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FORM 10-Q

(MARK ONE)

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

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2001

OR

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

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-23585

EMERGENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

CALIFORNIA
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

33-0080929
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

4695 MACARTHUR COURT, 8TH FLOOR, NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA 92660
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES) (ZIP CODE)

(949) 975-1487
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

As of April 12, 2001 18,947,710 shares of the Company's common stock, no par value, were outstanding.

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PART I -- FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EMERGENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(IN THOUSANDS)

| MARCH 31, 2001 | DECEMBER 31, 2000 |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| ----- | ----- |
| (UNAUDITED) | |

ASSETS

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| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 103 | \$ 2,040 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 19,097 | 24,417 |
| Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings contracts in progress | 11,173 | 4,464 |
| Prepaid income taxes | -- | 2,846 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 1,262 | 1,081 |
| Current deferred income taxes | -- | 1,362 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total current assets | 31,635 | 36,210 |
| Property and equipment, net | 4,865 | 5,408 |
| Goodwill, net | 33,020 | 32,641 |
| Other assets | 2,014 | 1,590 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | \$ 71,534 | \$ 75,849 |
| | ===== | ===== |

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Revolving line of credit | \$ 9,773 | \$ -- |
| Trade accounts payable | 4,210 | 5,155 |
| Accrued compensation and payroll taxes | 6,567 | 6,823 |
| Accrued expenses | 2,485 | 1,057 |
| Income tax payable | 1,147 | -- |
| Net liabilities of discontinued operations | 1,036 | 2,334 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total current liabilities | 25,218 | 15,369 |
| Long-term debt, net of discount of \$3,404 and \$3,490 at March 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000, respectively | 21,596 | 36,633 |
| Interest rate swap, at fair value | 1,561 | -- |
| Other liabilities | 884 | 937 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Commitments and contingencies..... | 49,259 | 52,939 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock | 190 | 187 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 48,319 | 48,076 |
| Accumulated deficit | (26,234) | (25,353) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total shareholders' equity | 22,275 | 22,910 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | \$ 71,534 | \$ 75,849 |
| | ===== | ===== |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

EMERGENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)
(UNAUDITED)

THREE MONTHS ENDED

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| | MARCH 31, | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| | 2001 | 2000 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net revenues | \$ 29,542 | \$ 30,847 |
| Cost of revenues | 18,157 | 18,658 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Gross margin | 11,385 | 12,189 |
| Selling, general & administrative expenses | 9,432 | 7,679 |
| Amortization of goodwill and other intangibles | 412 | 405 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Operating income | 1,541 | 4,105 |
| Other expense, net | 1,493 | 382 |
| Unrealized loss on interest rate swap..... | 448 | -- |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before taxes .. | (400) | 3,723 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | (187) | 1,601 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | (213) | 2,122 |
| Loss from operations of discontinued business, net of income tax benefit of \$1,474 | -- | (2,128) |
| Cumulative effect of adoption of FASB Statement No. 133, net of tax benefit of \$445 | (668) | -- |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net loss | (881) | (6) |
| | ===== | ===== |
| Earnings (loss) per share: | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ (.01) | \$.13 |
| Loss from operations of discontinued business, net of tax | -- | (.13) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax | (.04) | -- |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (.05) | \$.00 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| Earnings (loss) per share -- assuming dilution: | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ (.01) | \$.13 |
| Loss from operations of discontinued business, net of tax | -- | (.13) |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax | (.04) | -- |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (.05) | \$.00 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| Shares used in the computation of earnings per share: | | |
| Basic | 18,892 | 16,240 |
| Diluted | 18,892 | 16,283 |
| | ===== | ===== |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS) (UNAUDITED)

| | THRE ENED |
|---|--------------|
| | 2001 |
| | ----- |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | |
| Net loss | \$ (881) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax | -- |
| Cumulative effect of adoption of FASB Statement No. 133, net of tax | 668 |
| Loss on change in fair value of interest rate swap | 448 |
| Loss on sale of property and equipment | (3) |
| Depreciation and amortization | 901 |
| Deferred income taxes | 2,673 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions: | |
| Accounts receivable, net | 5,320 |
| Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings | (6,709) |
| Prepaid income taxes | 2,846 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | (447) |
| Trade accounts payable and accrued expenses | (945) |
| Accrued compensation and payroll taxes | (256) |
| Other liabilities | 918 |
| | ----- |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 4,533 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | |
| Additional expenditures related to acquisitions | (229) |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (124) |
| Sales of property and equipment | 200 |
| Acquisitions, net of cash acquired | -- |
| Repayments from shareholders | -- |
| | ----- |
| Net cash used in investing activities | 153 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | |
| Repayments under credit facility | (5,350) |
| Borrowings under long-term credit facility | -- |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock | 246 |
| Debt issuance costs | 85 |
| | ----- |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (5,019) |
| | ----- |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents from continuing operations..... | (639) |
| Net decrease in cash used by discontinued operations | (1,298) |
| | ----- |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (1,937) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 2,040 |
| | ----- |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 103 |
| | ===== |
| SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION--CASH PAID (RECEIVED) FOR: | |
| Interest | \$ 528 |
| Income taxes | \$ (5,312) |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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EMERGENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2001 AND 2000

