

METRO ONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INC

Form 10-Q

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

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008

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 000-27024

**METRO ONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Oregon**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**93-0995165**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

or organization)

**11200 Murray Scholls Place**

**Beaverton, Oregon**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**97007**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (503) 643-9500**

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Large accelerated filer ☐ Accelerated filer ☐ Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

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

**Common Stock without par value**  
(Class)

**6,233,326**  
(Outstanding at November 12, 2008)

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	<b>September 30, 2008</b>	<b>December 31, 2007</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,815	\$ 7,999
Restricted cash	1,700	3,000
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$130 and \$2	880	2,421
Prepaid costs and other current assets	289	573
Assets of discontinued operations:		
Furniture, fixtures and equipment held for sale	96	
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>9,780</b>	<b>13,993</b>
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$571 and \$8,067	210	1,438
Intangible assets, net	161	4,055
Other assets	73	81
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,224</b>	<b>\$ 19,567</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 176	\$ 281
Accrued liabilities	1,652	1,484
Accrued payroll and related costs	1,248	2,173
Preferred stock dividend payable	528	230
Liabilities of discontinued operations	670	
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>4,274</b>	<b>4,168</b>
Preferred stock warrants	219	615
Other long-term liabilities	82	319
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>4,575</b>	<b>5,102</b>
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 8 and 14)		
Redeemable preferred stock:		
Preferred stock, no par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized: Series A convertible preferred stock, 1,385 shares authorized, 1,000 and 1,000 shares issued and outstanding; liquidation preference of \$10,528 and \$10,230	9,355	8,798
Shareholders' equity (deficit):		
Common stock, no par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized: 6,233,326 and 6,233,326 shares issued and outstanding	122,276	122,246
Accumulated deficit	(125,982)	(116,579)

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Total shareholders' equity (deficit)	(3,706)	5,667
Total liabilities, redeemable preferred stock and shareholders' equity	\$ 10,224	\$ 19,567

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

**Table of Contents****METRO ONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****(Unaudited)****(In thousands, except per share amounts)**

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Revenue	\$ 774	\$ 322	\$ 1,819	\$ 883
Costs and expenses:				
Direct operating	760	86	1,506	231
Selling, general and administrative	1,979	2,111	5,478	6,196
Depreciation and amortization	30	50	112	176
Restructuring charges		223		1,115
	2,769	2,470	7,096	7,718
Loss from operations	(1,995)	(2,148)	(5,277)	(6,835)
Gain (loss) associated with valuation of warrants	(70)	(214)	396	(214)
Interest income	44	94	161	293
Other expense, net	(60)	(34)	(160)	(24)
	(86)	(154)	397	55
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(2,081)	(2,302)	(4,880)	(6,780)
Income tax benefit		6		8
Loss from continuing operations	(2,081)	(2,296)	(4,880)	(6,772)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(234)	(1,687)	(7,959)	(4,577)
Gain on disposal of intangible assets of discontinued operations, net of income taxes			4,281	
Net loss	(2,315)	(3,983)	(8,558)	(11,349)
Preferred stock dividends	(100)	(122)	(298)	(128)
Preferred stock deemed dividends		(2,115)		(2,115)
Accretion of preferred stock	(191)	(136)	(557)	(136)
Net loss attributable to common shareholders	\$ (2,606)	\$ (6,356)	\$ (9,413)	\$ (13,728)
Basic and diluted loss per common share from continuing operations	\$ (0.33)	\$ (0.37)	\$ (0.78)	\$ (1.09)
Basic and diluted loss per common share from discontinued operations	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.59)	\$ (0.73)
Basic and diluted net loss per common share attributable to common shareholders	\$ (0.42)	\$ (1.02)	\$ (1.51)	\$ (2.20)
Shares used in per share calculations	6,233	6,233	6,233	6,233

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



**Table of Contents****METRO ONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(Unaudited)****(In thousands)**

	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net loss	\$ (8,558)	\$ (11,349)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization of continuing operations	112	176
Depreciation and amortization of discontinued operations	297	1,494
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	99	99
Loss on disposal of fixed assets of discontinued operations, net	19	
Gain on disposal of intangible assets of discontinued operations	(4,281)	
Impairment of fixed assets	918	
Deferred rent	(126)	(89)
Stock-based compensation expense	30	33
(Gain) loss associated with valuation of warrants	(396)	214
Change in accounts receivable of discontinued operations	1,253	
Change in liabilities of discontinued operations	(1,390)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	288	(442)
Prepaid costs and other current assets	284	267
Other assets	8	
Accounts payable	151	(292)
Accrued liabilities	678	(90)
Accrued payroll and related costs	369	(1,492)
Other long-term liabilities	(111)	
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(10,356)</b>	<b>(11,471)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Decrease in restricted cash	1,300	1,741
Capital expenditures	(175)	(60)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets of discontinued operations	39	22
Proceeds from sale of intangible assets of discontinued operations	8,001	
Additions to intangible assets	(3)	
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<b>9,162</b>	<b>1,703</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of convertible preferred stock and warrants		9,070
Refund of preferred stock offering costs	10	
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9,070</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(1,184)</b>	<b>(698)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents:</b>		
Beginning of period	7,999	11,965
End of period	\$ 6,815	\$ 11,267



