissions than on submissions of other collectibles and high-value assets; (ii) in the case of coins and sportscards, the "turn-around" times requested by our customers, because we charge higher fees for faster service times, (iii) the mix of authentication and grading submissions between vintage or "classic" coins and sportscards, on the one hand, and modern coins and sportscards, on the other hand, because dealers generally request faster turn-around times for vintage or classic coins and sports cards than they do for modern submissions, and (iv) the stage of development and the seasonality of our newly acquired businesses. Furthermore, because a significant proportion of our direct costs are fixed in nature, our gross profit is also affected by the overall volume of collectibles authenticated and graded in any period.

Impact of Economic Conditions on Financial Performance. We generate substantially all of our revenues from the collectibles and the diamond and colored gemstone markets. Accordingly, our operating results are affected by the financial performance of those markets, which depends to a great extent on (i) discretionary consumer spending and, hence, on the availability of disposable income, (ii) on other economic conditions, including prevailing interest and inflation rates, which affect consumer confidence, and (iii) the performance and volatility of the gold and other precious metals markets and the stock markets. These conditions primarily affect the volume of purchases and sales of collectibles which, in turn, affects the volume of authentication and grading submissions to us, because our services facilitate commerce in collectibles. Accordingly, factors such as improving economic conditions which usually result in increases in disposable income and consumer confidence, and volatility in and declines in the prices of stocks and a weakening in the value of the U.S. Dollar, which often lead investors to increase their purchases of precious metals, such as gold bullion and other coins and collectibles, usually result in increases in submissions of collectibles for our services. By contrast, the volume of collectibles sales and purchases and, therefore, the volume of authentication and grading submissions, usually decline during periods characterized by recessionary economic conditions and by declines in disposable income and consumer confidence or by increasing stock prices and relative stability in the stock markets.

The following table provides information regarding the respective numbers of coins, sportscards, autographs, currency, diamonds and colored gemstones that were graded or authenticated by us in the quarters ended September 30,2007 and 2006 and their estimated values, which are the amounts at which those coins, sportscards and stamps and other high value assets were insured by the dealers and collectors who submitted them to us for grading and authentication.

|  | Units Processed <br> Three Months Ended September 30, 2007 2006 |  |  |  | Declared Value (000) Three Months Ended September 30, 2007 2006 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coins | 367,100 | 47\% | 481,300 | 56\% | \$ 333,351 | 80\% | \$ 464,922 | 85\% |
| Sportscards | 338,500 | 43\% | 321,500 | 37\% | 20,534 | 5\% | 22,595 | 4\% |
| Autographs | 44,800 | 6\% | 34,200 | 4\% | 5,811 | 1\% | 10,475 | 2\% |
| Stamps | 19,700 | 2\% | 12,300 | 1\% | 4,351 | 1\% | 3,059 | 1\% |
| Currency | 11,000 | 1\% | 9,100 | 1\% | 9,349 | 2\% | 8,442 | 2\% |
| Diamonds | 7,700 | 1\% | 6,000 | 1\% | 31,963 | 8\% | 23,209 | 4\% |
| Colored Gemstones* | 900 | - | 100 | - | 10,986 | 3\% | 13,145 | 2\% |
| Total | 789,700 | 100\% | 864,500 | 100\% | \$416,345 | 100\% | \$ 545,847 | 100\% |

* We began offering colored gemstones grading and authentication services in late August 2006.


## Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

With the exception of FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 ("FIN 48"), as described in note 8 of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, we reaffirm the critical accounting policies and estimates as reported in our Fiscal 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 13, 2007.

Income Taxes. We account for income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes and FIN 48. SFAS No. 109 requires the recording of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future consequences of events that have been recognized in the Company's financial statements or tax returns. Measurement of the deferred items is based on enacted tax laws. In the event the future consequences of differences between financial reporting bases and tax bases of the Company's assets or liabilities result in a deferred tax asset, SFAS No. 109 requires an evaluation of the probability of being able to realize the future benefits indicated by such asset. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and, in addition, requires us to disclose our policy for the classification of interest and penalties in our income statement. FIN 48 requires that we adjust our financial statements to reflect only those tax positions that are more-likely-than-not to be sustained on audit, based on the technical merits of the position. FIN 48 requires that any necessary adjustment be recorded directly to the beginning balance of retained earnings or accumulated deficit in the period of adoption and reported as a change in accounting principle, if material. During the first quarter of fiscal 2008, the cumulative effects of applying FIN 48 were recorded as an increase of $\$ 170,000$ to accumulated deficit, an increase to income taxes payable of $\$ 279,000$ and a decrease in deferred tax liabilities of $\$ 109,000$ in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2007. Interest and penalties were in the aggregate of $\$ 101,000$ as of the date of adoption of July 1, 2007, and were accounted for as part of the total adjustment to accumulated deficit of $\$ 170,000$. Following the adoption of FIN 48, we have elected to classify interest and penalties as components of income tax expense.

