

BIOLASE TECHNOLOGY INC

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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 000-19627**

**BIOLASE TECHNOLOGY, INC.**  
**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation or organization)**

**87-0442441**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**4 Cromwell**  
**Irvine, California 92618**  
**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**  
**(949) 361-1200**

**(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 ☐

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 the definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☐ Accelerated filer ☒ Non-accelerated filer ☐ Smaller reporting company ☐  
(Do not check if a 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 ☒

Number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock, \$0.001 par value, as of November 5, 2008:  
24,244,201

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**BIOLASE TECHNOLOGY, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)**  
(in thousands, except per share data)

|                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>September 30,<br/>2008</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2007</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                                                                                                                      |                               |                              |
| <b>Current assets:</b>                                                                                                                                             |                               |                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                                                                                          | \$ 15,485                     | \$ 14,566                    |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance of \$526 and \$1,033 in 2008 and 2007, respectively                                                                            | 4,792                         | 11,266                       |
| Inventory, net                                                                                                                                                     | 11,856                        | 7,627                        |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets                                                                                                                          | 912                           | 2,317                        |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                                                                                                                                        | <b>33,045</b>                 | <b>35,776</b>                |
| Property, plant and equipment, net                                                                                                                                 | 3,667                         | 4,040                        |
| Intangible assets, net                                                                                                                                             | 930                           | 1,208                        |
| Goodwill                                                                                                                                                           | 2,926                         | 2,926                        |
| Deferred tax asset                                                                                                                                                 | 68                            | 50                           |
| Other assets                                                                                                                                                       | 307                           | 308                          |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                                                                                                                                | <b>\$ 40,943</b>              | <b>\$ 44,308</b>             |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>                                                                                                                        |                               |                              |
| <b>Current liabilities:</b>                                                                                                                                        |                               |                              |
| Line of credit                                                                                                                                                     | \$ 4,410                      | \$ 3,552                     |
| Accounts payable                                                                                                                                                   | 8,302                         | 6,151                        |
| Accrued liabilities                                                                                                                                                | 7,759                         | 9,431                        |
| Deferred revenue, current portion                                                                                                                                  | 3,578                         | 5,649                        |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>24,049</b>                 | <b>24,783</b>                |
| Deferred tax liabilities                                                                                                                                           | 397                           | 342                          |
| Deferred revenue, long-term                                                                                                                                        | 1,688                         | 2,236                        |
| Other liabilities, long-term                                                                                                                                       | 329                           | 456                          |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                                                                                                                           | <b>26,463</b>                 | <b>27,817</b>                |
| <b>Stockholders' equity:</b>                                                                                                                                       |                               |                              |
| Preferred stock, par value \$0.001, 1,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding                                                                      |                               |                              |
| Common stock, par value \$0.001, 50,000 shares authorized; 26,208 and 25,967 shares issued and 24,244 and 24,003 shares outstanding in 2008 and 2007, respectively | 27                            | 26                           |
| Additional paid-in capital                                                                                                                                         | 115,281                       | 113,430                      |
| Accumulated other comprehensive gain                                                                                                                               | 34                            | 54                           |
| Accumulated deficit                                                                                                                                                | (84,463)                      | (80,620)                     |

|                                                   |           |           |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                   | 30,879    | 32,890    |
| Treasury stock (cost of 1,964 shares repurchased) | (16,399)  | (16,399)  |
| <b>Total stockholders' equity</b>                 | 14,480    | 16,491    |
| <b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b> | \$ 40,943 | \$ 44,308 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**BIOLASE TECHNOLOGY, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)**  
**(in thousands, except per share data)**