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## Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid for income taxes, net	\$	3	\$	8
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## Supplemental disclosure of non-cash information:

Preferred stock dividend	\$	298	\$	128
Preferred stock deemed dividend for beneficial conversion feature				2,115
Accretion of preferred stock		557		136
Transfer of assets to assets of discontinued operations		5,127		
Transfer of liabilities to liabilities of discontinued operations		2,060		

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

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**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(Unaudited)**

**Note 1. Basis of Presentation**

The financial information included herein for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 is unaudited and has been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and note disclosures typically 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. However, the financial information reflects all adjustments consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods presented. The financial information as of December 31, 2007 is derived from Metro One Telecommunications, Inc.'s (Metro One) 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. The interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in Metro One's 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes, actual results may differ from such estimates and assumptions, and the results of operations for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Metro One and its wholly-owned subsidiary. There are no intercompany balances and no intercompany transactions have occurred.

**Note 2. Going Concern**

We have experienced net losses in each of the quarterly and annual periods beginning with the second quarter of 2003. It is likely that we will continue to experience operating losses. We discontinued our directory assistance business in the first quarter of 2008. See Note 3 Discontinued Operations. The current financial crisis and worldwide economic slowdown have created uncertainty in our markets and made growth of incipient businesses, such as ours, much more difficult and uncertain. We are currently considering numerous strategic alternatives with respect to our remaining businesses. Such alternatives include, but are not limited to, the sale of our Contact Services and Data Services business lines as going concerns, the operation of our Data Services business as an independent business, the closure of either or both of our operating businesses, the sale of unwanted or residual assets or continued operation as an investment vehicle seeking to purchase operating businesses or make opportunistic passive investments. There can be no assurance that the result of our continuing evaluation of our strategic alternatives will be the continuation of all or any portion of our operating businesses.

In May 2008, we sold a majority of our patent and trademark portfolio for \$8.0 million in cash, which resulted in a gain of approximately \$4.3 million in the second quarter of 2008 as a component of discontinued operations. We believe that this cash will be sufficient to provide the liquidity necessary to fund our operations during the remainder of 2008.

If we are unable to execute our business plans or, alternatively, if we are successful in completing certain strategic alternatives being considered, we may decide to discontinue all operations for the foreseeable future.

**Note 3. Discontinued Operations**

In March 2008, we announced that, as part of a strategic business review and in furtherance of our ongoing effort to cut costs and align expenses with reduced revenues, we decided to exit our facilities-based wholesale directory assistance business. Our strategic review determined that the current economic environment did not provide the potential to deliver an acceptable long-term return on investment and that our remaining resources would be better spent pursuing our Data Services and

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Contact Services businesses and monetizing our patent portfolio. The results of operations related to our directory assistance services have been reclassified as discontinued operations for all periods presented.

Our directory assistance call centers in Long Island and Portland were closed in March 2008 prior to our decision to leave the directory assistance business, and our call centers in Minneapolis, Orlando, Charlotte and Honolulu were closed in May 2008 as part of that decision. We also reduced corporate staff at our Beaverton headquarters. A total of approximately 700 employees were terminated in connection with the call center closures and related activities.

We anticipate the total restructuring costs to be incurred in connection with the closure of all of the call centers and the reduction in corporate staff will total approximately \$3.6 million as follows (in thousands):

Employee severance and related benefits	\$ 674
Fixed asset impairment and loss on disposal	1,030
Lease termination and future lease obligations	1,063
Known contract termination costs	795
	<b>\$ 3,562</b>

We recognized \$(17,000) and \$3.4 million, respectively, of the total estimated restructuring costs in the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008 as a component of discontinued operations and expect to recognize approximately \$0.1 million of the costs in the fourth quarter of 2008. The remaining costs, estimated to be approximately \$0.1 million, will be recognized over the remaining terms of our operating leases, which run through September 2009.

