

VIISAGE TECHNOLOGY INC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 10-Q

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

For the Quarterly Period Ended March 28, 2004.

OR

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

For the Transition Period from _____ to _____.

Commission File Number 000-21559

VIISAGE TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

296 Concord Road, Third Floor, Billerica, MA
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

04-3320515
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

01821
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by a check mark whether the Registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act) Yes No

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

<u>Class</u>	<u>Outstanding at May 10, 2004</u>
Common stock, \$.001 par value	35,777,841

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ITEM 1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VIISAGE TECHNOLOGY, INC.**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(in thousands)

	March 28, 2004	*December 31, 2003
	(Unaudited)	
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,282	\$ 6,666
Accounts receivable	9,343	7,057
Inventories and other costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings	4,647	4,050
Other current assets	1,162	439
	<u>24,434</u>	<u>18,212</u>
Total current assets	24,434	18,212
Property and equipment, net	24,810	25,088
Goodwill	63,613	
Intangible assets, net	18,519	2,693
Restricted cash	3,120	6,311
Other assets	796	2,176
	<u>\$ 135,292</u>	<u>\$ 54,480</u>
Liabilities and Shareholders Equity		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 11,051	\$ 6,851
Current portion of project financing	4,175	3,734
Current portion of related party notes	6,765	1,740
	<u>21,991</u>	<u>12,325</u>
Total current liabilities	21,991	12,325
Project financing	7,013	5,813
Related party notes	13,470	2,334
Other liabilities	622	
	<u>43,096</u>	<u>20,472</u>
Total liabilities	43,096	20,472
Shareholders equity	92,196	34,008
	<u>\$ 135,292</u>	<u>\$ 54,480</u>

* Derived from audited financial statements.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Table of Contents**Viisage Technology, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Operations****(in thousands, except per share data)****(Unaudited)**

	Three Months Ended	
	March 28, 2004	March 30, 2003
Revenue	\$ 12,259	\$ 8,155
Cost of revenue	8,906	6,789
Gross margin	3,353	1,366
Operating expenses:		
Sales and marketing	1,493	1,411
Research and development	959	945
General and administrative	2,137	1,093
Total operating expenses	4,589	3,449
Operating loss	(1,236)	(2,083)
Interest expense	392	219
Other income	(21)	
Loss before income taxes	(1,607)	(2,302)
Provision for income taxes	25	63
Loss before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(1,632)	(2,365)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		(12,131)
Net loss	\$ (1,632)	\$ (14,496)
Basic and diluted net loss per share before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.12)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	0.00	(0.60)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.72)
Weighted average basic and diluted shares	31,362	20,258

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Table of Contents**VIISAGE TECHNOLOGY, INC.****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****(in thousands)****(Unaudited)**

	Three Months Ended	
	March 28, 2004	March 30, 2003
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net loss	\$ (1,632)	\$ (14,496)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities, net of effects of acquisitions:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,279	1,844
Impact of cumulative effect of change in accounting		
Principle		12,131
Directors fees paid in common stock	120	30
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	828	1,926
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings	(273)	6,830
Other current assets	(433)	(371)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(303)	(1,457)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>586</u>	<u>6,437</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Decrease in restricted cash	3,191	291
Additions to property and equipment	(369)	(5,711)
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(5,227)	
Increase in other assets	(415)	(183)
Net cash used for investing activities	<u>(2,820)</u>	<u>(5,603)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Net proceeds from project financing	4,273	
Principal payments on project financing	(1,771)	(1,297)
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	2,348	34
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	<u>4,850</u>	<u>(1,263)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,616	(429)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	6,666	2,212
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 9,282</u>	<u>\$ 1,783</u>

Supplemental Cash Flow Information:		
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$ 256	\$ 236
Non Cash Activities:		
Directors fees paid in common stock	\$ 120	\$ 30
Services paid in common stock	\$ 14	\$
Acquisitions paid in common stock	\$ 57,486	\$
Acquisitions paid in related party financing	\$ 15,300	\$
Asset purchased with extended payment terms	\$ 800	\$

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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Notes to Financial Statements

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

We deliver advanced technology identity solutions for governments, law enforcement agencies and businesses concerned with enhancing security, reducing identity theft, providing access control, and protecting personal privacy. We focus on identity solutions for civil identification, criminal identification and border management that improve personal convenience and security, deter fraud, reduce identification program costs, and protect personal privacy. By combining secure document and face recognition biometric technologies that quickly, reliably, and accurately identify individuals in both one-to-one and one-to-many situations, we have created innovative identity solutions. Our goal is to help our customers solve three critical aspects of verifying and managing identities:

assurance that an identification document is authentic,
confidence that the person holding the identification document is uniquely tied to and authorized to use the document, and
verification of the privileges granted to the individual holding the document.

Our business involves two closely-related segments: secure credentials and biometrics. Our secure credentials solutions involve the design, development, marketing and implementation of integrated software and hardware solutions that produce identification credentials utilizing face recognition and other biometric technologies. The focus of our biometric technology solutions is primarily on applications designed to deter criminal and terrorist activities, including government research and development contracts.

We combine our proprietary biometric and secure credential software and hardware products with complementary industry standard products to create identity solutions that integrate into its customers' environments. These turnkey solutions integrate secure document technologies, image and data capture, relational databases, and multiple biometrics, improving the customer's ability to process and manage identity information. Applications include passports, driver's licenses, voter registration, national identification credentials, law enforcement, social services, access control, surveillance and PC network and Internet access security. Our primary customers are government agencies with particular penetration in U.S. government agencies such as the Department of State and state departments of motor vehicles, social services, and law enforcement. We are the sole source provider of high security technology and services to the U.S. Department of State for the production of U.S. passports and have captured a large percentage of the domestic driver's license market. We also have provided services under subcontracts for projects in the United Arab Emirates, Jamaica, the Philippines and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial data as of March 28, 2004 and December 31, 2003, and for the three month periods ended March 28, 2004 and March 30, 2003, have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. The December 31, 2003 balance sheet was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. These

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financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

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In the opinion of management, all adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows as of March 28, 2004 and for the three month periods ended March 28, 2004 and March 30, 2003, have been made. The results of operations for the period ended March 28, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year.

Use of Estimates

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

Stock-Based Compensation

At March 28, 2004, we account for our stock-based compensation plans using the intrinsic value method, in accordance with the provisions of APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and comply with the disclosure provisions of Statements of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, and SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation- Transition and Disclosure*. No stock-based employee compensation cost was reflected in net loss, as all options granted under those plans had an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant.

The following table illustrates, in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure*, the effect on net loss and loss per share if we had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, to stock-based employee compensation.

	Three Months Ended	
	March 28, 2004	March 30, 2003
Net loss as reported	\$ (1,632)	\$ (14,496)
Add: stock based employee compensation expense included in reported net loss, net of tax		
Deduct: total stock based employee compensation expense determined under the fair value based method for all awards, net of tax	(993)	(602)
Pro forma net loss	\$ (2,625)	\$ (15,098)
Loss per share:		
Basic and diluted as reported	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.72)
Basic and diluted pro forma	(0.08)	(0.75)

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The fair value of the Company's stock-based option awards to employees was estimated assuming no expected dividends and the following weighted-average assumptions:

	<u>March 28, 2004</u>	<u>March 30, 2003</u>
Risk free interest rate	4.0 5.0 %	4.0 5.0 %
Expected dividend yield		
Expected lives	3 10 years	3 10 years
Expected volatility	80%	80%

Computation of Net Loss per Share

The basic net loss per share calculation is computed based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. The impact of approximately 5,379,000 shares of common stock consisting of certain outstanding options and stock warrants were not reflected in the March 28, 2004 dilutive net loss per share calculation. The impact of approximately 3,735,000 shares of common stock consisting of certain outstanding options and stock warrants were not reflected in the March 30, 2003 dilutive net loss per share calculation. Potentially dilutive securities are excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share if their effect is anti-dilutive.

3. INCOME TAXES

No provision for federal income taxes has been made for the periods ended March 28, 2004 and March 30, 2003 due to the net loss in both periods. The provision for state income taxes for the periods ended March 28, 2004 and March 30, 2003 was approximately \$25,000 and \$63,000, respectively.

4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Lau Technologies, or Lau, and Mr. Buddy Beck beneficially own approximately 17.1% and 16.4%, respectively, of our outstanding common stock. Readers are referred to the "Notes to Financial Statements" section of the Company's 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion.

In May 2003 we entered into a loan agreement with Lau, whose principals are significant shareholders of Viisage, which provided for four term notes aggregating \$7.3 million but not to exceed an outstanding principal balance of \$7.0 million at any point in time. Two of these term notes, in the amounts of approximately \$1.6 million and \$287,000, replaced existing system finance lease obligations we had with a commercial leasing organization. These finance lease obligations were paid in full with the proceeds of the two new term notes. The remaining two new term notes with borrowing limits of \$3.0 million and \$2.5 million, are additional financing related to two new state contracts. All four new term notes bear interest at a rate of 8.5%. We believe that the terms of this loan agreement are the same as the terms that would have been provided to us by an unaffiliated lender. In particular, the financial covenants under this loan agreement are the same as the financial covenants under our loan agreement with our primary bank lender. We will draw funding on these notes as needed to meet our obligations for equipment purchases on the related state contracts. As of March 28, 2004 we had approximately \$4.9 million outstanding under this loan agreement. Interest expense related to these term notes was approximately \$95,000 for the three months ended March 28, 2004.