NOTE 1. GENERAL

The accompanying unaudited financial statements consolidate the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. The unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the information in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been made and consist of only normal recurring accruals. Operating results for the three-month period ended March 31, 2001, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2001. Although the Company believes that the disclosures in these financial statements are adequate to make the information presented not misleading, certain information and footnotes normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have been condensed or omitted pursuant to rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and consequently, these statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000.

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period financial statements to conform to the current period presentation.

DERIVATIVES AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities". The Statement requires the Company to recognize all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. Derivatives that are not hedges must be adjusted to fair value through income. If the derivative is a hedge, depending on the nature of the hedge, changes in the fair value of derivatives are either offset against the change in fair value of assets, liabilities, or firm commitments through earnings or recognized in other comprehensive income until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. The ineffective portion of a derivative's change in fair value will be immediately recognized in earnings. The adoption of Statement No. 133 on January 1, 2001 resulted in the cumulative effect of an accounting change of \$668,000, net of tax benefit of \$445,000, being recognized as expense in the statement of operations.

NOTE 2. NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE

Basic net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss)

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available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods presented. Diluted net income per share is computed by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding during the periods presented, assuming the exercise of all in-the-money stock options. Common equivalent shares have not been included where inclusion would be anti-dilutive.

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FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2001 AND 2000

The following table illustrates the computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share (in thousands, except per share data):

| | THREE MONTHS MARCH 31 |
|---|--------------------------|
| | 2001 |
| Numerator for basic and diluted loss per common share-net earnings | \$ (881) |
| Denominator for basic income per share--weighted average shares outstanding during the period | 18,892 |
| Incremental common shares attributable to dilutive outstanding stock options | -- |
| Denominator for diluted income per common share | 18,892 |
| Net income (loss) per common share, basic and diluted | \$ (0.05) ===== |

Anti-dilutive shares excluded from the reconciliation above were 1,960,539 and 1,831,796 for the three months ended March 31, 2001, and 2000, respectively.

NOTE 3. ACQUISITIONS

In February 2000, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of S3I. Under the original agreement S3I had the right to receive up to approximately \$1.03 million in additional consideration contingent upon S3I's achievement of certain operating results for the twelve-month periods ending December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2002. The earnouts are payable in cash and, if earned, are due within 60 days after each of the first and second anniversary of the closing date, and will be recorded as an addition to goodwill. The earnout for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2000 is anticipated to be \$266,000. Other consideration provided to S3I shareholders in the original transaction totaled \$686,000 and has been reflected as an increase in goodwill in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements, of which \$457,000 is the balance of the notes to S3I's original

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shareholders. The Company is currently in negotiation with S3I to amend and extend the earnout period from December 31, 2001 to March 31, 2002. It is estimated the potential liabilities for the extended earnout period will be approximately \$800,000. This transaction was accounted for as a purchase and, accordingly, the consolidated financial statements include the financial results of S3I from December 31, 2000, the beginning of the accounting period in which the purchase transaction was finalized. Results of operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2000 would not have been materially impacted on a pro forma basis if the acquisition of S3I had occurred as of the beginning of the period.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2001 AND 2000

NOTE 4. REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT

The Company entered into a Second Amended and Restated Credit and Security Agreement (the "Senior Facility"), dated December 29, 2000, by and among the Company and its existing lending group, Mellon Bank, N.A. as agent and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as co-agent, whereby that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated June 7, 1999 (the "Original Facility") was amended and restated to provide in part for an extension of the maturity date to January 31, 2002, to reset financial covenants, to reduce the existing revolving loan lending commitments to \$22,700,000, and to permit the subordinated indebtedness discussed in Note 5. Borrowings bear interest at the bank's prime rate plus 1% (9% at March 31, 2001). The Senior Facility is secured by a lien on all of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries (including stock of subsidiaries). As of March 31, 2001, the Company was in compliance with the financial covenants. The Company has agreed to reduce the \$22,700,000 in borrowing availability under the Senior Facility to no more than \$18,700,000 by the end of 2001. As of March 31, 2001, the Company had \$8,926,939 in undrawn availability under the Senior Facility.