## Results of Operations - Quarter Ended September 30, 2007 versus Quarter Ended September 30, 2006

## Net Revenues

Grading and authentication fees consist primarily of fees generated from the authentication and grading of high-value collectibles and high-value assets. Fees generated from the authentication and grading of collectibles include coins, sportscards, autographs, stamps and currency and for high-value assets, diamonds and colored gemstones. To a lesser extent, we also generate revenues from sales of collectibles club memberships; the sale of advertising on our websites and in printed publications and collectibles price guides; interest earned from our CFC dealer-financing business; subscription-based revenues primarily related to our CCE dealer-to-dealer Internet bid-ask market for certified coins; and fees earned from promotion and managing and operating collectibles shows and conventions. Net revenues are determined net of discounts and allowances.

The following table sets forth the breakout of total net revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 between grading and authentication services and other related services:

|  | 2007 Three Months Ended September 30, 2006 Increase |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount |  | \% of Net <br> Revenues | Amount\% of Net <br> Revenues(Dollars in thousands) |  |  | Amount |  | \% of Net <br> Revenues |
| Grading and authentication fees | \$ | 8,971 | 82.9\% | \$ | 8,315 | 84.0\% | \$ | 656 | 7.9\% |
| Other related services |  | 1,854 | 17.1\% |  | 1,583 | 16.0\% |  | 271 | 17.1\% |
| Total net revenues | \$ | 10,825 | 100.0\% | \$ | 9,898 | 100.0\% | \$ | 927 | 9.4\% |

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the increases in net revenues in our larger markets (which are inclusive of revenues from our other related services) and in the number of units authenticated and graded in the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006:

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

The $\$ 927,000$, or $9.4 \%$, increase in net revenues in the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to the same three months of the prior year, was primarily attributable to an overall increase in authentication and grading service fees of $\$ 656,000$, or $7.9 \%$, and increases in other related services revenues of $\$ 271,000$ or $17.1 \%$.

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The $7.9 \%$ increase in authentication and grading fees, despite a decrease of $8.7 \%$ in the number of units graded in the quarter, was attributable to: (i) a higher average service fee earned for coins authenticated and graded in the three months ended September 30, 2007 due to an increase in the number of coins authenticated and graded at trade shows in the quarter (where customers typically request faster turnaround times that result in higher service fees), and a reduction in the number of units of modern coins graded (on which we typically earn lower average service fees); (ii) an increase in the number of units graded by our stamps, currency and autographs divisions, resulting in a revenue increase of $\$ 255,000$; and (iii) an increase in the number of units and the average service fees for our diamond and colored gemstone divisions resulting in a revenue increase of $\$ 128,000$. Although, the number of modern coins graded in the quarter declined by $33 \%$, revenues from the grading of modern coins only declined by approximately $2 \%$, as we earned a higher average service fees on modern coins in the quarter due to the mix of coins graded.

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The increases in the other related services were primarily attributable to: (i) an increase of $\$ 136,000$ in advertising primarily from advertising space sold in the Company's Rare Coin Marketing Report, which we introduced in the second half of fiscal 2007, (ii) an increase of $\$ 79,000$ attributable to an increase in sales of Collectors Club memberships; (iii) a $\$ 43,000$ increase in our collectibles convention revenues due to higher fees and increased show activity; and (iv) a $\$ 42,000$ increase in subscription fees earned by our CCE Internet dealer coin exchange as we increased the number of CCE subscriptions through sales and marketing efforts. Such increases were partially offset by a $\$ 44,000$ decrease in revenues from the Collectors Finance Corporation due to a reduction in the average advances outstanding during the first quarter of fiscal 2008, compared to the first quarter of 2007.