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In connection with the acquisition of TDT on February 14, 2004, we issued a promissory note to Mr. Beck in the amount of \$15.3 million, which is secured by some of TDT's assets. This note bears interest at a rate of 8.5% and is payable in equal installments of principal and interest on December 1, 2004, May 1, 2005 and December 1, 2005. We believe that the terms of this loan agreement are the same as the terms that would have been provided to us by an unaffiliated lender. In particular, the financial covenants under this loan agreement are the same as the financial covenants under our loan

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agreement with our primary bank lender. Interest expense related to this note was approximately \$162,000 for the three months ended March 28, 2004.

At March 28, 2004 we had approximately \$184,000 of accounts payable due to Lau.

5. BUSINESS SEGMENTS, GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND CONCENTRATIONS OF RISK

We follow SFAS No. 131 *Disclosures about Segments of a Business Enterprise and Related Information*, which establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments. Operating segments are defined as components of a company about which separate financial information is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance.

The following table provides financial information by segment for the three months ended March 28, 2004 and March 30, 2003. We allocate direct costs and administrative expenses to each business segment based on management's analysis of each segment's resource needs. Revenue is reported within the segments by customer contracts. Within the secure credentials segment there is a component of the contract that utilizes our biometrics technology. Total assets as of March 28, 2004 include the preliminary allocation of goodwill to the operating segments.

Three months ended March 28, 2004	Secure		
	Credentials	Biometrics	Total
Secure credentials	\$ 10,184	\$	\$ 10,184
Biometrics	336	1,739	\$ 2,075
Total segment revenue	\$ 10,520	\$ 1,739	\$ 12,259
Segment profit (loss) before taxes	\$ 679	\$ (2,286)	\$ (1,607)
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 2,040	\$ 239	\$ 2,279
Interest expense	\$ 392	\$	\$ 392
Total assets	\$ 100,737	\$ 34,555	\$ 135,292
Expenditures for long lived assets	\$ 311	\$ 58	\$ 369

Three months ended March 30, 2003	Secure		
	Credentials	Biometrics	Total
Secure credentials	\$ 6,487	\$	\$ 6,487
Biometrics	314	1,354	\$ 1,668
Total segment revenue	\$ 6,801	\$ 1,354	\$ 8,155
Segment profit (loss) before taxes and cumulative effect	\$ (600)	\$ (1,702)	\$ (2,302)
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 1,690	\$ 154	\$ 1,844
Interest expense	\$ 219	\$	\$ 219
Total assets	\$ 38,930	\$ 5,044	\$ 43,974

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Expenditures for long lived assets	\$	\$	29	\$	29
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For the three month period ended March 28, 2004 we derived 96.2%, or \$11.7 million, of our direct revenue within the United States. We derived an additional 1.3%, or \$160,000, of our direct revenue in Canada. The remaining 2.5% was

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derived by our German subsidiary, primarily from customers in countries within the European Union. Virtually all of our direct revenue for the three month period ended March 30, 2003 was derived within the United States.

We believe for the near future that we will continue to derive a significant portion of our revenues from a limited number of large contracts. Secure identification segment customers who accounted for more than 10% of our total revenues are as follows:

For the three months ended March 28, 2004, one customer accounted for an aggregate of 13.1%
For the three months ended March 30, 2003, two customers accounted for an aggregate of 28%

No single biometrics customer accounted for over 10% of our total revenue in either three month period.

6. ACQUISITIONS

On January 23, 2004 we acquired all outstanding shares of ZN Vision Technologies AG (ZN) in exchange for an aggregate of 5,221,454 newly issued shares of our common stock and \$493.00 in cash. In addition, we agreed to assume ZN's employee share option plan, and accordingly have reserved 1,138,546 shares of our common stock for issuance to the plan participants. The purchase price for the acquisition was \$31.5 million, based on the per share price of our common stock of \$4.32 per share which is the average trading price of Viisage common stock over the five trading days immediately preceding and the two trading days immediately following March 28, 2003, the date on which the purchase agreement was signed. The acquisition was accounted for as a purchase, and accordingly, the operations of ZN are included in the financial statements since the effective date, the close of business on January 23, 2004. The purchase price has been allocated to net assets acquired based on their estimated fair values. We engaged an independent third party appraiser to perform a review of the acquired assets and have allocated the purchase price based on the preliminary results of their findings. The preliminary valuation is subject to further review which may result in adjustments to allocation of purchase price in the future. We have recorded approximately \$74,000 in amortization related to the acquired intangible assets from the date of the acquisition through March 28, 2004. ZN is a leading German provider of face recognition and computer vision products and services. ZN, now known as Viisage Technology AG, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Viisage and serves as the base of our European operations.

On February 14, 2004 we acquired all outstanding shares of Trans Digital Technologies Corporation (TDT) for \$53.4 million. The purchase price consisted of 5,850,000 newly issued shares of our common stock, which were valued at \$5.13 per share, which is the average price of Viisage common stock over the five trading days immediately preceding and the two trading days immediately following February 14, 2004, plus \$15.3 million in notes and \$5 million in cash. The acquisition was accounted for as a purchase, and accordingly, the operations of TDT are included in the financial statements since the effective date, the close of business on February 14, 2004. The purchase price has been allocated to net assets acquired based on their estimated fair values. We engaged an independent third party appraiser to perform a review of the acquired assets and have allocated the purchase price based on the preliminary results of their findings. The preliminary valuation is subject to further review which may result in adjustments to allocation of purchase price in the future. We have recorded approximately \$384,000 in amortization related to the acquired intangible assets from the date of the acquisition through March 28, 2004. TDT is the sole source provider of high security technology and services to the U.S. Department of State for the production of U.S. passports. TDT is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Viisage.

In connection with the acquisition of TDT, we agreed to pay the former sole shareholder of TDT an additional cash payment of up to \$2.6 million if the U.S. Department of Defense selected TDT for the production of smart cards as part of the agency's Common Access Card (CAC) program and placed orders with an aggregate value of at least \$4 million prior to June 30, 2004. We received an initial purchase order of \$10.2 million for this program and therefore we will record this contingent purchase price of \$2.6 million related to the CAC program as additional

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goodwill in the second quarter of 2004.

The preliminary allocation of the purchase price for ZN and TDT, based on the purchase prices calculated for accounting purposes, is as follows (in thousands):

	ZN	TDT
Current assets	\$ 1,639	\$ 3,020
Property and equipment	140	42
Identified intangible assets	1,974	14,460
Goodwill	27,733	35,880
	\$ 31,486	\$ 53,402

7. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On July 31, 2003 the superior court for Fulton County, Georgia issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting Georgia's Department of Motor Vehicle Safety from continuing to work with us to install a new drivers' license system for the State of Georgia. This injunction is the result of a lawsuit filed in March 2003 by one of our competitors, Digimarc ID Systems, LLC. The suit claims that the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety did not comply with its own bid process when selecting a vendor for the digital drivers' license program. The merits of Digimarc Corporation's claims against the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety are to be addressed in further court proceedings. The Department of Motor Vehicle Safety has confirmed that our contract with them remains in place. However, if the lawsuit is successful and we

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lose the contract, we could lose up to \$19.7 million in revenue that we expected to recognize over the next five and one-half years. In addition, although we expect that the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety would be required to reimburse us for our costs incurred under the contract, if we are unable to obtain reimbursement of those costs, we could be required to recognize a loss of up to approximately \$5 million for costs incurred to date on the Georgia contract.

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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying notes contained in our 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K and in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

INTRODUCTION

We deliver advanced technology identity solutions for governments, law enforcement agencies and businesses concerned with enhancing security, reducing identity theft, providing access control, and protecting personal privacy. We focus on identity solutions for civil identification, criminal identification and border management that improve personal convenience and security, deter fraud, reduce identification program costs, and protect personal privacy. By combining secure document and face recognition biometric technologies that quickly, reliably, and accurately identify individuals in both one-to-one and one-to-many situations, we create innovative identity solutions. Our goal is to help our customers solve three critical aspects of verifying and managing identities:

assurance that an identification document is authentic,

confidence that the person holding the identification document is uniquely tied to and authorized to use the document, and

verification of the privileges granted to the individual holding the document.

We generate revenue through the sale and license of products and services for verifying and managing identities. Our revenue increased from \$8.16 million in the first quarter of 2003 to \$12.26 million in the first quarter of 2004. Our net loss decreased by 31% during the same periods, excluding the one-time charge of \$12.1 million in connection with our change in accounting principle as of January 1, 2003. Our efforts in 2004 have been and will continue to be primarily focused on expanding our portfolio of offerings to satisfy our customers' identity solution requirements. We have taken substantial steps in this direction through the acquisitions of ZN Vision Technologies AG in January 2004 and Trans Digital Technologies Corporation in February 2004. The acquisition of TDT enabled us to be selected to provide a solution to the U.S. Department of Defense to support the production of smart cards as part of the agency's Common Access Card (CAC) program. We continue to make investments in research and development and intend to continue to introduce new and enhanced product and service offerings. To further increase revenue, we are also expanding our distribution channels.

SEGMENTS AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Our business involves two closely-related segments: secure credentials and biometrics. For the three-month period ended March 28, 2004, we derived 96.2%, or \$11.7 million, of our direct revenue within the United States. We derived an additional 1.3%, or \$160,000, of our direct revenue in Canada. The remaining 2.5%, or \$307,000, was derived by our German subsidiary, primarily from customers in countries within the European Union.