Under current assumptions, the restructuring costs are anticipated to result in cash expenditures of approximately \$1.7 million, approximately \$1.3 million of which had been incurred through September 30, 2008. The fixed asset impairments and loss on disposal did not result in cash expenditures and a majority of the contract termination costs were written off against accounts receivable balances.

Our historical reporting did not allocate all expenses between our operating segments. The prior period information was determined by allocating expenses based on revenues in each segment. Certain financial information related to discontinued operations was as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Revenue	\$	\$ 3,876	\$ 3,268	\$ 14,228
Pre-tax loss from discontinued operations	\$ (229)	\$ (1,687)	\$ (7,939)	\$ (4,579)
Pre-tax gain on disposal of intangible assets			4,281	
	(229)	(1,687)	(3,658)	(4,579)
Income tax benefit (expense)	(5)		(20)	2
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	\$ (234)	\$ (1,687)	\$ (3,678)	\$ (4,577)
Amount of intangible assets				
disposed of	\$	\$	\$ 3,720	\$

In May 2008, we completed the sale of a portfolio of surplus intellectual property, including patents and trademarks, to a subsidiary of kgb, formerly INFONXX, Inc., a provider of live operator directory assistance services headquartered in New York City. The consideration received was \$8.0 million in cash. The book value of the patents and trademarks sold was \$3.7 million and, accordingly, we recognized a gain on the sale

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of \$4.3 million in the second quarter of 2008.

The portfolio consisted of 49 issued and 78 pending patents in North America and numerous trademarks and domain names, all of which were developed originally for use in our discontinued live operator

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directory assistance business. We retained ownership of a data management and analytic patent and pending application that are pivotal to our continuing business model that is focused on providing data, data processing and analysis services, and contact services to business customers. As part of the transaction, and for no additional consideration, we licensed our retained data patent and rights under our pending patent application to kgb for use only by or for kgb.

The pre-tax (income) loss from discontinued operations in the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008 included the following restructuring charges (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2008	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008
Employee severance and related benefits	\$	\$ 674
Fixed asset impairment		918
(Gain) loss on disposal of fixed assets, net	(16)	19
Lease termination and lease obligations	(29)	936
Contract termination costs	28	803
	\$ (17)	\$ 3,350

In May 2008, one of our Directory Assistance customers indicated that they would not pay \$750,000 of their outstanding accounts receivable due to the early termination of our contract with them. Accordingly, we recorded a contract termination charge of \$750,000 as a component of discontinued operations in the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and a corresponding reduction of our accounts receivable from discontinued operations. In June 2008, four additional customers indicated they would not pay a total of \$25,000 of their outstanding receivables. In addition, one customer received remuneration beyond amounts due from them recorded in our accounts receivable. At this time, we do not expect any future charges to be recognized or paid in connection with the termination of any additional remaining contracts with our directory assistance customers.

The above estimated costs and charges are preliminary and may vary based on various factors, including the resale market for furniture, fixtures and equipment and changes in management's assumptions and projections.

Furniture, fixtures and equipment of discontinued operations held for sale are recorded at estimated fair market value, less selling costs, and are no longer being depreciated.

The following table summarizes the charges, expenditures and ending balances for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 related to our restructuring accrual (in thousands):

	Beginning Accrued Liability	Charged to Expense	Expenditures	Amount Written Off Against Accounts Receivable	Ending Accrued Liability
Employee severance and related benefits	\$	\$ 674	\$ (674)	\$	\$
Lease termination and other lease obligations		1,045	(616)		429
Contract termination charges		795		(775)	20
	\$	\$ 2,514	\$ (1,290)	\$ (775)	\$ 449

Our restructuring liability is included as a component of liabilities of discontinued operations at September 30, 2008. We currently anticipate that cash payments associated with lease termination and other lease obligations will be paid through September 2009. In addition to the accrued leases payable, future operating lease payments not required to be reflected on our balance sheet totaled approximately \$27,000, net of estimated sublease income, at September 30, 2008.



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The following common stock equivalents were excluded from the diluted loss per share calculations, as their effect would have been antidilutive (in thousands):

	<b>Three and Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Common stock options	828	513
Convertible preferred stock warrants	1,966	1,966
Convertible preferred stock	5,618	5,618
Total	8,412	8,097

**Note 5. Segment and Enterprise-Wide Disclosures**

We have two reportable business segments defined by product line in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information: (1) Contact Services; and (2) Data Services. Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise for which separate financial information is available and regularly reviewed by senior management. Our operating segments are evidence of the internal structure of our organization. Both segments are supported in the same service facilities and share information technology systems and support personnel. Contact Services derives revenue from contracts it has entered into to support call center business to business marketing programs. We have terminated all employees focused exclusively on the portion of Contact Services that was fee based. Accordingly, the remaining Contact Services business is commission based and contingent on sales being made. Data Services derives revenue from delivering electronic data to our customers. The operating facilities, sales management and chief decision-makers for both operations are managed by the same executive team. Our chief operating decision maker is our Chief Executive Officer. Segment disclosures are presented for revenues and direct operating costs as these are the primary performance measures for which the segments are evaluated. We do not allocate assets by segment.