The Company has entered into an interest rate swap agreement to manage its interest rate risk exposure. The agreement requires the Company to pay a Fixed Rate of 7.5225% on \$20 million and in turn receive a variable rate of interest of one-month LIBOR. The agreement expires on June 1, 2004.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2001, the Company recognized a net loss of \$448,000 related to the change in the fair value of the interest rate swap which is included in other expenses in the condensed consolidated statement of operations.

NOTE 5. LONG-TERM DEBT

The Company entered into a Note and Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Subordinated Debt Agreement") dated December 29, 2000, by and among the Company, the subsidiaries of the Company as Guarantors, and various investors including Libra Mezzanine Partners II, L.P. (such investors, the "Purchasers"). In consideration of a \$25,000,000 investment, the Company issued to the Purchasers (i) 13% Senior Subordinated Notes due in 2005 in the aggregate principal amount of \$25,000,000 (the "Notes"), and (ii) 2,250,000 shares of the

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common stock of the Company ("Common Stock") with a fair value of \$1,968,750. The Subordinated Debt Agreement contains financial and other covenants for the benefit of the Purchasers, and requires payment of a premium if the Notes are prepaid within three years of the Closing (including a reduced premium if repayment occurs in connection with a change of control of the Company). As of March 31, 2001, the Company was in compliance with the financial and other covenants. The Notes are not secured.

The value of the Common Stock issued and related financing costs of \$3.4 million have been reflected as a discount on the Notes and is being amortized over the term of the Notes. Interest expense related to the amortization of the discount totaled \$85,542 in the three months ended March 31, 2001.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2001 AND 2000

NOTE 6. SEGMENT REPORTING DATA

The Company classifies its operations into two lines of business, each offering a distinct set of services. These lines of business are summarized as follows: Steven Myers & Associates ("SM&A"), which involves assisting clients with the procurement of government and commercial programs and Government Services Group ("GSG") which includes systems engineering, scientific research, program management and technical support services for the government and governmental agencies.

The Company evaluates performance based on several factors, of which the primary financial measure is business segment operating income. The revenue recognition policies of the business segments vary according to the type of contract involved.

Information as to the operations of the lines of business is set forth below. The information presented represents historical supplemental data as described on the consolidated balance sheets and on the consolidated statements of operations (in thousands):

| | THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2001 | 2000 |
| NET REVENUES: | | |
| Steven Myers & Associates, Inc | \$ 13,086 | \$ 16,436 |
| Government Services Group | 16,456 | 14,411 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total net revenues | \$ 29,542 | \$ 30,847 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION EXPENSE: | | |
| Steven Myers & Associates, Inc | 135 | 12 |

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| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Government Services Group | 739 | 854 |
| Corporate Overhead | 27 | 13 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total depreciation and amortization expense | \$ 901 | \$ 859 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| OPERATING INCOME: | | |
| Steven Myers & Associates, Inc | 3,347 | 5,309 |
| Government Services Group | (64) | 1,109 |
| Corporate Overhead | (1,742) | (2,313) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total operating income | \$ 1,541 | \$ 4,105 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS: | | |
| Steven Myers & Associates, Inc | 3,340 | 5,309 |
| Government Services Group | (54) | 1,033 |
| Corporate Overhead | (4,167) | (4,220) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ (881) | \$ 2,122 |
| | ===== | ===== |

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

From time to time, the Company, through its management, may make forward-looking public statements, such as statements concerning then expected future revenues or earnings or concerning projected plans, performance, contract procurement as well as other estimates relating to future operations. Forward-looking statements may be in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), in press releases or informal statements made with the approval of an authorized executive officer. The words or phrases "will likely result," "are expected to," "will continue," "is anticipated," "estimate," "projected," or similar expressions are intended to identify "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Exchange Act and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as enacted by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

The Company wishes to caution readers not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. In addition, the Company wishes to advise readers that the factors listed below, as well as other factors not currently identified by management, could affect the Company's financial or other performance and could cause the Company's actual results for future periods to differ materially from any opinions or statements expressed with respect to future periods or events in any current statement.

The Company will not undertake and specifically declines any obligation to publicly release any revisions which may be made to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events which may cause management to re-evaluate such forward-looking statements.

In connection with the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Company is hereby filing cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those projected in forward-looking statements

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of the Company made by or on behalf of the Company.

RISK FACTORS

THERE ARE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPANY'S ABILITY TO INTEGRATE ITS PRIOR ACQUISITIONS

In recent years, the Company expanded its operations through the acquisition of complementary businesses.