Secure Credentials Segment

Our secure credentials segment accounted for approximately 85.8% and 84.2% of our revenues in the three-month periods ended March 28, 2004 and March 30, 2003, respectively. Our secure credentials solutions involve the design, development, marketing and implementation of integrated software and hardware solutions that produce identification credentials utilizing face recognition and other biometric technologies.

We provide customized systems utilizing proprietary products under service contracts that have five to seven year terms and several optional annual renewals after the initial contract term. These contracts generally provide for a fixed price

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for each identification credential produced. Contract prices vary depending on, among other things, design and integration complexities, the nature and number of workstations and sites, the projected number of secure credentials to be produced, the size of the database, the level of post-installation support and the competitive environment. Our secure credentials segment also includes the contracts we assumed as part of our acquisition of Trans Digital Technologies in February 2004. TDT contributed revenues of \$1.8 million to this segment for the three months ended March 28, 2004. Under these contracts, we provide high security technology and services to the U.S. Department of State for the production of U.S. passports, as well as similar services to the U.S. Departments of Defense and Homeland Security.

In civil identification applications, such as drivers licenses and passports, the sales cycle generally includes a formal request for proposal, or RFP, bidding process. In these public sector cases, our sales and marketing personnel regularly conduct visits and attend industry trade shows to identify bid opportunities and particular customer preferences, and to establish and cultivate relationships in advance of any bid. Once an RFP is issued, a comprehensive proposal is developed and usually followed by an on-site customer demonstration. The process from the issuance of an RFP to the ultimate award can take up to six months. Following the bid award a six-to-twelve month implementation and installation process usually ensues. We believe that long sales cycles in our public sector markets are endemic to the market and will continue. Further, customers may seek to modify the system either during or after the implementation of the system. While our long sales and implementation cycle requires the commitment of marketing resources and investments of working capital, we believe that it also serves as a barrier to entry for smaller companies and as an early indicator of potential competitors for particular projects. For existing customers, a considerably shorter sales and implementation cycle may be involved.

Biometrics Segment

Our biometrics segment accounted for approximately 14.2% and 15.8% of our revenue for the three month periods ended March 28, 2004 and March 30, 2003, respectively. The focus of our biometric technology solutions is primarily on applications designed to deter criminal and terrorist activities, including government research and development contracts. These initiatives generated 89.0% of this segment's revenue for the three months ended March 28, 2004, the remaining 11.0% was generated from sales in the gaming industry.

Within our biometrics segment, our contracts typically provide for the development, customization and installation of face recognition systems for government agencies, law enforcement agencies and businesses. These contracts are generally fixed price, and include milestones and acceptance criteria for the various deliverables under the contract. Contract prices vary depending on, among other things, design and integration complexities, the nature and number of workstations and sites, the size of the database, the level of post-installation support and the competitive environment. In certain cases, we provide licenses of off-the-shelf versions of our face recognition software on a per user basis.

For identity solutions that primarily require our advanced face recognition technology, such as criminal identification booking and investigation applications, the sales cycle tends to be shorter and the solution consists primarily of software products.

As we continue to implement our vision of being a total identity solutions provider, the biometrics and secure credentials segments become less distinct as discrete segments. We believe that the presence or future potential of integrated biometrics in secure credentials is a key factor in increasing revenue and profits from the secure credentials business. As a result, we are seeing the two segments converge into one market: identity solutions.

DEPENDENCE ON SIGNIFICANT CUSTOMERS

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We believe for the near future that we will continue to derive a significant portion of our revenues from a limited number of large contracts. Secure identification segment customers who accounted for more than 10% of our total revenues are as follows:

For the three months ended March 28, 2004, one customer accounted for an aggregate of 13.1%

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For the three months ended March 30, 2003, two customers accounted for an aggregate of 28%

No single biometrics customer accounted for over 10% of our total revenue in either three month period.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES

We prepare our financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or US GAAP. Consistent with US GAAP, we have adopted accounting policies that we believe are most appropriate given the facts and circumstances of our business. The application of these policies has a significant impact on our reported results. In addition, some of these policies require management to make estimates. These estimates, which are based on historical experience and analysis of current conditions, have a significant impact on our reported results and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. If actual results differ significantly from these estimates, there could be a material effect on our financial statements.

Valuation of Goodwill and Other Long-Lived and Intangible Assets

Our long-lived assets include property, plant and equipment, other intangible assets and Goodwill. As of March 28, 2004, the balances of property, plant and equipment, other intangible assets and Goodwill, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, were \$24.8 million, \$18.5 million and \$63.6 million respectively.

Where we believe that property, plant and equipment and intangible assets have finite lives, we depreciate and amortize those assets over their estimated useful lives. For purposes of determining whether there are any impairment losses, as further discussed below, our management has examined the carrying value of our identifiable long-lived tangible and intangible assets, including their useful lives where we believe such assets have finite lives, when indicators of impairment are present. For all long-lived tangible and intangible assets, if an impairment loss were identified based on the fair value of the asset, as compared to the carrying value of the asset, such loss would be charged to expense in the period we identify the impairment. Furthermore, if our review of the carrying values of the long-lived tangible and intangible assets with finite lives indicates impairment of such assets, we may determine that shorter estimated useful lives are more appropriate. In that event, we will be required to record additional depreciation and amortization in future periods, which will reduce our earnings.

Factors we generally consider important which could trigger an impairment review on the carrying value of other long-lived tangible and intangible assets include the following:

significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results;

significant changes in the manner of our use of acquired assets or the strategy for our overall business;

underutilization of our tangible assets;

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discontinuance of product lines by ourselves or our customers;

significant negative industry or economic trends;

significant decline in our stock price for a sustained period;

significant decline in our market capitalization relative to net book value.

Although we believe that the carrying value of our long-lived tangible and intangible assets were realizable as of March 28, 2004, future events could cause us to conclude otherwise.

Due to our two acquisitions in the first quarter of 2004, goodwill and other intangible assets were created as a result of the preliminary allocation of the purchase price to identified intangible assets of the acquired businesses. The values recorded for goodwill and other intangible assets represent preliminary estimates of fair values calculated by independent third-party appraisers and are subject to further review and finalization. Such valuations require us to provide significant estimates and assumptions, which are derived from information obtained from the management of

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the acquired businesses, and our business plans for the acquired businesses or intellectual property. Critical estimates and assumptions used in the initial valuation of goodwill and other intangible assets include, but are not limited to:

future expected cash flows from product sales, customer contracts and acquired developed technologies and patents,

expected costs to complete any in-process research and development projects and commercialize viable products and estimated cash flows from sales of such products,

the acquired companies' brand awareness and market position,

assumptions about the period of time over which we will continue to use the acquired brand, and

discount rates.

These estimates and assumptions may be incomplete or inaccurate because unanticipated events and circumstances may occur. If estimates and assumptions used to initially value goodwill and intangible assets prove to be inaccurate, ongoing reviews of the carrying values of such goodwill and intangible assets may indicate impairment which will require us to record an impairment charge in the period in which we identify the impairment.

As of March 28, 2004, we have recorded goodwill of \$63.6 million. We will perform impairment reviews on the carrying values of goodwill arising from the aforementioned acquisitions using the discounted cash flows approach at least annually. Because future cash flows and operating results used in the impairment review will be based on management's projections and assumptions, future events could cause such projections to differ from those used to originally value the acquisitions, which could lead to significant impairment charges of goodwill in the future.

Secure Credentials Revenue and Cost Recognition

During the third quarter of 2003, we adopted the provisions of Emerging Issues Task Force 00-21, *Accounting for Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables*, or EITF 00-21, on a cumulative basis as of January 1, 2003. EITF 00-21 governs how to identify whether goods or services, or both, to be delivered separately in a bundled sales arrangement, should be accounted for separately. The operating results for the three-month period ended March 28, 2003 reflects the cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle in 2003.

We deliver solutions under secure credential contracts primarily to federal and state government customers. We recognize revenue when pervasive evidence of a sales arrangement exists, delivery occurs or services are rendered, the sales price is fixed or determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured.

Product revenue on secure credential contracts where title to the products pass to the customer consist mainly of printing system components and consumables including printers, secure coating, ribbon, film and other parts. Revenue on products is recognized when the products are shipped and accepted by the customer. Services revenue under these contracts consists of preventative and remedial maintenance on printing systems.

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We also provide on site technical support and consulting services to our customers. Revenue on fixed price services is recognized ratably over the service period which approximates the timing of the services rendered. Revenue on time and material services is recognized as the services are rendered. Expenses on all services are recognized when the costs are incurred.

When elements such as products and services are contained in a single arrangement, or in related arrangements with the same customer, we allocate revenue to each element based on its relative fair value, provided that such element meets the criteria for treatment as a separate unit of accounting. The price charged when the element is sold separately generally determines fair value.

We have secure credential contracts, generally with state governments for the production of drivers licenses and other identification credentials, where we have determined that we have multiple elements and where the title to equipment installed to produce these credentials does not pass to the customer. Under these contracts, the first element consists of hardware, system design, implementation, training, consumables management, maintenance and support which is

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accounted for as equipment and related executory services under lease in accordance with SFAS No. 13. The second element consists of customized software which is accounted for as a long term contract in accordance with AICPA Statement of Position 97-2, *Software Revenue Recognition*, or SOP 97-2, and Statement of Position 81-1, *Accounting for Performance of Construction-Type and Certain Production-Type Contracts*, or SOP 81-1, on a units of delivery method of measurement.