|                                                       | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |             | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                       | <b>2008</b>                                 | <b>2007</b> | <b>2008</b>                                | <b>2007</b> |
| Products and services revenue                         | \$ 14,418                                   | \$ 11,910   | \$ 50,250                                  | \$ 43,158   |
| License fees and royalty revenue                      | 868                                         | 902         | 2,740                                      | 2,891       |
| Net revenue                                           | 15,286                                      | 12,812      | 52,990                                     | 46,049      |
| Cost of revenue                                       | 7,755                                       | 6,228       | 25,770                                     | 21,318      |
| Gross profit                                          | 7,531                                       | 6,584       | 27,220                                     | 24,731      |
| Operating expenses:                                   |                                             |             |                                            |             |
| Sales and marketing                                   | 5,615                                       | 6,292       | 16,272                                     | 19,619      |
| General and administrative                            | 3,165                                       | 2,602       | 9,640                                      | 7,781       |
| Engineering and development                           | 1,313                                       | 1,279       | 4,045                                      | 3,686       |
| Legal settlement and fees                             | 1,232                                       |             | 1,232                                      |             |
| Total operating expenses                              | 11,325                                      | 10,173      | 31,189                                     | 31,086      |
| Loss from operations                                  | (3,794)                                     | (3,589)     | (3,969)                                    | (6,355)     |
| (Loss) gain on foreign currency transactions          | (637)                                       | (34)        | 204                                        | 34          |
| Interest income                                       | 26                                          | 156         | 110                                        | 434         |
| Interest expense                                      | (35)                                        | (3)         | (95)                                       | (26)        |
| Non-operating (expense) income, net                   | (646)                                       | 119         | 219                                        | 442         |
| Loss before income tax provision                      | (4,440)                                     | (3,470)     | (3,750)                                    | (5,913)     |
| Income tax provision                                  | 50                                          | 38          | 92                                         | 219         |
| Net loss                                              | \$ (4,490)                                  | \$ (3,508)  | \$ (3,842)                                 | \$ (6,132)  |
| Net loss per share:                                   |                                             |             |                                            |             |
| Basic                                                 | \$ (0.19)                                   | \$ (0.15)   | \$ (0.16)                                  | \$ (0.26)   |
| Diluted                                               | \$ (0.19)                                   | \$ (0.15)   | \$ (0.16)                                  | \$ (0.26)   |
| Shares used in the calculation of net loss per share: |                                             |             |                                            |             |
| Basic                                                 | 24,244                                      | 23,887      | 24,155                                     | 23,840      |
| Diluted                                               | 24,244                                      | 23,887      | 24,155                                     | 23,840      |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**BIOLASE TECHNOLOGY, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)**  
(in thousands)

|                                                                                                                | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                                                                                | <b>2008</b>                                | <b>2007</b>      |
| <b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>                                                                   |                                            |                  |
| Net Loss                                                                                                       | \$ (3,842)                                 | \$ (6,132)       |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) operating activities: |                                            |                  |
| Depreciation and amortization                                                                                  | 1,440                                      | 1,410            |
| Residual cost of demo equipment sold                                                                           | 22                                         | 82               |
| Recovery for bad debts                                                                                         | (71)                                       | (352)            |
| Stock-based compensation                                                                                       | 1,317                                      | 952              |
| Other non-cash compensation                                                                                    | 2                                          |                  |
| Deferred income taxes                                                                                          | 33                                         | 73               |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:                                                                   |                                            |                  |
| Accounts receivable                                                                                            | 6,526                                      | 8,176            |
| Inventory                                                                                                      | (4,229)                                    | (3,000)          |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets                                                                              | 570                                        | 229              |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                                                                       | 1,217                                      | (3,637)          |
| Deferred revenue                                                                                               | (2,610)                                    | (1,358)          |
| Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) operating activities                                       | 375                                        | (3,557)          |
| <b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</b>                                                                   |                                            |                  |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment                                                                     | (833)                                      | (631)            |
| Net cash and cash equivalents used in investing activities                                                     | (833)                                      | (631)            |
| <b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities:</b>                                                                   |                                            |                  |
| Borrowings under line of credit                                                                                | 15,175                                     |                  |
| Payments under line of credit                                                                                  | (14,317)                                   |                  |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options and warrants                                                           | 533                                        | 476              |
| Net cash and cash equivalents provided by financing activities                                                 | 1,391                                      | 476              |
| Effect of exchange rate changes                                                                                | (14)                                       | 926              |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>                                                        | <b>919</b>                                 | <b>(2,786)</b>   |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>                                                            | <b>14,566</b>                              | <b>14,676</b>    |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>                                                                | <b>\$ 15,485</b>                           | <b>\$ 11,890</b> |
| <b>Supplemental cash flow disclosure:</b>                                                                      |                                            |                  |
| Cash paid during the period for:                                                                               |                                            |                  |
| Interest                                                                                                       | \$ 95                                      | \$ 26            |

|              |    |     |    |     |
|--------------|----|-----|----|-----|
| Income taxes | \$ | 170 | \$ | 203 |
|--------------|----|-----|----|-----|

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**BIOLASE TECHNOLOGY, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)**

**NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

**The Company**

BIOLASE Technology Inc., or the Company or Biolase, incorporated in Delaware in 1987, is a medical technology company operating in one business segment that designs, manufactures and markets advanced dental, cosmetic and surgical lasers and related products.