## Gross Profit

Gross profit is calculated by subtracting the costs of revenues from net revenues. Costs of revenues for grading and authentication revenues primarily consist of labor to grade and authenticate collectibles, production costs, credit cards fees, warranty expense and occupancy, and security and insurance costs that directly relate to providing authentication and grading services. Costs of revenues also include printing and other direct costs incurred in support of our other related revenues. In addition, costs of revenues include stock-based compensation earned by employees whose compensation is classified as part of costs of revenues. Gross profit margin is gross profit stated as a percent of net revenues.

Set forth below is information regarding our gross profits in the quarter ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.

|  |  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |  |
|  |  | Amount | $\%$ of Revenues |  | Amount | $\%$ of Revenues |
| Gross profit | \$ | 5,625,000 | 52.0\% | \$ | 5,542,000 | 56.0\% |

The decline in our gross profit margin to $52.0 \%$ in the three months ended September 30, 2007, from $56.0 \%$ in the three months ended September 30, 2006, was primarily attributable to higher costs of revenues that were incurred by our early stage diamond and colored gemstone grading businesses, as we built grading capacity in anticipation of increased revenues in future periods. For our diamond grading business, the Company occupied additional space and increased capacity in the second quarter of fiscal 2007, resulting in higher level of fixed costs than in the three months ended September 30, 2007. In the case of our colored gemstone grading business, which we acquired in August, 2006, we have added personnel to increase our grading capacity, as we focus attention on growing the colored gemstone grading market and launching additional grading services. Stock-based compensation of $\$ 61,000$ and $\$ 76,000$, were recognized as part of cost of revenues in the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

## Selling and Marketing Expenses

Selling and marketing expenses include advertising and promotions costs, trade-show related expenses, customer service personnel costs and third party consulting costs. Set forth below is information regarding our selling and marketing expenses in the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.

|  |  | Three Months Ended September 30,20072006 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Amount | $\%$ of Revenues |  | Amount | \% of Revenues |
| Selling and Marketing | \$ | 2,018,000 | 18.7\% | \$ | 1,262,000 | 12.8\% |

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The increase in selling and marketing expenses, both in absolute dollars and as a percentage of net revenues, in the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to the same period of the prior fiscal year, was primarily related to increased selling and marketing costs attributable to the following: (i) a $\$ 430,000$ increase in selling and marketing expenses for our diamond grading colored gemstones businesses, as we invested in selling and marketing programs to promote these divisions and foster brand awareness, as well as to attract grading submissions in support of the upcoming holiday season; (ii) a $\$ 140,000$ increase in selling and marketing expenses for our collectibles grading divisions reflecting expanded presence at tradeshows, primarily for our autograph and currency divisions, to generate higher revenues; and (iii) increased corporate marketing personnel costs.

## General and Administrative Expenses

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

|  |  | Three Months Ended September 30,2007 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Amount | \% of Revenues |  | Amount | $\%$ of Revenues |
| General and Administrative | \$ | 3,948,000 | 36.4\% | \$ | 3,979,000 | 40.2\% |

The decreases in G\&A expenses, both in absolute dollars and as a percentage of net revenues, in the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to the same three months last year, included decreases in legal costs and in product enhancement costs for our gemprint product, partially offset by increased G\&A expenses incurred by our colored gemstone business, reflecting our ownership of that business for the full three months ended September 30, 2007, compared with only one and a half months in the quarter ended September 30, 2006, when we acquired this business. Stock-based compensation costs included in G\&A expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2007 were $\$ 192,000$, as compared to $\$ 123,000$ in the same quarter of the prior year, due primarily to the issuance of restricted stock awards to our CEO and outside members of the Board of Directors during fiscal 2007.

## Amortization of Intangible Assets

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

Three Months Ended September 30, 20072006 \% of $\%$ of

|  | Amount | Revenues | Amount | Revenues |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amortization of Intangibles | $\$$ | 270,000 | $2.5 \%$ | $\$$ | 171,000 |

The increase in the amortization expense was primarily related to the amortization of capitalized software costs incurred in prior fiscal quarters and for which amortization began as the development projects were completed. In addition, in the three months ended September 30, 2007, we incurred a full quarter of amortization in connection with the intangible assets acquired in the acquisition of our colored gemstone business.