Costs related to the hardware element of these contracts are capitalized on the balance sheet and are depreciated over the contract term beginning when the system goes into service. The delivery of these credentials typically require us to customize, design, and install equipment and software at customer locations, as well as perform training, supply consumables, maintain the equipment and provide support services. Nonperformance of training, consumables management, maintenance and support services would prevent us from receiving payment for the costs incurred in the customization, design and installation of the system. EITF 00-21 limits the amount of revenue allocable to the customization, design and installation of the system to the amount that is not contingent upon the production of credentials. Revenue on these contracts under EITF 00-21 is earned based on, and is contingent upon, the production of credentials from the system. Due to the contingent performance of credential production in our secure credentials contracts, we defer revenue recognition for the system design and installation phase of our contracts, including customized software and equipment, and recognize revenue as credentials are produced.

Costs related to the customized software element of our secure credentials contracts where title to the hardware element does not pass to the customer are capitalized on the balance sheet during the period in which we are designing and installing the system and are amortized over the contract term beginning when the system goes into service. Costs related to this element of our secure credentials contracts incurred after the system is in service are expensed as incurred. Revenue related to this element of our secure credentials contracts is recorded as credentials are produced by the system.

Our secure credentials contracts related to the delivery of drivers licenses and identification credentials typically provide that the state department of transportation, or similar agency, will pay a fixed price per credential produced utilizing a system we design, implement and support. Our fixed pricing includes charges for the use of the system, materials and the data that is stored on the credentials. Prices under these contracts vary depending on, among other things:

Design and integration complexities;

Nature and number of workstations and sites installed;

Projected number of secure credentials to be produced;

Size of the database;

Level of post-installation involvement that will be required of us; and

Competitive environment.

Prior to the adoption of EITF 00-21, we recognized revenue and costs associated with our secure credentials contracts as a single accounting element using the percentage-of-completion methodology.

Biometrics Segment Revenue and Cost Recognition

Within our biometrics segment, our contracts typically provide for the development, customization and installation of face recognition systems for government agencies, law enforcement agencies and businesses. These contracts are generally fixed price, and include milestones and acceptance criteria for the various deliverables under the contract. Contract prices vary depending on, among other things, design and integration complexities, the nature and number of workstations and sites, the size of the database, the level of post-installation support and the competitive environment. In certain cases, we provide licenses of off-the-shelf versions of our face recognition software on a per user basis.

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We recognize revenue under these contracts using the percentage-of-completion methodology in accordance with SOP 81-1. We use the percentage-of-completion methodology to account for revenue under these contracts because:

A high level of certainty exists regarding expected cash flows from these contracts; and

A reliable basis exists for determining the percentage of the contract that will be completed at the end of the accounting period.

We measure the percentage complete as costs are incurred or for contracts based on milestones, revenue is recognized when scheduled performance milestones and customer acceptance criteria have been achieved. These milestones are specific events or deliverables clearly identified in the contract. We recognize revenue based on the total milestone billable to the customer less revenue related to any future maintenance requirements. Billings occur under these contracts when the milestone is delivered and accepted by the customer. Milestones can include customized systems, installation and services as defined by the contract.

We record costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings under these contracts as current assets. We record billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings and accrued contract costs as current liabilities.

Revenue related to software licenses of off-the-shelf face recognition software is recognized in accordance with SOP 97-2 for these software licenses we recognize revenue when:

Persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists;

Delivery has occurred;

The sales price is fixed and determinable;

Collection is probable; and

There are no post delivery obligations.

We adopted EITF 00-21 on a cumulative basis as of January 1, 2003. Based on our evaluation of biometrics contracts and the application of the new guidance, the adoption of EITF 00-21 did not have an impact on the accounting for revenue from biometrics systems under long-term contracts.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Revenue

Revenue from our secure credentials segment are derived principally from multi-year contracts for systems implementation, credential production and related services. Revenue from our biometrics segment are derived principally from sales to law enforcement agencies, the federal government, and the gaming industry. Revenue for the first quarter of 2004 were approximately \$12.3 million, compared to approximately \$8.2 million for the first quarter of 2003. The 50.6% increase in revenue is derived from increases of approximately \$3.7 million in the secure credentials segment and \$300,000 in the biometrics segment. The increase in the secure credentials segment consists of \$1.8 million from the operating results of TDT from February 15, 2004 through March 28, 2004, \$610,000 from the sale of equipment and consumables directly to two states, \$558,000 from a volume increase resulting from the rollout of one new state drivers license contract, and approximately \$730,000 from a net increase in volume and the fulfillment of certain milestones among our remaining contracts. The increase in our biometrics revenue is derived from the inclusion of approximately \$307,000 in ZN revenue for the period from January 24, 2004 to March 28, 2004.

Gross Margin

Gross margins increased to 27.4% in the first quarter of 2004 from 16.8% in the first quarter of 2003. We expect gross margins on our secure credentials contracts to fluctuate based on changes in period cost of sales as a result of our

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adoption of EITF 00-21 due to the fact that in 2003 and in the future we will effectively recognize revenue on a fixed price per credential produced by our customers. If we successfully achieve cost saving measures in the delivery process, we will realize higher gross margins in those periods where the cost savings measures are achieved. Alternatively, in periods where our delivery costs are higher due to service and maintenance requirements, we expect gross margins to decrease for those periods. The overall increase in gross margin in the first quarter of 2004 compared to the first quarter of 2003 is due to margin increases in both the secure credentials and biometrics segments.

In the secure credentials segment, gross margins increased to 24.4% in the first quarter of 2004 from 11.1% in the first quarter of 2003. We achieved gross margin increases on 12 of the 15 secure credentials contracts that were active in both periods. Those contracts represented approximately 57.9% of the total revenue in that segment for the three-month period ended March 28, 2004. The margin increases were attributable to our minimization of period costs during the card production phase on all of our secure credentials contracts. We were able to achieve some of these cost savings by minimizing overtime labor charges through improved resource management of field service technicians. In addition, we installed inventory management software in multiple states throughout 2003, which allows us to better control consumables scrap, thus reducing our materials costs. In addition to these cost savings initiatives, we signed contract extensions in five states and began card production in two additional states during 2003, both of which resulted in margin increases for those states. Our margin increase in this segment was also attributable to the 30.3% gross margin on approximately \$1.8 million of revenue contribution from TDT for the period from February 15 to March 28, 2004, which represented approximately 17.1% of the total segment revenue for the quarter. The gross margin related to TDT included approximately \$384,000 of non-cash amortization of the identified intangible assets, as described in more detail below. These increases were offset by gross margin decreases in other states. In two states, gross margins decreased due to an increase in costs, while in a third state the gross margin decrease was primarily due to decreases in credential volume.

The secure credentials business is a highly competitive, bid-based business, which results in pricing pressure for those systems. In addition, the price of a system is dictated by the customer's specifications for the solution and its functionality. Some of these customer specifications include hardware, customized software, credential volume, number and type of security features on the credentials, and biometric identification on the credentials. All of these inputs are evaluated in our estimate of the cost of the system and ultimately influence the pricing for the system to be delivered. We are also aware of the customer's budget situation since this affects how much the customer can spend on the system. After all of these factors are considered, we price the contract and determine the gross margin for the system to be delivered. The price and margin fluctuate by customer due to the number of locations, volume of credentials, requirements and complexity of the system and competitive environment. Although prices remain fixed for products and services on a contract-by-contract basis, fluctuations in gross margin are attributable to changes in the customer mix, change orders and contract extensions received.

Gross margins in our biometrics segment decreased to 45.0% in the first quarter of 2004 from 46.0% in the first quarter of 2003.

For the three-month period ended March 28, 2004, we have allocated \$384,000 of amortization expense for the TDT acquisition to cost of sales due to the fact that a majority of the identified intangible assets were attributed to contracts that are generating significant revenue. The \$74,000 of amortization related to the ZN acquisition was included in operating expenses for the three months ended March 28, 2004.

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Sales and Marketing Expenses

Sales and marketing expenses increased approximately \$82,000, from \$1.4 million in the first quarter of 2003 to \$1.5 million in the first quarter of 2004. The increase is primarily due to our investment in pursuing biometrics opportunities and the pursuit of significant opportunities in the secure identification marketplace. As a percentage of revenue, sales and marketing expenses decreased from 17.3% in the first quarter of 2003 to 12.2% in the first quarter of 2004.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses increased approximately \$14,000, from \$945,000 in the first quarter of 2003 to \$959,000 in the first quarter of 2004. The increase is due principally to our continued investment in face recognition technologies and new product development. This investment included enhancing existing products with the intellectual property that was acquired through the acquisitions of ZN and TDT. As discussed above, research and development expenses include \$74,000 of non-cash amortization expense related to the ZN identified intangible assets which contributed to the improvement in face recognition technologies and new product development. As a percentage of revenue, research and development expenses decreased from 11.6% in the first quarter of 2003 to 7.8% in the first quarter of 2004. We expect to continue to invest in product development in fiscal 2004.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses increased by approximately \$1,000,000, from \$1.1 million in the first quarter of 2003 to \$2.1 million in the first quarter of 2004. The largest component of the increase derives from legal costs of approximately \$527,000 stemming from the litigation surrounding our contract with the state of Georgia. General and administrative costs for ZN totaled \$86,000 for the period from January 24, 2004 to March 28, 2004. General and administrative costs for TDT totaled \$36,000 for the period from February 14, 2004 to March 28, 2004. The remainder of the increase is due to the logistical support required to grow our business through acquisitions while continuing to meet the financing requirements created by our expanding operations. As a percentage of revenue, general and administrative expenses increased from 13.4% in the first quarter of 2003 to 17.4% in the first quarter of 2004.