There can be no assurance that the anticipated economic, operational and other benefits of these acquisitions will be realized or that the Company will be able to successfully integrate these acquired businesses. The difficulties of such integration may initially be increased by the need to integrate personnel with different business backgrounds and corporate cultures. Failure to effectively integrate the acquired companies may adversely affect the Company's ability to bid successfully on certain engagements and otherwise grow its business. Client dissatisfaction or performance problems at a single acquired company could have an adverse effect on the reputation of the Company as a whole, and this could result in increased difficulty in marketing services or acquiring companies in the future. In addition, the Company cannot be certain that the acquired companies will operate profitably. There are other risks with acquisitions. These include diversion of management attention, potential loss of key clients or personnel, risks associated with unanticipated problems, liabilities or contingencies and risks of entering markets in which the Company has limited or no direct expertise. The occurrence of some or all of the events described in these risks could have a material adverse effect on the business, operating results and financial condition.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS -- (CONTINUED)

The Company's ability to manage the integration of its operations will require the Company to continue to improve its operational, financial and other internal systems and to attract, develop, motivate and retain its employees. The Company's rapid growth in prior years has presented and will continue to present numerous operational challenges, such as the assimilation of financial reporting systems and increased pressure on our senior management and will increase the demands on our systems and internal controls. In addition, the Company's success depends in large part upon its ability to attract, develop, motivate and retain highly-skilled professionals and administrative employees. Qualified professionals are currently in great demand and there is significant competition for employees with the requisite skills from other major and boutique consulting firms, research firms, government contractors, proposal management or business acquisition departments of major corporations and other professional services firms. There can be no assurance the Company will be able to attract and retain the qualified personnel necessary to effectively manage its operations. To the extent the Company is unable to manage its integration effectively and efficiently, its business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS DEPENDS SUBSTANTIALLY ON THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY

Approximately 44% of the Company's revenues were derived from the proposal

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management services of SM&A related to government procurement contracts for the first quarter ended March 31, 2001. In addition, a significant portion of the Company's revenues are derived from contracts or subcontracts with the U.S. Government. For the foreseeable future, the Company expects that the percentage of revenues attributable to such contracts will continue to be substantial. U.S. Government expenditures for defense products may decline in the future with such reductions having an effect on the Company's clients or, indirectly, on the Company. A number of trends may contribute to such a decline, including:

- large weapon systems being replaced with smaller, more precise high technology systems;
- multiple procurements for similar weapons being consolidated into joint service procurements, such as the Joint Strike Fighter program;
- threat scenarios evolving away from global conflicts to regional conflicts;
- the continuing draw down of U.S. military forces in response to the end of the Cold War; and
- reductions or delays in procurements by the new U.S. Government administration.

In the event expenditures for products of the type manufactured by the Company's clients are reduced and not offset by other new programs or products, there will be a reduction in the volume of contracts or subcontracts to be bid upon by the Company's clients and, as a result, a reduction in the volume of proposals managed by the Company. Unless offset, such reductions could materially and adversely affect the Company's business, operating results and financial condition.

THERE ARE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

The Company is subject to risks associated with compliance with governmental regulations, both directly and through government-contractor clients. The fines and penalties which could result from noncompliance with appropriate standards and regulations, or a client's suspension or disbarment from the bidding process for future government contracts could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operating results and financial condition. The Company is in the process of integrating the 1998, 1999 and 2000 acquisitions and has not yet put in place all systems and procedures required for the satisfactory compliance with all government regulations. If the Company cannot comply with all government reporting and compliance it may be subject to fines, penalties or the loss of the ability to retain government contract work.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS -- (CONTINUED)

The Company relies on the continuance and expansion of its business on a facility security clearance from the U.S. Government and individual security clearances, at various levels, for a significant number of staff. There can be no assurance that necessary security clearances will continue to be made available by the U.S. Government.

In addition, a significant portion of the Company's revenues is derived from

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contracts or subcontracts with the U.S. Government. The Company's services are performed pursuant to the following types of contracts:

- cost reimbursable;
- time-and-materials; and
- fixed-price contracts and subcontracts.

Under fixed-price contracts, the Company bears any risk of increased or unexpected costs that may reduce its profits or cause the Company to sustain a loss.

The Company's U.S. Government contracts and subcontracts are subject to termination, reduction or modification as a result of changes in the U.S. Government's requirements or budgetary restrictions, or at the convenience of the U.S. Government. When the Company participates as a subcontractor, it is also subject to the risk that the primary contractor may fail or become unable to perform its duties and responsibilities as a prime contractor. If a contract were to be terminated for convenience, the Company would be reimbursed for allowable costs incurred up to the date of termination and would be paid a proportionate amount of the stipulated profits or fees attributable to the work actually performed.

Contracts with the U.S. Government are generally complex in nature, and require the Company to comply with numerous U.S. Government regulations regarding discrimination in the hiring of personnel, fringe benefits for employees, safety, safeguarding classified information, responsibility for U.S. Government property, fire prevention, equipment maintenance, record keeping and accounting, management qualifications, drug free work place and numerous other matters.