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## Stock-Based Compensation

As discussed in Note 1 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, in accordance with SFAS 123(R) for share-based payments, the Company recognized stock-based compensation as follows:

|  | Three Months Ended September30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
| Included in: |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of revenues | \$ | 61,000 | \$ | 76,000 |
| Selling and marketing expenses |  | $(7,000)$ |  | 1,000 |
| General and administrative expenses |  | 192,000 |  | 123,000 |
|  | \$ | 246,000 | \$ | 200,000 |

Stock-based compensation expense is recorded over the vesting period, or the service period, of the stock-based award. The increase in stock-based compensation primarily related to restricted stock awards granted to our CEO and directors during fiscal year 2007.

Stock-based compensation expense included in selling and marketing expenses for the three months ended September 30,2007 is a net credit of $\$ 7,000$ due to the reversal of previously recorded expense in the amount of $\$ 8,000$ resulting from a forfeiture of stock options prior to vesting.

The total amount of compensation cost related to non-vested awards not yet recognized at September 30, 2007 was $\$ 1,387,000$, which is expected to be recognized as compensation expense through fiscal 2011 , assuming the employees to whom the options or restricted stock awards were granted continue to be employed by us. The weighted average number of years over which the unrecognized compensation expense is expected to be recognized is approximately 1.8 years. However, such amount and weighted average period do not include any additional options or restricted stock awards that may be granted in the future or any changes that may occur in our forfeiture percentage.

## Interest Income, Net

|  |  | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |  |
|  |  | Amount | $\%$ of Revenues |  | Amount | $\%$ of Revenues |
| Interest income, net | \$ | 444,000 | 4.1\% | \$ | 567,000 | 5.7\% |

Interest income is generated on cash and cash equivalent balances that we invest primarily in highly liquid money market accounts and commercial paper instruments. Interest income, net was $\$ 444,000$ in the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared with $\$ 567,000$ in the three months ended September 30, 2006. The decrease in interest income is due to lower interest earned on the Company's cash balances in the three months ended September 30, 2007, as a result of (i) investing in tax-free securities during the three months ended September 30, 2007 and (ii) investing lower average cash balances in the three months ended September 30, 2007, compared to the three months ended September 30, 2006. Cash balances were lower due to having made payments for quarterly dividends, capital expenditures and the purchase of our colored gemstone business in August, 2006.

Income Tax (Benefit) Expense
Three Months Ended September
30,

|  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | $\$$ | $(66,000)$ | $\$$ |
| 318,000 |  |  |  |

The income tax benefit recorded in the three months ended September 30, 2007 and the income tax expense recorded in the same three months of 2006 were calculated based on our expected combined federal and state effective income tax rates of approximately $40 \%$ for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and $45 \%$ for the three months ended September 30, 2006. That reduction in our effective tax rate was due primarily to our investment of $\$ 32.6$ million in tax-free securities during the first quarter of 2008.

## Three Months Ended September <br> 30,

20072006
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of gain on sales of discontinued businesses (net of income taxes). \$ (10,000) \$ 11,000

The results of our discontinued operations (net of taxes), which are attributable to the remaining activities of the collectibles sales businesses that we disposed of in fiscal 2004, are expected to be immaterial going forward.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

At September 30, 2007, we had cash and cash equivalents of $\$ 37,577,000$, as compared to cash and cash equivalents of $\$ 42,386,000$ at June 30, 2007.

Historically, we have relied on internally-generated funds, rather than borrowings, as our primary source of funds to support our grading operations. We expect our authentication and grading services to provide us with relatively predictable cash flows, largely because in many instances our customers prepay for those services at the time they submit their collectibles to us for authentication and grading.

During the three months ended September 30, 2007, our operating activities used net cash of $\$ 908,000$. Net cash used in investing activities was $\$ 1,857,000$ during the three months ended September 30, 2007 and consisted primarily of cash used for short term advances totaling $\$ 1,926,000$ by CFC to collectibles dealers, capital expenditures of $\$ 361,000$, capitalized software of $\$ 361,000$, partially offset by proceeds from payments on customer notes receivable of $\$ 769,000$. During the three months ended September 30, 2006, our investing activities used net cash of $\$ 9,957,000$, consisting of $\$ 6,182,000$ used primarily to acquire AGL and Expos during the first quarter of fiscal 2007, $\$ 1,387,000$ in capital expenditures, primarily for the launch of the new GCAL grading facility and net advances to CFC customers of approximately $\$ 1,790,000$.