**Basis of Presentation**

The unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of BIOLASE Technology, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries and have been prepared on a basis consistent with the December 31, 2007 audited consolidated financial statements and include all material adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments and the elimination of all material intercompany transactions and balances, necessary to fairly present the information set forth therein. These unaudited, interim, consolidated financial statements do not include all the footnotes, presentations and disclosures normally required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or GAAP, for complete consolidated financial statements. Certain amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation.

**Fair Value Measurements**

Effective January 1, 2008, we adopted FAS 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, or FAS 157, which defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. FAS 157 establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. This hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. This includes certain pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies and similar techniques that use significant unobservable inputs.

Our adoption of FAS 157 did not have an impact on our financial position or results of operations. On February 12, 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position No. FAS 157-2, or FSP 157-2. FSP 157-2 delays the effective date of FAS 157 for non-financial assets and liabilities, as defined, to fiscal years beginning after November 1, 2008. We do not believe that the adoption of the provisions of FSP 157-2 will materially impact our consolidated financial position and consolidated results of operations.

On October 10, 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. FAS 157-3, *Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset in a Market that is Not Active* or FSP 157-3, which clarifies the application of FAS 157 in an inactive market and provides an illustrative example to demonstrate how the fair value of a financial asset is determined when the market for that financial asset is inactive. FSP 157-3 was issued on October 10, 2008 and is effective upon issuance, including prior periods for which financial statements have not been issued. The adoption of FAS 157-3 had no impact on our financial statements.

Effective January 1, 2008, we adopted FAS 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB Statement 115*, or FAS 159, which provides entities the option to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. Entities that choose the fair value option will recognize unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option was elected in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. We have

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currently chosen not to elect the fair value option for any items that are not already required to be measured at fair value in accordance with GAAP.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes. Significant estimates in these consolidated financial statements include allowances on accounts receivable, inventory and deferred taxes, as well as estimates for accrued warranty expenses, the realizability of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets, effects of stock-based compensation and the provision or benefit for income taxes. Due to the inherent uncertainty involved in making estimates, actual results reported in future periods may differ materially from those estimates.

**NOTE 2 RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In December 2007, the FASB issued FAS 141 (revised 2007), *Business Combinations*, or FAS 141(R), which expands the definition of a business and a business combination, requires the fair value of the purchase price of an acquisition including the issuance of equity securities to be determined on the acquisition date, requires that all assets, liabilities, contingent consideration, contingencies and in-process research and development costs of an acquired business be recorded at fair value at the acquisition date, requires that acquisition costs generally be expensed as incurred, requires that restructuring costs generally be expensed in periods subsequent to the acquisition date, and requires changes in accounting for deferred tax asset valuation allowances and acquired income tax uncertainties after the measurement period to impact income tax expense. FAS 141(R) is effective for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. We do not believe that the adoption of the provisions of FAS 141(R) will materially impact our consolidated financial position and consolidated results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued FAS 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an Amendment of ARB No. 51*, or FAS 160, which changes the accounting and reporting for minority interests such that minority interests will be recharacterized as noncontrolling interests and will be required to be reported as a component of equity, and requires that purchases or sales of equity interests that do not result in a change in control be accounted for as equity transactions and, upon a loss of control, requires the interest sold, as well as any interest retained, to be recorded at fair value with any gain or loss recognized in earnings. FAS 160 is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008 and interim periods within those years. We do not believe that the adoption of the provisions of FAS 160 will materially impact our consolidated financial position and consolidated results of operations.

In March 2008, the FASB issued FAS 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, or FAS 161. FAS 161 requires additional disclosures related to the use of derivative instruments, the accounting for derivatives and how derivatives impact financial statements. FAS 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting FAS 161 on our consolidated financial statements.