The following table reconciles certain financial information by segment (in thousands):

	<b>Contact Services</b>	<b>Data Services</b>	<b>Unallocated and Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>				
Revenues	\$ 598	\$ 176	\$	\$ 774
Direct operating costs	674	86		760
<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2007</b>				
Revenues	\$	\$ 322	\$	\$ 322
Direct operating costs		86		86
Restructuring charges		223		223
<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>				
Revenues	\$ 1,084	\$ 735	\$	\$ 1,819
Direct operating costs	1,230	276		1,506
<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007</b>				
Revenues	\$	\$ 883	\$	\$ 883
Direct operating costs		231		231
Restructuring charges		1,115		1,115

Sales to customers from continuing operations accounting for 10% or more of our total sales from continuing operations were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Three Months Ended September 30,

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	2008		2007	
Customer 1	\$ 387	50.0%	\$ *	*
Customer 2	211	27.3%	*	*
Customer 3	81	10.5%	94	29.2%



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	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2008		2007	
Customer 1	\$ 863	47.4%	\$ *	*
Customer 2	248	13.6%	292	33.1%
Customer 3	210	11.5%	*	*
Customer 4	*	*	236	26.7%

\* Less than 10%

At September 30, 2008, accounts receivable from Customer 1 and Customer 3 accounted for approximately 62.3% and 19.3%, respectively, of total accounts receivable from continuing operations. No other customers accounted for 10% or more of our accounts receivable as of September 30, 2008.

## Note 6. Intangible Assets

Our definite-lived intangible assets of continuing operations consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Amortization Period	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007
Patents	7 years	\$ 104	\$ 6,851
Accumulated amortization		(9)	(2,933)
		95	3,918
Trademarks	5 years	190	712
Accumulated amortization		(124)	(575)
		66	137
Total definite-lived intangible assets of continuing operations		\$ 161	\$ 4,055

In May 2008, all of our patents and trademarks associated with our discontinued directory assistance operations were sold to an unrelated third party. See Note 3 for additional information.

Amortization expense from continuing operations was as follows (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2008	2007
Patents	\$ 9	\$
Trademarks	19	19
	\$ 28	\$ 19

## Note 7. Fair Value Measurements

Effective January 1, 2008, we adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 157, Fair Value Measurements, for our financial assets and liabilities. The adoption of this portion of SFAS No. 157 did not have any effect on our financial position or results of operations and we do not expect the adoption of the provisions of SFAS No. 157 related to non-financial assets and liabilities to have an effect on our financial position or results of operations.

Various inputs are used in determining the fair value of our financial assets and liabilities and are summarized into three broad categories:

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical securities;

Level 2 other significant observable inputs, including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.; and

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs, including our own assumptions in determining fair value.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

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Following are the disclosures related to our financial liabilities as of September 30, 2008 pursuant to SFAS No. 157:

	September 30, 2008	
	Fair Value	Input Level
Series A Warrants	\$ 219,411	Level 3

Pursuant to SFAS No. 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity, our outstanding warrants related to our Series A convertible preferred stock must be marked to market every reporting period. The fair value of each of these instruments is determined using the Black-Scholes valuation model as follows:

	Warrants issued in connection with Series A convertible preferred stock	
<b><u>Black- Scholes Assumptions</u></b>		
Risk-free interest rate		1.91%
Expected dividend yield		4.0%
Contractual term (years)		0.88
Expected volatility		241.42%
<b><u>Certain Other Information</u></b>		
Fair value at December 31, 2007	\$	615,063
Fair value at September 30, 2008		219,411
Change in fair value from December 31, 2007 to September 30, 2008	\$	(395,652)

## Note 8. Commitments and Contingencies

From time to time, we are party to various legal actions and administrative proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business.

In June 2007, we filed a petition in the United States Tax Court opposing a statutory notice of deficiency issued by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue against us for our tax year 2002 asserting a deficiency of approximately \$630,000. With interest, the amount in controversy, as of September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, was \$901,000 and \$849,000, respectively, and was included as a component of accrued liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet. Our position is that we may carryover our alternative minimum tax net operating loss arising in our 2004 tax year to fully reduce our alternative minimum taxable income in our 2002 tax year. Briefing has been completed and the parties are awaiting a ruling by the judge.