Interest Expense

Interest expense, net of approximately \$21,000 and \$28,000 of interest income for the first quarters of 2004 and 2003 respectively, increased approximately \$176,000 from \$247,000 in the first quarter of 2003 to \$413,000 in the first quarter of 2004. The increase in interest expense is due to \$162,000 of interest on the \$15.3 million note used to purchase TDT, as well as approximately \$14,000 of additional interest stemming from additional debt financing required to support contract delivery.

Income Taxes

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There was no provision for federal income taxes for the periods ended March 28, 2004 and March 30, 2003 due to the net loss in both periods. The provision for state income taxes for the periods ended March 28, 2004 and March 30, 2003 were \$25,000 and \$63,000 respectively.

Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle

For the year ended December 31, 2003, we incurred a non-cash charge of \$12.1 million representing the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle related to our adoption of EITF 00-21 on a cumulative basis as of January 1, 2003.

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LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash and cash equivalents were approximately \$9.3 million at March 28, 2004, which consisted entirely of cash. This amount excludes approximately \$3.1 million which is restricted under our term loan agreements and project financing. Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2003 were approximately \$6.7 million, which consisted entirely of cash. This number excludes approximately \$6.3 million which was restricted under our term loan agreements and project financing.

In the three-month period ended March 28, 2004, cash provided by operating activities was approximately \$586,000, which stems from our net loss of approximately \$1.6 million, offset by non-cash charges for depreciation and amortization of approximately \$2.3 million, and cash used by the net increase in operating assets of approximately \$62,000.

Accounts receivable increased approximately 32.9% from \$7.0 million at December 31, 2003 to \$9.3 million at March 28, 2004. This increase includes \$874,000 and \$2.2 million which were assets of ZN and TDT, respectively, acquired by us at the respective dates of acquisition of those companies. The remainder of the change, which resulted in an increase in cash of approximately \$700,000, is due to the timing of billings and collections.

Inventories and other costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings increased approximately 14.7% from \$4.1 million at December 31, 2003 to \$4.6 million at March 28, 2004. This increase includes \$189,000 and \$135,000 which were assets of ZN and TDT, respectively, acquired by us at the date of acquisition. The remainder of the change, which resulted in a decrease in cash of approximately \$176,000, reflects accumulation of consumables inventory that was unbilled as of March 28, 2004.

Accounts payable and accrued expenses increased approximately 61.3% from \$6.9 million at December 31, 2003 to \$11.1 million at March 28, 2004. This increase includes \$1.5 million and \$2.8 million which were liabilities of ZN and TDT, respectively, assumed by us at the dates of the respective acquisitions of those companies. The remainder of the change, which resulted in a decrease in cash of approximately \$100,000, is due to the timing of payables.

In February 2004, we entered into a new loan agreement with Commerce Bank and Trust Company, or Commerce, that superseded the original loan agreement for our existing term loans. Under this new agreement, we borrowed an additional \$3.0 million and reduced the required restricted cash balance under the new agreement with Commerce by \$2.0 million. We also negotiated a reduction of \$1.2 million of restricted cash with Lau Technologies, or Lau, concurrent with the execution of the new loan agreement with Commerce. The \$3 million term loan provided by this agreement bears interest at a rate of 7.3%. The following table lists the approximate term note information for Commerce and Lau as of the dates indicated (in thousands):

<u>Lender</u>	<u>Original Loan Amount</u>	<u>Monthly Payment Provision</u>	<u>Date of Loan</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Outstanding Principal March 28, 2004</u>
Commerce	\$ 4,000	\$ 84	2/7/2001	6/20/2006	8.00%	\$ 2,053
Commerce	3,200	72	9/11/2001	3/11/2006	6.25%	1,612
Commerce	1,800	34	12/12/2002	12/31/2007	5.25%	1,394
Commerce	1,500	27	12/12/2002	4/24/2008	5.25%	1,191
Commerce	1,200	24	12/12/2002	6/24/2007	5.25%	901

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Lau	2,040	53	5/30/2003	6/30/2009	8.50%	1,673
Lau	2,500	51	5/30/2003	5/30/2008	8.50%	2,249
Lau	1,562	64	5/30/2003	8/30/2005	8.50%	1,014
Lau	287	42	5/30/2003	12/30/2003	8.50%	
Commerce	3,000	36	2/27/2004	2/27/2007	7.30%	2,924
	<u>21,089</u>	<u>487</u>				<u>15,011</u>

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In accordance with the new loan agreement the term notes are collateralized by certain of our assets and the related contract assets. We restructured our bank covenants to account for the impact of the closing of our transactions with ZN and TDT. We are required to maintain various financial covenants, including;

a net loss for 2004 of not more than \$500,000 and positive net after-tax income in each fiscal year thereafter

a minimum tangible net worth (as defined in the loan agreement) of approximately \$16.7 million for the second quarter of 2004, increasing each quarter thereafter

our debt to tangible net worth ratio (as defined in the loan agreement) not to exceed the following quarterly benchmarks: 3.00:1.00 for the second quarter of 2004, 2.75:1.00 for the third quarter of 2004, and 2.20:1.00 for the fourth quarter of 2004

our debt service coverage ratio (as defined in the loan agreement) must be greater than 0.48 for the first quarter of 2004, 1.25 for the second and third quarters of 2004 and 1.00 for the fourth quarter of 2004

annual capital expenditures may not exceed \$1.5 million in 2004 and no single capital expenditure may exceed \$250,000,

Additionally, in accordance with the new agreement, we must maintain \$3.0 million of cash on deposit with the lender through September 29, 2004, \$4.0 million through November 29, 2004 and \$5.0 million by December 31, 2004 and thereafter. This amount is recorded as restricted cash in long term assets. As of March 28, 2004 we had an additional \$120,000 of restricted cash at commerce bank related to our loan agreement with Lau.

We also had one capital lease arrangement in which we were required to maintain the same financial ratios and minimum levels of tangible capital funds, as stated above. Pursuant to this arrangement, the lessor purchases certain of our digital identification systems and leases them back to us for deployment with identified and contracted customers approved by the lessor. The lessor retains title to systems and has an assignment of our rights under the related customer contracts, including rights to use the software and technology underlying the related systems. Under this arrangement, the lessor bears the credit risk associated with payments by our customers, but we bear performance and appropriation risk and are generally required to repurchase a system in the event of a termination by a customer for any reason except credit default. This project lease arrangement was accounted for as a capital lease. At March 28, 2004, this lease-financing arrangement was paid in full.

In April 2003 we entered into an arrangement for approximately \$1.5 million of equipment financing with three of our suppliers. These project lease arrangements are accounted for as capital leases. There are no financial covenants associated with these leasing arrangements. As of March 28, 2004 we had outstanding \$611,000 under these arrangements. The interest rates on these capital leases are between 6% and 8% and are fixed. The terms of these leases range from 12 months to 60 months. In August 2003 we entered into an arrangement for financing of database licenses with another vendor. As of December 31, 2003 we had outstanding \$500,000 under this arrangement.

In the first quarter of 2004 we purchased an asset totaling \$800,000 which is payable in installments over four years. On the March 28, 2004 balance sheet, \$200,000 is included in accounts payable and other accrued expenses and \$600,000 is recorded under other liabilities.

We are in compliance with our bank covenants as of March 28, 2004 and we believe that we will be able to maintain compliance with our bank covenants in the future. However, this expectation is dependent on achieving our business plan. If we do not remain in compliance with the

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covenants in our financing arrangements, the lenders and the lessors could require immediate repayment of outstanding amounts. As of March 28, 2004, there was approximately \$15.0 million outstanding under our credit facilities with Commerce and Lau.

In January 2004, we sold 456,007 shares of our common stock at \$3.775 per share in a private sale to certain institutional investors to which we had previously sold shares in a private sale in September 2003. On February 14, 2004, we funded the acquisition of TDT with \$5.0 million of available cash and executed a promissory note for an additional \$15.3 million in addition to the issuance of new stock. The note bears interest at a rate of 8.5% per year and

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is payable in equal installments of principal and interest on December 1, 2004, May 1, 2005 and December 1, 2005. An additional cash payment of \$2.6 million will be made to the former sole shareholder of TDT based upon TDT's selection by the U.S. Department of Defense for the production of smart cards as part of the agency's Common Access Card (CAC) program. This amount will be paid when we receive payment for our participation in this program. The acquisition of ZN was funded by the issuance of new stock.

We believe that our existing cash balances and anticipated cash flows from operations will be sufficient to meet our operating and debt service requirements for the next 12 months. However, if we cannot achieve our operating goals in 2004 or if we win additional secure credentials contracts in 2004, we may be required to seek additional financing. There can be no assurance that such financing will be available on commercially reasonable terms, or at all. Our ability to meet our business forecast is dependent on a number of factors, including those described in the section of this report entitled "Factors that May Affect Future Results."

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The following table sets forth our contractual obligations as of March 28, 2004.

	Total	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years
Long Term Debt Obligations	\$ 30,310	\$ 10,208	\$ 18,539	\$ 1,563	
Capital Lease Obligations	1,170	732	370	68	
Operating Lease Obligations	2,394	637	775	883	144

CONTINGENT OBLIGATIONS

Our principal contractual commitments involve payments under capital leases, term notes and operating leases.