In the three months ended September 30, 2007, financing activities used net cash of $\$ 2,057,000$, primarily related to the payment of $\$ 2,129,000$ of cash dividends to stockholders, partially offset by $\$ 72,000$ of proceeds from exercise of stock options. During the three months ended September 30, 2006, our financing activities used net cash of $\$ 1,025,000$, consisting of primarily the quarterly dividend of $\$ 0.08$ per share of common stock in the aggregate of $\$ 668,000$ and the repurchase of 27,117 shares of our common stock in the aggregate of $\$ 378,000$.

Bank Line of Credit. As previously reported, in fiscal 2005, we organized Collectors Finance Corporation ("CFC"), as a wholly-owned subsidiary, to engage in the business of making loans primarily to coin or sportscards dealers. All such loans are required to be collateralized by the delivery to us of collectibles that have a fair market value of at least the amount of the loans. The loans are required to be repaid to us when those collectibles are returned to the dealers. To provide a source of funding for those loans, in June 2005, CFC obtained a revolving bank line of credit for the original term of two years pursuant to a loan and security agreement that permits CFC to borrow, at any one time, up to the lesser of (i) $\$ 7,000,000$ or (ii) an amount equal to $85 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount of those of its loan receivables that meet the bank's eligibility criteria. Borrowings under that credit line, the term of which was extended to November 30, 2007, are to bear interest at rates based on the bank's prime rate or LIBOR, as applicable, and are to be secured by the loan receivables due CFC. There were no borrowings outstanding under that line of credit at any time during the fiscal year ended at June 30, 2007 or the quarter ended September 30, 2007.

CFC's obligations under this line of credit have been guaranteed by the Company pursuant to a Continuing Guaranty Agreement with the bank lender. The terms of that Agreement require the Company to be in compliance with certain

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financial and other restrictive covenants, and require the consent of the lender (i) for the payment of cash dividends or repurchases of our common stock in an aggregate amount exceeding its annual net income in any year, and (ii) to consummate more than $\$ 5,000,000$ of business acquisitions in any year. The Company was in compliance with all covenants at September 30, 2007 or received waivers from the lender.

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## Outstanding Financial Obligations

We had the following outstanding obligations under operating leases, net of sublease income, at September 30, 2007:

| Fiscal Year |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $2008 \quad$ (remaining 9 months) | \$ | $1,357,000$ |
| 2009 | $1,804,000$ |  |
| 2010 | 899,000 |  |
| 2011 | 433,000 |  |
| 2012 | 415,000 |  |
| Thereafter | $1,386,000$ |  |
|  | $\$ \quad 6,294,000$ |  |

With the exception of those obligations, we do not have any material financial obligations, such as long-term debt, capital lease, or purchase obligations. In the event CFC incurs any borrowings under its line of credit, we will have an obligation to repay such borrowings; however, there were no borrowings outstanding under this line of credit at September 30, 2007.

Dividends. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006, the Board of Directors adopted a dividend policy that called for the payment of quarterly cash dividends of $\$ 0.08$ per common share, for an expected annual cash dividend of $\$ 0.32$ per common share. The first such quarterly cash dividend was paid in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006 and quarterly cash dividends in that same per share amount were paid in the first and second quarters of fiscal 2007. The quarterly cash dividend was increased to $\$ 0.12$ per share in the third quarter of fiscal 2007 and dividends in that same per share amount were paid in both the third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2007.

In June 2007, the Board of Directors approved another increase in the quarterly cash dividend to $\$ 0.25$ per common share, for an expected annual cash dividend to stockholders of $\$ 1.00$ per common share. The first of such quarterly cash dividends of $\$ 0.25$ per share was paid on September 7, 2007 to all stockholders of record as of August 24, 2007.

Dividends paid in fiscal 2007 totaled $\$ 3,350,000$. We expect to fund the payment of dividends with internally-generated funds and available cash balances.

The declaration of cash dividends in the future, pursuant to the Company's dividend policy, is subject to final determination each quarter by the Board of Directors based on a number of factors, including the Company's financial performance and its available cash resources, its cash requirements and alternative uses of cash that the Board may conclude would represent an opportunity to generate a greater return on investment for the Company. For these reasons, as well as others, there can be no assurance that the amount of the quarterly cash dividend will not be reduced, or that the Board of Directors will not decide to suspend or discontinue the payment of cash dividends, in the future.