Under certain circumstances, the U.S. Government can suspend or bar individuals or firms from obtaining future contracts with the U.S. Government for specified periods of time. Any such suspension or disbarment of the Company or of its major clients could have a material adverse effect upon the Company. The Company's books and records are subject to annual audit by the Defense Contract Audit Agency, which can result in adjustments to contract costs and fees. If any costs are improperly allocated to a contract, such costs are not reimbursable and, if already reimbursed, will require the Company to refund such amounts to the government. If improper or illegal activities are discovered in the course of any audits or investigations, the contractor may also be subject to various civil and criminal penalties and administrative sanctions, including termination of contracts, forfeitures of profits, suspension of payments, fines and suspension or disqualification from doing business with the government. If the Company becomes subject to penalties or sanctions, such penalties or sanctions could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Currently the government has not completed their audit of the Company's books and records for 1998, 1999 and 2000.

THE COMPANY RELIES ON A RELATIVELY LIMITED NUMBER OF CLIENTS

The Company derives a significant portion of revenues from a relatively limited number of clients. For example, revenues from the ten most significant clients accounted for approximately 79%, 80%, and 76%, of total revenues for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999, and 1998, respectively. Three clients, the U.S. Government, Raytheon Systems Company, and Lockheed Martin Corporation accounted for approximately 56%, 64%, and 58% of total revenues for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively. Raytheon Systems Company is the Company's single largest commercial client, accounting for approximately 17%, 20% and 16% of total revenues for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS -- (CONTINUED)

Clients typically retain the Company's services as needed on an engagement basis rather than pursuant to long-term contracts, and a client can usually terminate the engagement at any time without a significant penalty. Moreover, there can be no assurance that existing clients will continue to engage the Company for additional assignments or do so at the same revenue levels. The loss of any significant client could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the level of services required by an individual client may diminish over the life of the relationship, and there can be no assurance the Company will be successful in establishing relationships with new clients as this occurs.

THE MARKETS IN WHICH THE COMPANY OPERATES ARE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE

The market for proposal management services in the procurement of government and commercial contracts for aerospace and defense is a niche market with a number of competitors. The Company is the largest provider of such services and principally competes with numerous smaller proposal management companies in this highly specialized industry. The Company also competes with some of its clients' internal proposal development resources.

THE COMPANY RELIES HEAVILY UPON ITS KEY EMPLOYEES

The Company's success is highly dependent upon the efforts, abilities, business generation capabilities and project execution of its executive officers, in particular those of Steven S. Myers, our President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, and Ajay K. Patel, our Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. The loss of the services of either of these individuals for any reason could materially and adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition.

QUARTERLY RESULTS MAY FLUCTUATE SIGNIFICANTLY

The Company may experience significant fluctuations in future quarterly operating results due to a number of factors, including the size, timing and duration of client engagements.

THE STOCK PRICE IS SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT VOLATILITY

The Company's common stock was first publicly traded on January 29, 1998 after our initial public offering at \$12.00 per share. Between January 29, 1998 and April 6, 2001, the closing sale price has ranged from a low of \$0.75 per share to a high of \$31.13 per share. The market price of the Company's common stock could continue to fluctuate substantially due to a variety of factors, including:

- quarterly fluctuations in results of operations;
- adverse circumstances affecting the introduction or market acceptance of new services offered by the Company;
- announcements of new services by competitors;

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- loss of key employees;
- changes in the regulatory environment or market conditions affecting the defense and aerospace industry;
- changes in earnings estimates and ratings by analysts;
- lack of market liquidity resulting from a relatively small amount of public stock float;

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS -- (CONTINUED)

- changes in generally accepted accounting principles;
- sales of common stock by existing holders;
- the announcement and market acceptance of proposed acquisitions; and
- financial performance for any period, which results in the violation of debt covenants with any of the Company's lenders and subsequent loss of available bank lines for working capital.

PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDER HAS SIGNIFICANT CONTROL OVER THE COMPANY

Steven S. Myers, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, beneficially owns or controls approximately 39.15% of the Company's outstanding common stock and will have the ability to control or significantly influence the election of directors and the results of other matters submitted to a vote of shareholders. Such concentration of ownership may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control of the Company and may adversely affect the voting or other rights of other holders of common stock. The Company's board of directors is currently comprised entirely of individuals nominated with the approval of Mr. Myers.

LOSS OF LIQUIDITY

The Company has a revolving credit commitment with three major banks. The commitment expires January 31, 2002. There is risk that the Company may violate covenants associated with this commitment which would result in the loss of the Company's ability to borrow under the revolving credit agreement. There are no assurances that the Company may be able to refinance the current commitment by January 31, 2002.