**NOTE 3 STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION AND PER SHARE INFORMATION****Stock-Based Compensation**

We have three stock-based compensation plans – the 1990 Stock Option Plan, the 1993 Stock Option Plan and the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan. The 1990 and 1993 Stock Option Plans have been terminated with respect to granting additional stock options. Under these plans, stock options are awarded to certain officers, directors and employees of the Company at the discretion of the Company's management and/or Board of Directors. Options to employees generally vest on a quarterly basis over three years.

Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted the provisions of FAS 123 (revised), *Share-Based Payment*, or FAS 123R, using a modified prospective transition method. Compensation cost related to stock options recognized in operating results under FAS 123R during the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$424,000 and \$262,000, respectively. The net impact to earnings for those periods was \$(0.02) and \$(0.01) per basic and diluted share, respectively. Compensation cost related to stock options recognized in operating results under FAS 123R during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$1.32 million and \$952,000, respectively. The net impact to

earnings for those periods was \$(0.06) and \$(0.04) per basic and diluted share, respectively. At September 30, 2008, we had \$2.6 million of total unrecognized compensation

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cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to unvested share-based compensation arrangements granted under our existing plans. We expect that cost to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.1 years.

The following table summarizes the income statement classification of compensation expense associated with share-based payments (in thousands):

|                             | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |        | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|
|                             | 2008                                | 2007   | 2008                               | 2007   |
| Cost of revenue             | \$ 41                               | \$ 17  | \$ 126                             | \$ 99  |
| Sales and marketing         | 120                                 | 94     | 357                                | 281    |
| General and administrative  | 223                                 | 133    | 712                                | 507    |
| Engineering and development | 40                                  | 18     | 122                                | 65     |
|                             | \$ 424                              | \$ 262 | \$ 1,317                           | \$ 952 |

The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. Our options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate. For options granted prior and subsequent to January 1, 2006, we did and expect to continue to estimate their fair values using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. This option pricing model requires us to make several assumptions regarding the key variables used in the model to calculate the fair value of our stock options. The risk-free interest rate used by us is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect for the expected lives of the options at their dates of grant. Beginning July 1, 2005, we have used a dividend yield of zero as we do not intend to pay dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. The most critical assumption used in calculating the fair value of stock options is the expected volatility of our common stock. We believe that the historic volatility of our common stock is a reliable indicator of future volatility, and accordingly, have used a stock volatility factor based on the historical volatility of our common stock over a period of time approximating the estimated lives of our stock options. The expected term is estimated by analyzing our historical share option exercise experience over a five year period, in accordance with the provisions of SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin 107. Compensation expense is recognized using the straight-line method for all stock-based awards issued after January 1, 2006 or unvested as of January 1, 2006. Compensation expense is recognized only for those options expected to vest, with forfeitures estimated at the date of grant based on our historical experience and future expectations. FAS 123R requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of the grant and revised as necessary in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

The stock option fair values were estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

|                           | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |       | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |       |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|
|                           | 2008                                | 2007  | 2008                               | 2007  |
| Expected term (years)     | 5.15                                | 4.65  | 5.06                               | 4.58  |
| Volatility                | 65%                                 | 60%   | 66%                                | 59%   |
| Annual dividend per share | \$                                  | \$    | \$                                 | \$    |
| Risk-free interest rate   | 3.08%                               | 4.52% | 3.12%                              | 4.78% |

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A summary of option activity under our stock option plans for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 is as follows:

|                                                                 | Shares    | Weighted<br>average<br>exercise<br>price | Weighted<br>average<br>remaining<br>contractual<br>term<br>(years) | Aggregate<br>intrinsic<br>value |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Options outstanding at December 31, 2007                        | 4,411,000 | \$ 6.30                                  |                                                                    |                                 |
| Plus: Options granted                                           | 1,056,000 | \$ 2.94                                  |                                                                    |                                 |
| Less:                                                           |           |                                          |                                                                    |                                 |
| Options exercised                                               | (240,000) | \$ 2.21                                  |                                                                    |                                 |
| Options canceled or expired                                     | (815,000) | \$ 8.20                                  |                                                                    |                                 |
| Options outstanding at September 30, 2008                       | 4,412,000 | \$ 5.37                                  | 6.49                                                               | \$                              |
| Options exercisable at September 30, 2008                       | 2,581,000 | \$ 6.42                                  | 4.56                                                               | \$                              |
| Options expired during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 | 622,000   | \$ 7.55                                  |                                                                    |                                 |