INFLATION

Although some of our expenses increase with general inflation in the economy, inflation has not had a material impact on our financial results to date.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In March 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued a proposed Statement, "Share-Based Payment", that addresses the accounting for share-based payment transactions in which an enterprise receives employee services in exchange for (a) equity instruments of the enterprise or (b) liabilities that are based on the fair value of the enterprise's equity instruments or that may be settled by the issuance of such

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equity instruments. The proposed statement would eliminate the ability to account for share-based compensation transactions using APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and would generally require that such transactions be accounted for using a fair value-based method. As discussed in Note 2, we currently account for share-based compensation transactions using APB Opinion No. 25. If this statement is issued, the adoption of this interpretation will have a material negative impact on our consolidated financial position and results of operations, the level of which we are currently assessing.

OTHER EVENTS

On April 2, 2004, we announced that we had been selected by the U.S. Department of Defense, or DoD, to provide a solution to support the production of smart cards as part of the agency's Common Access Card (CAC) program. On May 7, 2004, we announced that we had received an initial purchase order in the amount of \$10.2 million for this program. We will provide a solution to the DoD's Defense Manpower Data Center, or DMDC, through Telos Corporation, the DMDC's support contractor. The solution, which is expected to include 1,700 Toppan CP400 printers as the fixed-site desktop printers, as well as consumables and services, will be used for the production of secure

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identification cards throughout the Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS). Implementation is scheduled to begin immediately and will continue over the next 12-18 months.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q contains or incorporates forward-looking statements within the meaning of section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the industry and markets in which we operate and management's beliefs and assumptions. In addition, other written or oral statements that constitute forward-looking statements may be made by or on our behalf. Words such as expect, anticipate, intend, plan, believe, seek, estimate, variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. We have included important factors in the cautionary statements below under the heading Factors That May Affect Future Results that we believe could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements we make. We do not intend to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE RESULTS

The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties, including those not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial, may also impair our business.

We may be unable to obtain additional capital required to fund our operations and finance our growth.

The installation of our secure identification systems requires significant capital expenditures. In addition, the further development of our biometric and other advanced technologies will require additional capital. Although we completed a \$15 million private placement of our common stock in September 2003 and January 2004 and a new loan agreement with a bank in February 2004 and have been successful in the past in obtaining financing for working capital and capital expenditures, we will have ongoing capital needs as we expand our business. We may be unable to obtain additional funds in a timely manner or on acceptable terms, which would render us unable to fund our operations or expand our business. If we are unable to obtain capital when needed, we may have to restructure our business or delay or abandon our development and expansion plans.

Our leverage creates financial and operating risks that could limit the growth of our business.

We have a significant amount of indebtedness. As of March 28, 2004, we had approximately \$31.4 million in short and long-term debt and lease financing. This amount includes \$15.3 million of related party debt incurred in the acquisition of TDT in February 2004. Our leverage could have important consequences to our business including:

limiting our ability to obtain necessary financing for future working capital;

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limiting our ability to finance the acquisition of equipment needed to meet customer requirements;

limiting our ability to finance the development of new technologies;

requiring that we use a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations for debt service and not other operating purposes; and

requiring that we comply with financial and operating covenants, which could cause an event of default under our debt instruments.

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Our ability to make principal and interest payments under long-term indebtedness and bank loans will be dependent upon our future performance, which is subject to financial, economic and other factors affecting us, some of which are beyond our control.

We derive over 90% of our revenue from government contracts, which are often non-standard, involve competitive bidding, may be subject to cancellation with or without penalty and may produce volatility in earnings and revenue.

More than 90% of our business involves providing products and services under contracts with U.S. federal, state, local and foreign government agencies. Obtaining contracts from government agencies is challenging, and government contracts often include provisions that are not standard in private commercial transactions. For example, government contracts may:

include provisions that allow the government agency to terminate the contract without penalty under some circumstances;

be subject to purchasing decisions of agencies that are subject to political influence;

contain onerous procurement procedures; and

be subject to cancellation if government funding become unavailable.

Foreign government contracts generally include comparable provisions relating to termination for the convenience of the relevant foreign government. Securing government contracts can be a protracted process involving competitive bidding. In many cases, unsuccessful bidders may challenge contract awards, which can lead to increased costs, delays and possible loss of the contract for the winning bidder.

We derive a significant portion of our revenue from a few customers, the loss of which could have an adverse effect on our revenues.

For the three month period ended March 28, 2004, one customer, the U.S. Department of State, accounted for an aggregate of 13.1% of our revenue. Since a small number of customers in our secure credentials segment account for a substantial portion of our revenues, the loss of any of our significant customers would cause revenue to decline and could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Litigation involving our contract with Georgia could result in the cancellation of that contract which could cause us to lose \$19.7 million in revenues over the next 5.5 years and could result in a loss of up to \$5 million.

In July 2003, a Georgia court issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting Georgia's Department of Motor Vehicle Safety from continuing to work with us to install the State's new driver's license system. The injunction is the result of a lawsuit filed in March 2003 by one of our competitors alleging that the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety did not comply with its own bid process when it selected a vendor for its digital drivers' license program. The merits of the lawsuit are to be addressed in further court proceedings. The Department of Motor Vehicle Safety has confirmed that its contract with us remains in place. However, if the lawsuit is successful and Viisage loses the contract, we could lose up to \$19.7 million in revenue that we expected to recognize over the next 5.5 years. In addition, although Viisage expects that the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety would be required to reimburse Viisage for its costs incurred under the contract, if Viisage is unable to obtain

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reimbursement of those costs, Viisage could recognize a loss of up to approximately \$5 million for costs incurred to date on the Georgia contract.

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The adoption of EITF 00-21 resulted in a non-cash adjustment of \$12.1 million and may have an adverse effect on our results of operations in the near term, which may depress the market price of our common stock.

During the third quarter of 2003, we adopted the provisions of Emerging Issues Task Force 00-21, Accounting for Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables, or EITF 00-21, on a cumulative basis as of January 1, 2003. After discussions with the Securities and Exchange Commission staff regarding the effect of EITF 00-21 on revenue recognition on our secure credentials contracts, we decided to adopt EITF 00-21 via cumulative catch-up as of January 1, 2003 rather than prospectively as reflected in the previously filed Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 28, 2003. The adoption of EITF 00-21 resulted in a non-cash adjustment reported as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle of \$12.1 million. The adoption of EITF 00-21 affects the timing of revenue recognition under our secure credentials contracts and as a result we may report reduced revenue and an increased net loss for one or more of our fiscal quarters in 2004. This effect on our results of operations could cause our stock price to decline.

Our strategy of expanding our face recognition business could adversely affect our business operations and financial condition.

Part of our strategy is to enhance our leadership in face recognition technology and to expand our operations within our face recognition business segment. Pursuing this strategy involves risks. For instance, to date, face recognition security solutions have not gained widespread commercial acceptance. Some of the obstacles to widespread acceptance of face recognition security solutions include a perceived loss of privacy and public perceptions as to the usefulness of face recognition technologies. Whether the market for face recognition security solutions will expand will be dependent upon factors such as:

the success of our marketing efforts and publicity campaigns and those of our competitors; and

customer satisfaction with our products and services, as well as those of our competitors.

We do not know when, if ever, face recognition security solutions will gain widespread commercial acceptance. In addition, our face recognition business segment has not achieved profitability, and it may never achieve profitability.

We face intense competition, which could result in lower revenues and higher research and development expenditures and could adversely affect our results of operations.

The events of September 11, 2001 have heightened interest in the use of biometric security solutions, and we expect competition in this field, which is already substantial, to intensify. Competitors are developing and bringing to market biometric security solutions that use face recognition as well as eye, fingerprint and other forms of biometric verification. Our products also will compete with non-biometric technologies such as certificate authorities and traditional keys, cards, surveillance systems and passwords. Widespread adoption of one or more of these technologies or approaches in the markets we intend to target could significantly reduce the potential market for our systems and products. Many of our competitors have significantly more cash and resources than we have. Our competitors may introduce products that are competitively priced, have increased performance or functionality or incorporate technological advances that we have not yet developed or implemented. To remain competitive, we must continue to develop, market and sell new and enhanced systems and products at competitive prices, which will require significant research and development expenditures. If we do not develop new and enhanced products or if we are not able to invest adequately in our research and development activities, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be negatively impacted.

Unless we keep pace with changing technologies, we could lose customers and fail to win new customers.

Our future success will depend upon our ability to develop and introduce a variety of new products and services and enhancements to these new products and services in order to address the changing needs of the marketplace. We may not be able to accurately predict which technologies customers will support. If we do not introduce new products,

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services and enhancements in a timely manner, if we fail to choose correctly among technical alternatives or if we fail to offer innovative products and services at competitive prices, customers may forego purchases of our products and services and purchase those of our competitors.

Uncertainties in global economic markets could cause delays in customer purchases.

Many customers and potential customers have delayed purchase intentions as a result of uncertainties in global economic markets. Government budgets, particularly at state and regional levels, have been or are expected to be reduced notably. Government contracts result from purchasing decisions made by public sector agencies that are particularly sensitive to budget changes and cutbacks during economic downturns, and variations in appropriations cycles. Many U.S. state customers are facing budget cuts, and some international customers are facing debt crises, introducing added uncertainty. Any shift in the government procurement process, which is outside of our control and may not be predictable, could impact the predictability of our quarterly results and may potentially have a material negative effect on our financial position, results of operation or cash flows.

If we do not successfully expand our direct sales and services organizations and partnering arrangements, we may not be able to increase our sales or support our customers.