Future Uses and Sources of Cash. We plan to use our cash resources, consisting of internally generated cash flow, as applicable, and available cash and cash equivalent balances to (i) expand our existing and implement new marketing programs, (ii) introduce new services for our customers, (iii) acquire or start-up other high-value collectibles or high-value asset authentication and grading businesses, (iv) continue paying dividends to our stockholders, as determined by the Board of Directors, and (v) fund working capital requirements, and for other corporate purposes. Although we have no current plans to do so, we also may seek borrowings, and we may issue additional shares of our stock, to finance acquisitions of additional authentication and grading businesses.

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

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

- changes in general economic conditions or changes in conditions in the collectibles or high-value assets markets in which we operate, such as a possible decline in the popularity of some high-value collectibles or assets, either of which could reduce the volume of authentication and grading submissions and, therefore, the grading fees we generate;


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- a lack of diversity in our sources of revenues and, more particularly, our dependence on collectible coin authentication and grading for a significant percentage of our total revenues, which makes us more vulnerable to adverse changes in economic conditions, including declines in the value of precious metals or recessionary or other conditions that could lead to reduced coin and other collectibles submissions that would, in turn, result in reductions in our revenues and income;
- our dependence on certain key executives and collectibles experts, the loss of the services of any of which could adversely affect our ability to obtain authentication and grading submissions and, therefore, could harm our operating results;
- the fact that for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 and the three months ended September 30, 2007, our top 5 coin authentication and grading customers accounted for approximately $14 \%$ of our net revenues, which means that the loss of any of those customers, or a reduction in their grading submissions to us, would result in a decline in our revenues and a reduction in our operating income;
- increased competition from other collectibles' authentication and grading companies that could result in reductions in collectibles submissions to us or could require us to reduce the prices we charge for our services, either of which could result in reductions in our revenue and income;
- the risk that we will incur unanticipated liabilities under our authentication and grading warranties that would increase our operating expenses;
- the risk that new collectibles service offerings and business initiatives, such as autograph, stamp and paper currency grading services, diamonds and colored gemstones, and our dealer financing program, will not gain market acceptance or will be unsuccessful and will, as a result, increase our operating expenses and reduce our overall profitability or cause us to incur losses;
- the risks involved in acquiring existing or commencing new authentication and grading businesses, including the risks that we will be unable to successfully integrate new businesses into our operations; that our new businesses (in particular our diamond and colored gemstones businesses) may not gain market acceptance; that business expansion may result in a costly diversion of management time and resources from our existing businesses and increase our operating expenses; that acquisition-related goodwill and intangible assets may become impaired, which could adversely impact our financial statements and results of operations; and that we will not achieve adequate returns on the investments we may make in acquiring other or establishing new businesses, any of which would harm our profitability or cause us to incur losses;
- the risks that we will encounter problems with or failures of our computer systems that would interrupt our services or result in loss of data that we need for our business; and
- the potential of increased government regulation of our businesses that could cause operating costs to increase.

Certain of these risks and uncertainties, as well as other risks, are more fully described above in this Section of this Report (entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations"), and in Part I: Item 1A, entitled "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, as filed with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Due to these and other possible uncertainties and risks, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this Report, which speak only as of the date of this Report. We also disclaim any obligation to update forward-looking statements contained in this Report or in our 2007 Annual Report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$.

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

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

Due to the cash and cash equivalent balances that we maintain, we are exposed to risk of changes in short-term interest rates. At September 30, 2007, we had $\$ 37,577,000$ in cash and cash equivalents, primarily invested in low-yield tax-free securities. Reductions in short-term interest rates could result in reductions in the amount of that income. However, the impact on our operating results of such changes is not expected to be material.

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

## ITEM 3. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under that Act, such as this Quarterly Report, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Our disclosure controls and procedures also are designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Our management, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures in effect as of September 30, 2007. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of September 30, 2007, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that material information, relating to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, required to be included in our Exchange Act reports, including this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, is made known to management, including the CEO and CFO, on a timely basis.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2007, that has materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEMLEGAL PROCEEDINGS

## 1.

Bill Miller v. Collectors Universe, Inc. As previously reported, the Company was a defendant in this legal action, which was brought in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, by Bill Miller, a former employee of the Company, who was president of one of the Company's collectibles sales businesses that was sold in 2004 and an expert in the authentication of autographs and memorabilia. Miller alleged that the Company had issued authentication certificates bearing his name without his consent, in violation of a California statute prohibiting unauthorized appropriation of a person's name, signature or likeness. The statute provides that a person whose name, signature or likeness has been misappropriated, in violation of the statute, is entitled to recover the greater of $\$ 750$ or the actual damages suffered as a result of the unauthorized use, and any profits from that were attributable to that unauthorized use that are not taken into account in computing the actual damages. The Company denied Miller's allegations and asserted that he was not entitled to any recovery under the statute in excess of his actual damages and that he had not suffered any actual damages as a result of the issuance of the certificates.