As conditions to the revolving credit commitment, the Company is obligated to reduce the \$22.7 million commitment by a minimum of \$1.0 million per quarter or by the earlier reduction due to the proceeds of tax refunds or the sale of assets. As of March 30, 2001, the Company has met the commitment reduction requirements and no further reductions are required until termination of the facility.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth certain historical operating results as a

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percentage of net revenues for 2000 and 2001.

| | THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|
| | 2001 | 2000 |
| Net revenues | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Cost of revenues | 61.5 | 60.5 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Gross margin | 38.5 | 39.5 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 31.9 | 24.9 |
| Amortization of goodwill and other intangibles | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Operating income | 5.2 | 13.3 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | (0.7) | 6.9 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | -- | (6.9) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change | (0.2)% | -- |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net income (loss) | (0.3)% | 0% |
| | ===== | ===== |

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS -- (CONTINUED)

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2001 COMPARED TO THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2000

Net Revenues. Net revenues decreased \$1.3 million, or 4.2% to \$29.5 million for three month ended March 31, 2001 compared to \$30.8 million for three months ended March 31, 2000. Revenues declined due to the slowdown in proposal management services in the SM&A segment and the completion of several service contracts in the second and third quarter of 2000, which were not replaced. The slowdown in proposal management services is due in part to the delay in Federal government procurement decisions related to the new administration's review of defense spending priorities.

Gross Margin. Gross margin decreased \$.8 million, or 6.6%, to \$11.4 million, for three months ended 2001 as compared to \$12.2 million for three months ended 2000. As a percentage of net revenues, gross margin decreased to 38.5% compared to 39.5% for the prior year period. The gross margin decreased primarily due to an increase in costs under the Company's self-insured medical program for employees. The Company has recently revised its medical plan and expects lower costs in subsequent quarters. In addition, the GSG subcontract revenues were slightly higher in the quarter versus last year. GSG subcontract revenues carry significantly lower gross margins than direct labor revenue.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses, Amortization of Goodwill and Other Intangibles. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$1.8 million, or 22.8%, to \$9.4 million for three months ended March 31, 2001, as compared to \$7.7 million for three months ended March 31, 2000. As a percentage

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of revenues, selling, general and administrative expenses increased to 31.9% for three months ended March 31, 2001, as compared to 24.9% for the prior year period. These costs increased as a result of approximately \$625,000 invested in bid and proposal costs to support a major contract proposal in the GSG, an increase in medical costs from a new self insured medical program, an increase in professional fees, and increased costs of administrative personnel. The Company has put in place a cost reduction program which includes the reduction of administrative personnel, the elimination of approximately 100,000 square feet of excess facility space and a revised medical plan. Bid and proposal costs are not expected to continue at the first quarter level throughout the remainder of the year. Other consideration provided to S3I shareholders in the original transaction totaled \$686,000 and has been reflected as an increase in goodwill in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

Operating Income. Operating income was \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001 compared to \$4.1 million for three months ended March 31, 2000, a decrease of \$2.6 million. As a percentage of net revenues, operating income decreased to 5.2% for three months ended March 31, 2001 from 13.3% in the prior year. Operating income declined due to lower gross margin dollars, from reduced revenue and margins generated from a higher level of subcontract revenue work at GSG and increased labor costs and a \$1.8 million increase in operating expenses as detailed above.

Other Expense, Net. Other expense, net was \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001 compared to other expense, net of \$.4 million for three months ended March 31, 2000. The increase primarily results from increased interest expense of \$1.1 million due to a higher level of debt at higher interest rates.

Unrealized Loss on Interest Rate Swap. A loss of \$.4 million resulted from a change in the fair value of the Company's interest rate swap agreement.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS -- (CONTINUED)

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities. For the three months ended March 31, 2001, net cash provided by operating activities of \$4.5 million was primarily due to the receipt of approximately \$5.4 million in income tax refunds resulting from operating losses and the write-down of assets from discontinued operations in the year ended December 31, 2000.

Cash Used in Investing Activities. For the three months ended March 31, 2001, net cash used in investing activities was \$.2 million. The cash used in investing activity in 2001 relates primarily to additional contingent consideration paid on the S3I acquisition.

Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities. For the three months ended March 31, 2001, net cash of \$5.0 million was used by financing activities primarily for repayments made under the Company's credit facility.

Net Cash Used in Discontinued Operations. For the three months ended March 31, 2001 net cash used in discontinued operations was \$1.3 million. Cash used was to pay brokerage fees on the sublease of a facility, rent, consultants,

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accounting and labor costs related to the Company's contractual commitments.

Debt and Liquidity. The Company's total debt was \$31.4 million, net of issuance costs of \$3.4 million, as of March 31, 2001. The debt consists of \$9.8 million in revolving credit advances outstanding and \$25 million in 13% Senior Subordinated notes which are due in 2005. As of March 31, 2001, the Company had \$8.9 million in availability under its revolving credit commitment.