We are also involved in an administrative proceeding for 2001, 2002 and 2003 with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (the Department). With penalties and interest, the Department asserts that, as of September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, we owed \$241,000 and \$224,000, respectively, in various state and local taxes and assessments. These amounts were included as a component of accrued liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet. Our position is that we should be classified as having provided telecommunications services and that no amounts are now owed for these taxes and assessments. Should the Department not agree, it will issue a final decision and we will have to determine whether to seek review of this decision in New York state court.

From time to time, in the normal course of our business, we issue standby letters of credit and bank guarantees. At September 30, 2008, we had one letter of credit outstanding in the amount of \$1.7 million related to our workers' compensation program. The letter of credit is secured by a certificate of deposit for the same amount that is recorded as restricted cash. This commitment has an expiration date of April 1, 2009.

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### **Note 9. Related Party Transactions**

In January 2008, we entered into a contractual relationship in our contact services business, under which we function as a sales agent to a master agent that has the primary contractual relationship with the entities for whom we make outbound sales queries. Our Chief Financial Officer, Mr. William Hergenhan, is a director and a significant shareholder in that master agent. Net revenue pursuant to this agreement is commission based and totaled \$387,000 and \$863,000, respectively, in the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008. At September 30, 2008, this company owed us \$548,000, which was included as a component of accounts receivable on our condensed consolidated balance sheet. All negotiations and transactions with the master agent have been at arms length, and the contract was ratified by our Board of Directors.

### **Note 10. Reclassifications**

Certain amounts in the prior period financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation for discontinued operations.

### **Note 11. New Accounting Pronouncements**

#### ***SFAS No. 162***

In May 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ( SFAS ) No. 162, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. SFAS No. 162 is effective 60 days following the Securities and Exchange Commission's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendments to AU Section 4311, The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. We believe that our accounting principles and practices are consistent with the guidance in SFAS No. 162, and, accordingly, we do not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 162 to have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

#### ***SFAS No. 161***

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, which requires certain disclosures related to derivative instruments. SFAS No. 161 is effective prospectively for interim periods and fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. We do not have any derivative instruments that fall under the guidance of SFAS No. 161 and, accordingly, the adoption of SFAS No. 161 will not have any effect on our financial position or results of operations.

#### ***SFAS No. 160***

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160 Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements - an amendment of ARB No. 51. SFAS No. 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards for a parent company's non-controlling, or minority interests in its subsidiaries. SFAS No. 160 also provides accounting and reporting standards for changes in a parent's ownership interest of a non-controlling interest as well as deconsolidation procedures. SFAS No. 160 aligns the reporting of non-controlling interests in subsidiaries with the requirements in International Accounting Standards 27 and is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. We do not have any non-controlling or minority interests and, accordingly, we do not expect the adoption of this statement to have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### ***SFAS No. 141R***

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141R, Business Combinations - Revised. SFAS No. 141R changes the accounting for business combinations including the measurement of acquirer shares issued in consideration for a business combination, the recognition of contingent consideration, the accounting for pre-acquisition gain and loss contingencies, the recognition of capitalized in-process research and development, the accounting for acquisition-related restructuring cost accruals, the treatment of acquisition related transaction costs and the recognition of changes in the acquirer's income tax valuation allowance. SFAS No. 141R is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008,



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with early adoption prohibited. We do not expect the adoption of this statement to have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations as we have no plans for acquisitions at this time.

### ***SFAS No. 159***

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. SFAS No. 159 provides companies with an option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. SFAS No. 159 also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities and to provide additional information that will help investors and other financial statement users to more easily understand the effect of a company's choice to use fair value on its earnings. Finally, SFAS No. 159 requires entities to display the fair value of those assets and liabilities for which a company has chosen to use fair value on the face of the balance sheet. The adoption of SFAS No. 159 effective January 1, 2008 did not have any effect on our financial position or results of operations as we do not have any assets or liabilities that fall under the guidance of SFAS No. 159.

### **Note 12. Unrecognized Tax Benefits**

As of September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, unrecognized tax benefits totaled \$751,000.

### **Note 13. Revenue Recognition**

Under contracts with certain Contact Services customers, we record revenue for the number of telephone service contracts sold at the agreed upon price per service, calculated on a monthly basis. Pricing for services sold is subject to change on a regular basis. We have established reserves for estimated sales returns or cancellation based on historical experience and the terms of our contracts. However, our experience in this business is limited and adjustments to our reserves could have a material effect on our financial position and results of operations. Under contracts with our one customer within Contact Services, which has now been completed, we recorded revenue for the number of hours worked at an agreed upon price per hour. Revenue from our Data Services customers is recognized either when the data is delivered or when the customer uses the data, based upon contract provisions. Revenue for Data Services is calculated based on a price per data record as stipulated in the contracts.