Cash proceeds along with fair value disclosures related to grants, exercises and vesting options are provided in the following table (in thousands, except per share amounts):

|                                                              | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |         | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------|
|                                                              | 2008                                | 2007    | 2008                               | 2007     |
| Proceeds from stock options exercised                        | \$ 9                                | \$ 17   | \$ 533                             | \$ 476   |
| Tax benefit related to stock options exercised (1)           | N/A                                 | N/A     | N/A                                | N/A      |
| Intrinsic value of stock options exercised (2)               | \$ 5                                | \$ 1    | \$ 351                             | \$ 311   |
| Weighted-average fair value of options granted during period | \$ 1.63                             | \$ 3.73 | \$ 1.68                            | \$ 3.46  |
| Total fair value of shares vested during the period          | \$ 317                              | \$ 280  | \$ 1,010                           | \$ 1,062 |

(1) FAS 123R requires that the excess tax benefits received related to stock option exercises be presented as financing cash inflows. We currently do not receive a tax benefit related

to the exercise  
of stock options  
due to our net  
operating losses.

- (2) The intrinsic  
value of stock  
options  
exercised is the  
amount by  
which the  
market price of  
the stock on the  
date of exercise  
exceeded the  
market price of  
the stock on the  
date of grant.

A summary of the status of our unvested options as of December 31, 2007, and changes during the nine months ended September 30, 2008, is presented below:

|                                        | Unvested Options | Options   | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Grant-<br>Date Fair<br>Value |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Unvested options at December 31, 2007  |                  | 1,238,000 | \$ 2.59                                              |
| Granted                                |                  | 1,056,000 | \$ 1.68                                              |
| Vested                                 |                  | (370,000) | \$ 2.73                                              |
| Forfeited                              |                  | (93,000)  | \$ 3.32                                              |
| Unvested options at September 30, 2008 |                  | 1,831,000 | \$ 2.00                                              |

**Table of Contents****Net Income (Loss) Per Share Basic and Diluted**

Basic net loss per share is computed by dividing loss available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. In computing diluted net loss per share, the weighted average number of shares outstanding is adjusted to reflect the effect of potentially dilutive securities.

Outstanding stock options and warrants to purchase 4,492,000 shares and 3,977,000 shares were not included in the computation of diluted loss per share amounts for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively, as their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

**NOTE 4 INVENTORY**

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market (determined by the first-in, first-out method) and is comprised of the following (in thousands):

|                 | September<br>30,<br>2008 | December<br>31,<br>2007 |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Raw materials   | \$ 4,443                 | \$ 3,194                |
| Work-in-process | 2,583                    | 784                     |
| Finished goods  | 4,830                    | 3,649                   |
| Inventory, net  | \$ 11,856                | \$ 7,627                |

Inventory is net of the provision for excess and obsolete inventory of \$724,000 at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

**NOTE 5 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Property, plant and equipment, net is comprised of the following (in thousands):

|                                           | September<br>30,<br>2008 | December<br>31,<br>2007 |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Land                                      | \$ 345                   | \$ 352                  |
| Building                                  | 949                      | 967                     |
| Leasehold improvements                    | 920                      | 921                     |
| Equipment and computers                   | 5,562                    | 4,790                   |
| Furniture and fixtures                    | 1,028                    | 1,015                   |
| Construction in progress                  | 41                       | 44                      |
|                                           | 8,845                    | 8,089                   |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (5,178)                  | (4,049)                 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net        | \$ 3,667                 | 4,040                   |

Depreciation and amortization of property, plant and equipment was \$387,000 and \$1.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, and \$387,000 and \$1.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively.

Leasehold improvements include \$536,000 of tenant improvements paid by the landlord in connection with our primary facility lease during 2006.

**NOTE 6 INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND GOODWILL**

In accordance with FAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives are no longer subject to amortization but are tested for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. We conducted our annual impairment analysis of

goodwill and trade names as of June 30, 2008 and concluded there had not been any impairment of goodwill and no further impairment of

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tradenames. Subsequent to June 30, 2008, no triggering events have occurred that would have a material effect on the value of these assets.

Intangible assets with finite lives continue to be subject to amortization, and any impairment is determined in accordance with FAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*. We believe no event has occurred that would trigger an impairment of these intangible assets. We recorded amortization expense of \$93,000 and \$278,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, and \$90,000 and \$269,000, respectively, for the same periods in 2007. Other intangible assets consist of an acquired customer list and a non-compete agreement.