Also, as previously reported, at the conclusion of the trial, which took place in October 2005, (i) the jury found that the Company had used Miller's name without his consent on 14,060 authentication certificates, but that Miller had sustained actual damages from that use totaling $\$ 14,060$; and (ii) the parties entered into a stipulated judgment in the case, which, among other things, provides that Miller's statutory damages arising from the actions of the Company were zero. The court left unresolved and for future determination the issue of which party, if any, was the prevailing party in the lawsuit, which would determine which party, if any, is entitled to recover its attorney's fees from the other party.

In December, 2005, Miller filed a Notice of Appeal seeking an appellate court review, a reversal of the judgment entered by the trial court and a finding, that as a matter of law, he was entitled to statutory damages that should be determined by multiplying $\$ 750$ times the 14,060 authentication certificates on which his name appeared without his consent, or approximately $\$ 10.5$ million in total.

In August 2007, the Appellate Court issued a decision in which it ruled that, contrary to his assertions, Miller was not entitled to statutory damages of $\$ 10.5$ million. In reaching its decision, the Appellate Court found that the use of Miller's name by the Company constituted, at most, a single violation of the statute in question and, therefore, Miller was not entitled to multiply $\$ 750.00$ by the number of times his name was used. The Appellate Court also ruled that Miller has the right to file a new trial in an effort to recover damages for the use by the Company of his name; however, in that lawsuit he must prove that Collectors Universe violated the statute at issue or common law and, if he succeeds in proving such a violation, he must prove that he was damaged as a result of that violation in order to recover any amounts against the Company. However, the Appellate Court ruled that in any such retrial Miller cannot seek, as a measure of damages, to multiply $\$ 750.00$ by the number of times, if any, that Collectors Universe used his name without his consent.

Following that ruling, Miller filed a petition for rehearing with the Appellate Court, asserting that its August 2007 ruling was based on a legal theory not raised by the parties in the Appellate Court briefs and, therefore, that he did not have the opportunity to fully present his views as to whether that theory should have been relied on by the Court in reaching its August 2007 decision. As previously reported, in September 2007, the Appellate Court granted Miller’s petition for rehearing. In its order, the Court stated that it was debatable whether or not the legal theory in question was "fairly encompassed within the parties' briefs" submitted prior to its August 2007 decision; however, " $[t] \mathrm{o}$ assure fairness, and ' $[t]$ o afford the parties all benefit of the doubt' . . . we invite the parties to submit supplemental briefs limited to argument . . ." concerning (i) whether the legal theory used by the Court to arrive at its earlier decision may be properly utilized in this particular case, and (ii) if not, what legal theory should be used to determine the damages
that may be awarded to Miller. The supplemental briefs were filed by both parties with the Appellate Court on October 31, 2007.

The Company continues to believe that it will not incur any material liability to Miller in this case. However, due to the relatively novel legal issues involved, it is not possible to predict, with certainty, how the Appellate Court will ultimately rule.

## ITEMRISK FACTORS

## 1A.

There were no material changes in the risk factors that were disclosed under the caption "Risk Factors" in Part IA of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, except as may otherwise be set forth above under the caption "Risks and Uncertainties That Could Affect Our Future Financial Performance" in Item 2 of Part I of this Report.

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

None

## ITEMEXHIBITS

6. 

(a) Exhibits:

Exhibit Certification of Chief Executive Officer Under Section 302 of the 31.1 Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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32.2 Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

## SIGNATURES

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

## COLLECTORS UNIVERSE,

INC.
Date: November 8, 2007 /s/ MICHAEL R. HAYNES
Michael R. Haynes
Chief Executive Officer

|  | COLLECTORS UNIVERSE, <br> INC. |
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| Date: $\quad$ November 8, 2007 | /s/ JOSEPH J. WALLACE |
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|  | Joseph J. Wallace |
|  | Chief Financial Officer |

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