### **Note 14. Payment of Liquidated Damages under Registration Rights Agreement**

On June 5, 2007, as part of a financing with Columbia Ventures Corporation and Everest Special Situations Fund L.P. (collectively, the Investors), we entered into a Registration Rights Agreement requiring us to file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 that allows for an offering to be made on a continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the shelf registration statement). The Registration Rights Agreement provides that the shelf registration statement is to cover the resale of shares of common stock issuable on conversion of our convertible preferred stock (including shares of convertible preferred stock issuable on exercise of the warrants) issued in the financing. If the shelf registration statement was not declared effective by a certain date, the Registration Rights Agreement required us to pay liquidated damages to the Investors in an amount equal to 1.25% of the purchase price paid for the convertible preferred stock (currently, \$125,000) for each 30-day period or pro rata for any part thereof until such registration default is cured, provided that the liquidated damages cannot, in the aggregate, exceed 20% of the convertible preferred purchase price. The Investors, through written amendments to the Registration Rights Agreement, agreed to extend the deadline for the effectiveness of the shelf registration statement through and including June 15, 2008. From, and after, June 16, 2008, until the shelf registration statement was declared to be effective, we were required to pay the Investors liquidated damages in the amount and at the rate specified above. The Registration Statement was declared effective on July 11, 2008. At June 30, 2008, we had accrued \$62,500 as a component of accrued liabilities for the liquidated damages, which was recorded as a component of selling, general and administrative expenses. In addition, we recorded an additional \$46,000 of liquidated damages in the third quarter of 2008, also as a component of selling, general and administrative expenses. These amounts remained accrued on our balance sheet at September 30, 2008.

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**Note 15. NASDAQ Deficiency Letters and Delisting**

On April 16, 2008, we were notified by The Nasdaq Stock Market that we were not in compliance with Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 4310(c)(4) (the Minimum Bid Price Rule ) because shares of our common stock had closed at a per share bid price of less than \$1.00 for 30 consecutive business days. In accordance with Marketplace Rule 4310(c)(8)(D), we had been provided 180 calendar days, or until October 13, 2008, to regain compliance with the Minimum Bid Price Rule.

In addition, on May 22, 2008, we were notified by The Nasdaq Stock Market that we no longer were in compliance with Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 4310(c)(3) and were subject to delisting from the Nasdaq Capital Market. Marketplace Rule 4310(c)(3) requires that we maintain stockholders' equity of at least \$2.5 million, or a market value of our listed securities of at least \$35.0 million, or have net income from continuing operations of at least \$500,000 during the last fiscal year or two of the last three fiscal years.

On July 25, 2008, we received a Nasdaq staff determination letter rejecting the plan we had submitted to evidence our ability to achieve compliance with the requirements for continued listing on The Nasdaq Capital Market set forth in Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 4310(c)(3). We appealed the Nasdaq staff's determination to delist our securities from The Nasdaq Capital Market effective August 5, 2008, and were scheduled for a hearing before a NASDAQ Listing Qualifications Panel (the Panel ) on September 18, 2008.

However, on September 16, 2008, we notified the Panel that we were withdrawing our appeal of the July 25, 2008 Nasdaq staff determination. Accordingly, our common stock was suspended from trading effective at the open of business on Friday, September 19, 2008. The common stock was subsequently delisted on October 7, 2008, when the SEC completed its formal notification of removal from listing.

Our common stock began trading on the OTC Bulletin Board<sup>TM</sup> on Friday, September 19, 2008 under the same trading symbol, INFO.OB.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**  
**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

All statements and trend analyses contained in this item and elsewhere in this report on Form 10-Q relative to the future constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements may, but do not necessarily, also include words such as believes, expects, anticipates, plans, estimates, may, will, should, could, conditional, or other expressions. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees. They involve known and unknown business and economic risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include risks relating to the termination, expiration or pricing of customer contracts and other operating agreements, including leases, our ability to successfully execute our cost reduction efforts and current business strategies, our ability to generate cash from operations, and other risks, including those discussed in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) and those described in our other filings with the SEC. Any forward-looking statement in this report reflects our expectations at the time of this report only. We undertake no obligation to publicly release any revisions or updates to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Forward-looking statements are based on the assumptions, estimates and opinions of management on the date the statements are made.