Definitive agreements with Kapos Associates Inc., ("KAI") and System Simulation Solutions, Inc., ("S3I") obligate the Company to make earnout payments contingent upon achievement of certain operating results. The earnouts are payable in cash and, if earned, are due within 60 days. The earnout for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2000 for S3I is anticipated to be \$266,000. KAI did not meet their earnout criteria. The Company is currently in negotiation with S3I to amend and extend the earnout period from December 31, 2001 to March 31, 2002. It is estimated the potential liabilities for the extended earnout period will be approximately \$800,000.

It is expected the Company's operations will generate cash in 2001. However the Company does need working capital available to fund timing differences between receipts and disbursements on long-term contracts. It is anticipated with the internally generated working capital and availability under the revolving credit commitment, the Company will have sufficient liquidity to finance its operations during 2001. In addition, the Company continues to streamline its operations, reducing overhead and facility expenses and improve pricing on its contracts, thereby increasing its ability to generate cash from operations. The Company does not anticipate any cash needs other than to fund ongoing operations through 2001. As of March 31, 2001, the Company had available under the revolving credit commitment approximately \$8.9 million for working capital. There are no assurances the Company will not violate covenants under its current credit facilities, and if such were to occur, the liquidity provided by its credit facility may not be available to the Company for working capital purposes.

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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The principal market risks (i.e., the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices) to which the Company is exposed is interest rate risk.

The interest rates the Company pays on its revolving line of credit is subject to interest rate risk as it bears interest at the prevailing prime rate plus 1%. The Company's long-term debt instruments carry fixed interest rates. The Company estimates that a 10% increase in interest rates on the revolving line of credit would result in a decrease in reported net income of approximately \$45,000 annually, based on the Company's current level of borrowing.

The Company has also entered into an interest rate swap agreement whereby it pays a fixed rate of interest of 7.5225% on \$20 million, and receives a variable rate of interest based on one-month LIBOR. The Company estimates that a 10% decrease in LIBOR would decrease reported net income by approximately \$60,000 annually.

The sensitivity analyses presented disregard the possibility that rates can move in opposite directions and that gains from one category may or may not be

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offset by losses from another category and vice versa.

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PART II -- OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Not Applicable.

ITEM 2. CHANGES IN SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Issuance of Preferred Stock. As a post closing matter related to the refinancing of its indebtedness on December 29, 2000, the Company filed a Certificate of Determination of Preferences of Series L Preferred Stock with the Secretary of State of California, authorizing one share of Series L Preferred Stock. The single share was issued to Libra Mezzanine Partners II, L.P. ("Libra"). Libra will have the right, upon the occurrence of an event of default under the Notes issued to Libra and other holders, to name two directors to the Company's Board of Directors.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan. In 1999, the Company adopted an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP") with an initial allocation of 250,000 shares. In September 2000, an additional 500,000 shares were allocated to the ESPP. The Board of Directors approved an additional 200,000 shares subject to shareholder approval at the June 2001 annual shareholder meeting. The ESPP allows employees of the Company to purchase common stock, through bi-weekly payroll deductions, at a 15% discount. Employee contributions to the ESPP are limited to 15% of the employee's annual compensation. Through the quarter ended March 31, 2001, approximately 576,267 shares of Common Stock have been purchased of the 750,000 shareholder approved shares reserved for issuance under the ESPP.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

Not Applicable.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

Not Applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Not Applicable.

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PART II -- OTHER INFORMATION -- (CONTINUED)

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) Exhibits (numbered in accordance with item 601 of Regulation S-K).

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Exhibit No.

- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Reorganization and Merger dated May 18, 1998, by and among the Company, Space Applications Corporation, SAC Acquisition, Inc. and the individual shareholders named therein (filed on June 4, 1998 as Exhibit 2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference).
- 2.2 Agreement and Plan of Reorganization and Merger dated July 22, 1998, by and among the Company, Decision-Science Applications, Inc., DSA Acquisition, Inc. and the individual shareholders named therein (filed on August 21 1998 as Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference).
- 2.3 Agreement and Plan of Reorganization and Merger dated March 30, 1999, by and among SM&A Corporation, Systems Integration Software, Inc., SIS Acquisition, Inc. and the individuals named therein (filed on May 17, 1999 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 2.4 Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of September 20, 1999, by and among SM&A Corporation (East), Kapos Associates Inc., Ervin Kapos, June Kapos, Verona Oliver, and Cordellia Scruggs (filed on November 15, 1999 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 2.5 Agreement of Merger dated November 24, 1998 between Space Applications Corporation and SM&A Corporation (East), effective date December 31, 1998 (filed on March 31, 1999 as Exhibit 2.3 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation, as amended and restated (filed on January 27, 1998 as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-4075) and incorporated herein by reference).
- 3.2 Bylaws of the Company, as amended and restated (filed on January 5, 1998 as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-4075) and incorporated herein by reference).
- 3.3 Certificate of Ownership as filed with the California Secretary of State on August 6, 1998 (filed on August 19, 1998 as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference).
- 3.4 Certificate of Determination of Preferences of Series L Preferred Stock (filed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ending December 31, 2000 as Exhibit 3.4 filed on April 17, 2001 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.1 Registration and Antidilution Rights Agreement, dated December 29, 2000, by and among the Company and the Holders listed on the signature pages thereto (filed on January 8, 2001 as Exhibit 99.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein).