In the fiscal years ended December 31, 2002 and 2003, and three-month periods ended March 28, 2004 and March 30, 2003, we sold substantially all of our services and licensed substantially all of our products through our direct sales organization. Our future success depends on substantially increasing the size and scope of our direct sales force and partnering arrangements, both domestically and internationally. We will face intense competition for personnel, and we cannot guarantee that we will be able to attract, assimilate or retain additional qualified sales personnel on a timely basis. Moreover, given the large-scale deployment required by some of our customers, we will need to hire and retain a number of highly trained customer service and support personnel. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to increase the size of our customer service and support organization on a timely basis to provide the high quality of support required by our customers. Failure to add additional sales and customer service representatives could result in our inability to increase our sales and support our customers.

Integration of acquired businesses may be difficult and will consume significant financial and managerial resources, which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

On January 23, 2004, we completed the acquisition of ZN Vision Technologies AG, or ZN, a leading German provider of face recognition and computer vision products and services. The integration of ZN's products and services with ours will be challenging and will consume significant financial and managerial resources. The challenges involved with this integration include, among others:

challenges related to technology integration;

possible difficulty implementing uniform standards, controls, procedures and policies; and

possible loss of key employees.

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In addition, the differences between U.S. and German business cultures and the geographic distance between the companies could present significant obstacles to the timely, cost-effective integration of the companies. We face similar integration issues with respect to Trans Digital Technologies Corporation, or TDT.

The significant direct and indirect costs of our acquisition and integration of ZN and TDT could adversely affect our financial performance.

We incurred approximately \$2.7 million of costs in connection with the acquisitions of ZN and TDT, including:

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costs associated with integrating our business with ZN and TDT;

financial advisory fees; and

costs and expenses for services provided by our lawyers and accountants.

The transaction costs and expenses attributable to financial advisory, legal and accounting services that we incurred will be capitalized as a component of the purchase price. Goodwill associated with the acquisition will be required to be tested at least annually for impairment, and we will be required to record a charge to earnings if there is an impairment in the value of such goodwill at a later date. Other intangible assets acquired in connection with the acquisition will be amortized over their estimated useful lives.

The acquisitions of ZN and TDT could result in future impairment charges which could adversely affect our results of operations.

As a result of our two acquisitions of ZN and TDT, goodwill and other intangible assets have been created. The values we may record for goodwill and other intangible assets will represent fair values calculated by independent third-party appraisers. Such valuations require us to provide significant estimates and assumptions, which are derived from information obtained from the management of the acquired businesses and our business plans for the acquired businesses or intellectual property. If estimates and assumptions used to initially value goodwill and intangible assets prove to be inaccurate, ongoing reviews of the carrying values of such goodwill and intangible assets may indicate impairments which will require us to record an impairment charge in the period in which we identify the impairments.

If we do not achieve the expected benefits of our acquisitions of ZN and TDT, the price of our common stock could decline.

We expect that the acquisition of ZN will enhance our leadership in face recognition technology through the combination of our technologies with those of ZN. Although the results of the initial tests of our combined technologies have been positive, the combination of such technologies might not meet the demands of the marketplace. If our technologies fail to meet such demand, customer acceptance of our face recognition solutions could decline, which would have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. In addition, we expect that the acquisition of ZN will enable us to market our systems and products on a global scale. Our face recognition customers are primarily located in the United States, and ZN's customers are primarily located in Europe. We might not be able to market successfully our products and services to ZN's customers or ZN's products and services to our customers. We expect that the acquisition of TDT will enhance our position in the market for secure credentials, particularly the U.S. government. If our product offerings and services fail to meet the demands of this marketplace, our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected. There is also a risk that we will not achieve the anticipated benefits of the acquisitions as rapidly as, or to the extent, anticipated by financial or industry analysts, or that such analysts will not perceive the same benefits to the acquisitions as we do. If these risks materialize, our stock price could be adversely affected.

The success of our strategic plan to grow sales and develop relationships in Europe may be limited by risks related to conducting business in European markets.

Although ZN has experience marketing and distributing its products and developing strategic relationships in Europe, part of our strategy will be to increase sales and build additional relationships in European markets. Risks inherent in marketing, selling and developing relationships in European markets include those associated with;

economic conditions in European markets, including fluctuations in the relative values of the U.S. dollar and the Euro;

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taxes and fees imposed by European governments that may increase the cost of products and services; and

laws and regulations imposed by individual countries and by the European Union.

In addition, European intellectual property laws are different than U.S. intellectual property laws and we will have to ensure that our intellectual property is adequately protected in foreign jurisdictions and that ZN's intellectual property is adequately protected in the United States. If we do not adequately protect our intellectual property rights, competitors could use our proprietary technologies in non-protected jurisdictions and put us at a competitive disadvantage.

Our business may be impacted by changes in the local marketplace of our foreign operations and fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

As a result of our acquisitions of ZN and TDT, we expect that we will have increased exposure to foreign currency fluctuations. Net revenue and related expenses generated from our international location in Germany is denominated in euros. The results of operations and certain of our intercompany balances associated with this international location are exposed to foreign exchange rate fluctuations. In addition to our German operation, we will have increased transactions with Japanese vendors supplying hardware and consumables for the delivery of the TDT contracts. These transactions will increase our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations with the yen. To the extent the U.S. dollar weakens against these foreign currencies, the translation of these foreign currencies denominated transactions results in increased net revenue, operating expenses and net income. Similarly, our net revenue, operating expenses and net income will decrease when the U.S. dollar strengthens against these foreign currencies.

If our systems and products do not perform as promised, we could experience increased costs, lower margins, liquidated damage payment obligations and harm to our reputation.

We will be required to provide complex systems that will be required to operate on an as needed basis. Although we will deploy back-up systems, the failure of our products to perform as promised could result in increased costs, lower margins, liquidated damage payment obligations and harm to our reputation. This could result in contract terminations and have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

Misappropriation of our intellectual property could harm our reputation, affect our competitive position and cost us money.

We believe that our intellectual property, including our methodologies, will be critical to our success and competitive position. If we are unable to protect this intellectual property against unauthorized use by third parties, our reputation among existing and potential customers could be damaged and our competitive position adversely affected. Our strategies to deter misappropriation could be undermined if:

the proprietary nature or protection of our methodologies is not recognized in the United States or foreign countries;

third parties misappropriate our proprietary methodologies and such misappropriation is not detected; and

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competitors create applications similar to ours but which do not technically infringe on our legally protected rights.

If these risks materialize, we could be required to spend significant amounts to defend our rights and divert critical managerial resources. In addition, our proprietary methodologies may decline in value or our rights to them may become unenforceable.

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Others could claim that we are infringing on their intellectual property rights, which could result in substantial costs, diversion of managerial resources and harm to our reputation.

Although we believe that our products and services do not infringe the intellectual property rights of others, we might not be able to defend successfully against a third-party infringement claim. A successful infringement claim against us could subject us to:

liability for damages and litigation costs, including attorneys' fees;

lawsuits that prevent us from further use of the intellectual property;

having to license the intellectual property from a third party, which could include significant licensing fees;

having to develop a non-infringing alternative, which could be costly and delay projects; and

having to indemnify clients with respect to losses they incurred as a result of the alleged infringement.

Even if we are not found liable in a claim for intellectual property infringement, such a claim could result in substantial costs, diversion of resources and management attention, termination of customer contracts and harm to our reputation.

If we fail to adequately manage our resources, it could have a severe negative impact on our financial results or stock price.

We could be subject to fluctuations in technology spending by existing and potential customers. Accordingly, we will have to actively manage expenses in a rapidly changing economic environment. This could require reducing costs during economic downturns and selectively growing in periods of economic expansion. If we do not properly manage our resources in response to these conditions, our results of operations could be negatively impacted.

Future acquisitions of companies or technologies may result in disruptions to our business.

Beyond the acquisitions of ZN and TDT, our growth strategy could include additional acquisitions of companies or technologies that complement ours. Future acquisitions could involve risks inherent in acquisitions, such as:

challenges associated with integrating acquired technologies and the business and operations of acquired companies;

exposure to unknown liabilities;

diversion of managerial resources from day-to-day operations;

possible loss of key employees, customers and suppliers;

higher than expected transaction costs; and

additional dilution to our existing stockholders if we use our common stock as consideration.

If we fail to manage these challenges adequately, our results of operations and stock price could be adversely affected.

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The loss of key personnel could adversely affect our ability to remain competitive.

We believe that the continued service of our executive officers will be important to our future growth and competitiveness. We have entered into employment agreements with Bernard C. Bailey, our Chief Executive Officer, William Aulet, our Chief Financial Officer, Jack Dillon, our Senior Vice President, Government Solutions, and James P. Ebzery, our Senior Vice President, Sales and Services. These agreements are intended to provide the executives with incentives to remain employed by us. However, we cannot assure you that they will remain employed by us. In addition, we believe that the continued employment of key members of our technical and sales staff is important to us. Most of our employees are entitled to voluntarily terminate their relationship with us, typically without any, or with only minimal, advance notice. The process of finding additional trained personnel to carry out our strategy could be lengthy, costly and disruptive. We might not be able to retain the services of all of our key employees or a sufficient number of them to execute our plans. In addition, we might not be able to continue to attract new employees as required.

Our quarterly results could be volatile and may cause our stock price to fluctuate.