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### **OVERVIEW**

On March 21, 2008, we announced that, as part of a strategic business review and in furtherance of our ongoing effort to cut costs and align expenses with reduced revenues, we had decided to exit the wholesale directory assistance business. As of September 30, 2008, all of our call centers had been closed. A total of approximately 700 employees were terminated in connection with the call center closures and related activities. We sold a majority of our patent and trademark portfolio to an unrelated third party in May 2008 for \$8.0 million in cash. We believe that the cash received from this transaction will be sufficient to allow us to support our operations through at least December 31, 2008.

During the first nine months of 2008, we focused on growing our Data Services and Contact Services segments. With respect to Contact Services, during that period, we entered into and began servicing four contracts to provide Contact Services. Since then, we have completed one contract under which we were paid on an hourly basis, leaving us with three contracts that provide for contingent payments based on sales contracts.

The current financial crisis and worldwide economic slowdown have created uncertainty in our markets and made growth of incipient businesses, such as ours, much more difficult and uncertain. We are currently considering numerous strategic alternatives with respect to our remaining businesses. Such alternatives include, but are not limited to, the sale of our Contact Services and Data Services business lines as going concerns, the operation of our Data Services business as an independent business, the closure of either or both of our operating businesses, the sale of unwanted or residual assets or continued operation as an investment vehicle seeking to purchase operating businesses or make opportunistic passive investments. There can be no assurance that the result of our continuing evaluation of our strategic alternatives will be the continuation of all or any portion of our operating businesses.

As part of our review of our strategic alternatives, we are actively considering whether we qualify to deregister our common stock under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in which case, if we did qualify and deregister our stock, we would no longer file annual, quarterly and current reports, or proxy statements, with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In that event, our common stock would be removed from the OTC Bulletin Board and be quoted only on the Pink Sheets, if at all. If there are no public quotes for our stock and no broker-dealer making a market in our stock, it will be very difficult for shareholders to determine a value of, or sell, their common stock.

### **GOING CONCERN**

We have experienced net losses in each of the quarterly and annual periods beginning with the second quarter of 2003. It is likely that we will continue to experience operating losses. We discontinued our directory assistance business in the first quarter of 2008. See Note 3 Discontinued Operations of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q. In May 2008, we sold a majority of our patent and trademark portfolio for \$8.0 million in cash, which resulted in a gain in the second quarter of 2008 of approximately \$4.3 million recorded as a component of discontinued operations. We believe that this cash will be sufficient to provide the liquidity necessary to fund our operations during the remainder of 2008.



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The consolidated financial data for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 are presented in the following table (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Revenue	\$ 774	\$ 322	\$ 1,819	\$ 883
Costs and expenses:				
Direct operating	760	86	1,506	231
Selling, general and administrative	1,979	2,111	5,478	6,196
Depreciation and amortization	30	50	112	176
Restructuring charges		223		1,115
	2,769	2,470	7,096	7,718
Loss from operations	(1,995)	(2,148)	(5,277)	(6,835)
Gain (loss) associated with valuation of warrants	(70)	(214)	396	(214)
Interest income	44	94	161	293
Other expense, net	(60)	(34)	(160)	(24)
	(86)	(154)	397	55
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(2,081)	(2,302)	(4,880)	(6,780)
Income tax benefit		6		8
Loss from continuing operations	(2,081)	(2,296)	(4,880)	(6,772)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(234)	(1,687)	(7,959)	(4,577)
Gain on disposal of intangible assets of discontinued operations, net of income taxes			4,281	
Net loss	(2,315)	(3,983)	(8,558)	(11,349)
Preferred stock dividends	(100)	(122)	(298)	(128)
Preferred stock deemed dividends		(2,115)		(2,115)
Accretion of preferred stock	(191)	(136)	(557)	(136)
Net loss attributable to common shareholders	\$ (2,606)	\$ (6,356)	\$ (9,413)	\$ (13,728)
Basic and diluted loss per common share from continuing operations	\$ (0.33)	\$ (0.37)	\$ (0.78)	\$ (1.09)
Basic and diluted loss per common share from discontinued operations	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.59)	\$ (0.73)
Basic and diluted net loss per common share attributable to common shareholders	\$ (0.42)	\$ (1.02)	\$ (1.51)	\$ (2.20)
Shares used in per share calculations	6,233	6,233	6,233	6,233

***Segment Information***

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	Contact Services	Data Services	Unallocated and Other	Total
<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>				
Revenues	\$ 598	\$ 176	\$	\$ 774
Direct operating costs	674	86		760
<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2007</b>				
Revenues	\$	\$ 322	\$	\$ 322
Direct operating costs		86		86
Restructuring charges		223		223
<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>				
Revenues	\$ 1,084	\$ 735	\$	\$ 1,819
Direct operating costs	1,230	276		1,506
<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007</b>				
Revenues	\$	\$ 883	\$	\$ 883
Direct operating costs		231		231
Restructuring charges		1,115		1,115

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### ***Revenue***

Revenue increased \$452,000, or 140.3%, to \$774,000 in the third quarter of 2008 compared to \$322,000 in the third quarter of 2007 and increased \$936,000, or 106.0%, to \$1.8 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 compared to \$883,000 in the comparable period of 2007. The increases were due to the addition of our Contact Services segment and our new Contact Services clients in the first nine months of 2008.