PART II -- OTHER INFORMATION -- (CONTINUED)

- 4.2 Controlling Shareholder Agreement, dated December 29, 2000, by and among the Company, Steven S. Myers as Common Stockholder, and the Purchasers listed on the signature pages thereto (filed on January 8, 2001 as Exhibit 99.6 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein).
- 4.3 Registration Rights Agreement dated May 29, 1998 by and among the Company and certain shareholders of Space Applications Corporation identified therein (filed on June 4, 1998 as Exhibit 2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.4 Registration Rights Agreement dated August 20, 1998 by and among Company and certain shareholders of Decision-Science Applications, Inc. set forth therein (filed on August 21, 1998 as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.1 Amended and Restated 1997 Stock Option Plan* and related form of Stock Option Agreement (filed on Company's Current Report on Form 10-K filed on April 17, 2001 as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.2 Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan (filed on Company's Current Report on Form 10-K filed on April 17, 2001 as Exhibit 10.2 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.3 Form of Indemnification Agreement (filed on November 21, 1997 as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 3334075) and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.4 Office Facilities Lease (filed on November 21, 1997 as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-4075) and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.5 Second Amended and Restated Credit and Security Agreement, dated December 29, 2000, by and among the Company, Mellon Bank, N.A., as Agent, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Co-Agent, and the Lenders listed on the signature pages thereto (filed on January 8, 2001 as Exhibit 99.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein).
- 10.6 Note and Stock Purchase Agreement, dated December 29, 2000, by and among the Company, and the Guarantors and Purchasers listed on the signature pages thereto (filed on January 8, 2001 as Exhibit 99.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein).
- 10.7 Subordination and Intercreditor Agreement, dated December 29, 2000, by and among the persons listed on the signature pages thereto as

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Subordinated Creditors, Libra Mezzanine Partners II-A, L.P. as agent of the Subordinated Creditors, the Company, and Mellon Bank, N.A. as agent for all Senior Lenders party to that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit and Security Agreement of even date therewith (filed on January 8, 2001 as Exhibit 99.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein).

- 10.8 Management Agreement, dated December 29, 2000, by and between Libra Mezzanine Partners II-A, L.P. and the Company (filed on January 8, 2001 as Exhibit 99.7 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein).
- 10.9 Employment Agreement dated August 20, 1998 by and between Decision-Science Applications, Inc. and Gary L. Lucas (filed on August 21, 1998 as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference).

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PART II -- OTHER INFORMATION -- (CONTINUED)

- 10.10 Employment Agreement dated August 20, 1998 by and between Decision-Science Applications, Inc. and Dana R. Raucher (filed on August 21, 1998 as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.11 Employment Agreement dated September 20, 1999, by and between Kapos Associates Inc. and Ervin Kapos (filed on April 7, 2000 as Exhibit 10.18 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.12 Escrow Agreement dated September 20, 1999, among SM&A Corporation (East), Kapos Associates Inc., Ervin Kapos and June Kapos and First American Trust Company (filed on November 15, 1999 as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.13 Escrow Agreement dated March 30, 1999, among the Company, Systems Integration Software, Inc., First American Trust Company and the individuals names therein (filed on May 17, 1999 as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.14 Escrow Agreement dated August 20, 1998 by and between Decision-Science Applications, Inc., First American Trust Company and certain shareholders identified therein (filed on August 21, 1998 as Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.15 Employment Agreement dated as of February 1, 2000 between the Company and Steven S. Myers (filed on Company's Current Report on Form 10-K filed on April 17, 2001 as Exhibit 10.17 and incorporated herein by reference).

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(b) Reports on Form 8-K

On May 9, 2001, the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Current Report on Form 8-K reporting the Company's May 3, 2001, dismissal of KPMG, LLP ("KPMG") as its independent accountant. The reports of KPMG on the Company's financial statements for the past two fiscal years contained no adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. On May 3, 2001, the Company hired the firm of Ernst & Young, LLP as its independent accountants.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

EMERGENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ CATHY L. WOOD

Cathy L. Wood
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: May 18, 2001

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