We have experienced fluctuations in quarterly operating results and we expect those fluctuations to continue. We expect that our quarterly results will continue to be affected by, among other things, factors such as:

the size and timing of contract awards;

the timing of our contract performance;

variations in the mix of our products and services; and

contract losses and changes in management estimates inherent in accounting for contracts.

We have a history of operating losses.

We have a history of operating losses. Our business operations began in 1993 and, except for fiscal years 1996 and 2000, have resulted in net losses in each fiscal year. At March 28, 2004, we had an accumulated deficit of approximately \$43.7 million. We will continue to invest in the development of our secure credential and biometric technologies. Accordingly, we cannot predict when or if we will ever achieve profitability.

Certain of our stockholders have significant relationships with us, which could result in us taking actions that are not supported by unaffiliated stockholders.

Lau Technologies, or Lau, and Mr. Buddy Beck, who is also a director and Vice Chairman, beneficially own approximately 17.1% and 16.4%, respectively, of our outstanding common stock. As a result, both Lau and Mr. Beck have a strong influence on matters requiring approval by our stockholders, including the election of directors and most corporate actions, including mergers and acquisitions. In addition, we have significant relationships with each of Lau and Mr. Beck, including:

Lau has provided us with a credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$7.3 million, which is secured by some of our assets;

we acquired significant intellectual property, contracts and distribution channels through a transaction with Lau under which we agreed to pay Lau a 3.1% royalty on our face recognition revenues for a period of twelve and one half years, up to a maximum of \$27.5 million;

the spouse of the Chairman of our Board of Directors owns a majority of Lau's voting stock;

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in connection with the acquisition of TDT, Mr. Beck was elected a member of our Board of Directors and appointed Vice Chairman;

in connection with the acquisition of TDT, we issued a promissory note to Mr. Beck in the amount of \$15.3 million, which is secured by some of TDT's assets;

in connection with the acquisition of TDT, we entered into a consulting agreement with Mr. Beck under which we will pay Mr. Beck \$300,000 per year for two years, provided that Mr. Beck devotes his full business time to developing business opportunities for us.

Future sales of our common stock by Lau or Buddy Beck could depress the market price of our common stock.

As of May 10, 2004, there were 35,777,841 shares of our common stock outstanding. Lau and Buddy Beck own approximately 17.1% and 16.4%, respectively, of our common stock. If either of these stockholders sell a significant number of shares of our common stock in the open market, our stock price could decline.

ITEM 3 QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Subsequent to our acquisition of ZN, our international operating resulting from transactions by our German operations and will be denominated in euros. Hardware and consumables purchases related to contracts associated with the TDT acquisition are denominated in Japanese yen. We mitigate exchange rate volatility by purchasing local currencies at favorable exchange rates. We do not hedge foreign currencies utilizing derivative instruments. Our international operations and transactions are subject to risks typical of international operations, including, but not limited to, differing economic conditions, changes in political climate, differing tax structures, other regulations and restrictions, and foreign currency exchange rate volatility. Accordingly, our future results could be materially adversely impacted by changes in these or other factors.

ITEM 4 CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) *Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.* Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer, or CEO, and Chief Financial officer, or CFO, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act) as of March 28, 2004. In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, our management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives, and our management necessarily applied its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that, as of March 28, 2004, our disclosure controls and procedures were (1) designed to ensure that material information relating to us, including our consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to our CEO and CFO by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report was being prepared and (2) effective, in that they provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

(b) *Changes in internal controls.* There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during our most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1 LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On July 31, 2003 the superior court for Fulton County, Georgia issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting Georgia's Department of Motor Vehicle Safety from continuing to work with us to install a new drivers' license system for the State of Georgia. This injunction is the result of a lawsuit filed in March 2003 by one of our competitors, Digimarc ID Systems, LLC. The suit claims that the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety did not comply with its own bid process when selecting a vendor for the digital drivers' license program. The merits of Digimarc Corporation's claims against the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety are to be addressed in further court proceedings. The Department of Motor Vehicle Safety has confirmed that our contract with them remains in place. However, if the lawsuit is successful and we lose the contract, we could lose up to \$19.7 million in revenue that we expected to recognize over the next five and one-half years. In addition, although we expect that the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety would be required to reimburse us for our costs incurred under the contract, if we are unable to obtain reimbursement of those costs, we could be required to recognize a loss of up to approximately \$5 million for costs incurred to date on the Georgia contract.

We are not aware of any other legal matters that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

ITEM 2 CHANGES IN SECURITIES, USE OF PROCEEDS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Modification of Rights of Registered Securities.

None.

Limitation of Rights of Registered Securities.

None.

Use of Proceeds from Sale of Registered Securities.

Not applicable.

Issuer Repurchases of Securities.

None.

Restrictions Upon the Payment of Dividends

We are prohibited under our borrowing arrangements from paying any cash dividends.

Sales of Unregistered Securities

On January 23, 2004 we acquired all of the outstanding shares of ZN Vision Technologies AG, or ZN, in exchange for an aggregate of 5,221,454 newly issued shares of our common stock and \$493 in cash. In addition, we agreed to assume ZN's employee share option plan, and accordingly have reserved 1,138,546 shares of our common stock for issuance to the plan participants. 522,146 of the issued shares were placed into an escrow account for a period of one year (from acquisition date) to secure certain potential indemnification obligations of the share recipients. The shares were issued

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to the sellers in a transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Act, pursuant to Section 4(2) and Regulation S thereunder. We relied upon representations from the sellers in the securities purchase agreement as the basis for such exemption. We have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 covering the shares issued in the acquisition.

On February 14, 2004 we acquired all of the outstanding shares of Trans Digital Technologies Corporation, or TDT, for 5,850,000 newly issued shares of our common stock, plus \$15.3 million in notes and \$5 million in cash. The shares were issued to the seller in a transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Act, pursuant to Section 4(2) thereunder. We relied upon representations from the seller in the stock purchase agreement as the basis for such exemption. We have agreed to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 covering the shares issued in the acquisition.

In January 2004, we sold 456,007 shares of our common stock at \$3.775 per share in a private sale to certain institutional investors to which we had previously sold shares in a private sale in September 2003. Our net proceeds were approximately \$1.6 million, and we intend to use those proceeds for general corporate purposes. The shares were sold to certain institutional investors in a transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act pursuant to Rule 506 of Regulation D thereunder. We relied upon representations from the purchasers in the securities purchase agreements as the basis for such exemption. We have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 covering the shares issued to the investors.

ITEM 3 DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4 SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

On January 23, 2004, we held a special meeting of stockholders to approve the issuance of shares of our common stock to the shareholders, and the participants under the share option plan, of ZN Vision Technologies AG in connection with the acquisition of ZN pursuant to a securities purchase agreement dated March 28, 2003 among Viisage, ZN and all of the shareholders of ZN. The issuance was approved with the following votes: 12,818,026 for, 121,535 against, and 13,530 abstained.

ITEM 5 OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6 EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) Exhibits

The exhibits listed in the Exhibits Index immediately preceding such exhibits are filed as part of this report.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

On January 30, 2004, we filed a Current Report on Form 8-K under Items 2 announcing the closing of the acquisition of ZN.

On February 19, 2004, we furnished a Current Report on Form 8-K under Item 12 containing a press release dated February 26, 2004 announcing our financial results for the period ended December 31, 2003.

On February 25, 2004, we furnished a Current Report on Form 8-K under Item 9 announcing the filing of a press release regarding our forecasted financial results for fiscal year 2004.

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On February 27, 2004, we filed a Current Report on Form 8-K under Item 2 announcing the closing of the acquisition of TDT.

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SIGNATURES

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

VIISAGE TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Date: May 12, 2004

By: /s/ Bernard C. Bailey

Bernard Bailey

President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 12, 2004

By: /s/ William K. Aulet

William K. Aulet

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

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Exhibit No.	Note	Description
2.1	(a)	Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of February 14, 2004 by and among Viisage Technology, Inc., Trans Digital Technologies Corporation and B.G. Beck.
2.2	(b)	Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of March 28, 2003 (the Securities Purchase Agreement) by and among Viisage Technology, Inc., ZN Vision Technologies AG and each of the Sellers named therein.
2.3	(b)	Amendment No. 1 to the Securities Purchase Agreement.
2.4	(b)	Amendment No. 2 to the Securities Purchase Agreement.
2.5	(c)	Amendment No. 3 to Securities Purchase Agreement.
10.31	(d)	Third Amended and Restated Loan Agreement, dated February 27, 2004, between the Company and Commerce Bank & Trust Co.
10.54	(d)	Sublease dated February 13, 2004 between the Company and eiStream Inc.
10.55	(d)	Consulting Agreement dated February 14, 2004 between the Company and B.G. Beck.
10.56	(d)	Amended and Restated Secured Promissory Note dated February 27, 2004 between the Company, Trans Digital Technologies Corporation and B.G. Beck.
10.57	(d)	Letter Agreement dated September 8, 2003 between the Company, Seligman Communications and Information Fund, Inc., Seligman New Technologies Fund, Inc., Seligman New Technologies Fund II, Lau Technologies, Odeon Venture Capital AG, Christoph v.d. Malsburg, Thomas Martinecz and Stefan Gehlen.
31.1	(e)	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2	(e)	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.1	(e)	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2	(e)	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Note	Description
(a)	Previously filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 27, 2004 and incorporated herein by reference.
(b)	Included as an annex to the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 30, 2003 and incorporated herein by reference.
(c)	Previously filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 30, 2004 and incorporated herein by reference.
(d)	Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 30, 2004 and incorporated herein by reference.
(e)	Filed herewith.