### ***Direct Operating Expenses***

Direct operating expenses consist of the costs of salaries, wages, benefits, taxes and software application licenses for Contact Services and listings data and content acquisition costs in Data Services. Direct operating expenses increased \$674,000 to \$760,000 in the third quarter of 2008 from \$86,000 in the third quarter of 2007 and \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 compared to \$231,000 in the comparable period of 2007. These increases were primarily due to the addition of our Contact Services segment. As a percentage of revenues, direct operating expenses increased to 98.2% and 82.8%, respectively, in the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2008 compared to 26.7% and 26.2%, respectively, in the comparable periods of 2007, due primarily to the addition of Contact Services, which has higher direct operating expenses as a percentage of revenues than does Data Services.

### ***Selling, General and Administrative Expenses***

Selling, general and administrative expenses ( SG&A ) consist of labor, travel, outside services and overhead incurred in our sales, marketing, management and administrative support functions. SG&A decreased \$0.1 million, or 6.3%, to \$2.0 million in the third quarter of 2008 compared to \$2.1 in the third quarter of 2007 and decreased \$0.7 million, or 11.6%, to \$5.5 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 compared to \$6.2 million in the comparable period of 2007. The decreases were due to reductions in administrative staff and payroll that were partially offset by increases in professional fees and other contract services charges.

### ***Gain (Loss) Associated with Valuation of Warrants***

Our warrants related to our Series A convertible preferred stock are marked to market on a quarterly basis utilizing the Black-Scholes valuation model.

### ***Discontinued Operations***

In March 2008, we announced that, as part of a strategic business review and in furtherance of our ongoing effort to cut costs and align expenses with reduced revenues, we decided to exit our facilities-based wholesale directory assistance business. The results of operations related to our directory assistance services have been reclassified as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Accordingly, all results of operations information discussed in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations above excludes the results of the directory assistance business.

See Note 3 Discontinued Operations of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q for additional information.

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### **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

We believe that cash and cash equivalents of \$6.8 million at September 30, 2008, will be sufficient to fund our operations for the remainder of 2008. The primary uses of our capital in the near future are expected to be for basic working capital needs and for the costs of pursuing various strategic alternatives.

During the first three quarters of 2008, cash (including restricted cash) and cash equivalents decreased \$2.5 million primarily as a result of \$10.4 million used in operations, offset by \$8.0 million received from the sale of a majority of our patent portfolio.

Our restricted cash relates to a certificate of deposit to guarantee a letter of credit outstanding related to our workers' compensation program. This commitment expires on April 1, 2009. During the first quarter of 2008, the amount of the outstanding letter of credit and related restricted cash balance decreased \$1.3 million to \$1.7 million at September 30, 2008 as a result of a reduction in the potential workers' compensation liability as determined by our insurance carrier.

Liabilities of discontinued operations at September 30, 2008 consisted of the following (in thousands):

Lease termination and other lease obligations	\$ 429
Contract termination charges	20
Other	221
	\$ 670

We currently anticipate that cash payments associated with lease termination and other lease obligations will be paid through September 2009. In addition to the accrued leases payable, future operating lease payments not required to be reflected on our balance sheet totaled approximately \$27,000, net of estimated sublease income, at September 30, 2008.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

Other than as described in Note 13 "Revenue Recognition" of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q, our critical accounting policies and estimates as reported in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 are unchanged.

### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a material current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources. Our operating lease payments are not considered off-balance sheet arrangements.

### **NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

See Note 11 "New Accounting Pronouncements" of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

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

#### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management has evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in our Exchange Act reports is (1) recorded, processed, summarized and reported in a timely manner, and (2) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our last fiscal quarter that has materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II**

### **ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Proceedings before the United States Tax Court and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance are discussed in Note 8 Commitments and Contingencies of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

### **ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

The following exhibits are filed herewith and this list is intended to constitute the exhibit index:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

Date: November 14, 2008

METRO ONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Registrant)

/s/ WILLIAM K. HERGENHAN

William K. Hergenhan

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)