The following table presents details of the Company's intangible assets, related accumulated amortization and goodwill (in thousands):

|                      | As of September 30, 2008 |                             |            |          | As of December 31, 2007 |                             |            |          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------|
|                      | Gross                    | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Impairment | Net      | Gross                   | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Impairment | Net      |
| Patents              |                          |                             |            |          |                         |                             |            |          |
| (4-10 years)         | \$ 1,914                 | \$ (1,235)                  | \$         | \$ 679   | \$ 1,914                | \$ (1,038)                  | \$         | \$ 876   |
| Trademarks           |                          |                             |            |          |                         |                             |            |          |
| (6 years)            | 69                       | (69)                        |            |          | 69                      | (69)                        |            |          |
| Trade names          |                          |                             |            |          |                         |                             |            |          |
| (Indefinite life)    | 979                      |                             | (747)      | 232      | 979                     |                             | (747)      | 232      |
| Other (4 to 6 years) | 593                      | (574)                       |            | 19       | 593                     | (493)                       |            | 100      |
| Total                | \$ 3,555                 | \$ (1,878)                  | \$ (747)   | \$ 930   | \$ 3,555                | \$ (1,600)                  | \$ (747)   | \$ 1,208 |
| Goodwill             |                          |                             |            |          |                         |                             |            |          |
| (Indefinite life)    | \$ 2,926                 |                             |            | \$ 2,926 | \$ 2,926                |                             |            | \$ 2,926 |

**NOTE 7 ACCRUED LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED REVENUE**

Accrued liabilities are comprised of the following (in thousands):

|                               | September<br>30,<br>2008 | December<br>31,<br>2007 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Payroll and benefits          | \$ 2,167                 | \$ 3,297                |
| Warranty                      | 2,502                    | 1,987                   |
| Sales tax                     | 51                       | 171                     |
| Deferred rent credit          | 112                      | 112                     |
| Accrued professional services | 1,038                    | 1,410                   |
| Accrued insurance premium     | 106                      | 1,045                   |
| Other                         | 1,783                    | 1,409                   |
| Accrued liabilities           | \$ 7,759                 | \$ 9,431                |

Changes in the product warranty accrual, including expenses incurred under our warranties, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 were as follows (in thousands):

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|                                             | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |          | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |          |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
|                                             | 2008                                | 2007     | 2008                               | 2007     |
| Initial warranty accrual, beginning balance | \$ 2,279                            | \$ 2,370 | \$ 1,987                           | \$ 2,398 |
| Provision for estimated warranty cost       | 1,182                               | 391      | 3,635                              | 2,205    |
| Warranty expenditures                       | (959)                               | (740)    | (3,120)                            | (2,582)  |
| Initial warranty accrual, ending balance    | \$ 2,502                            | \$ 2,021 | \$ 2,502                           | \$ 2,021 |

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Deferred revenue is comprised of the following (in thousands):

|                                                                     | September<br>30,<br>2008 | December<br>31,<br>2007 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| License fee from Henry Schein, Inc. unamortized portion             | \$ 1,528                 | \$ 2,778                |
| License fee from Procter & Gamble unamortized portion               | 375                      | 1,500                   |
| Royalty advances from Procter & Gamble                              | 1,688                    | 1,125                   |
| Undelivered elements (training, installation and product) and other | 810                      | 1,329                   |
| Extended warranty contracts                                         | 865                      | 1,153                   |
| Total deferred revenue                                              | 5,266                    | 7,885                   |
| Less long-term amounts:                                             |                          |                         |
| License fee from Henry Schein, Inc.                                 |                          | (1,111)                 |
| Royalty advances from Procter & Gamble                              | (1,688)                  | (1,125)                 |
| Total deferred revenue, long-term                                   | (1,688)                  | (2,236)                 |
| Total deferred revenue, current portion                             | \$ 3,578                 | \$ 5,649                |

On August 8, 2006, we entered into a License and Distribution Agreement with Henry Schein, Inc., or HSIC, a large distributor of healthcare products to office-based practitioners, pursuant to which we granted HSIC the exclusive right to distribute our complete line of dental laser systems, accessories and services in the United States and Canada. Concurrent with the execution of the agreement, HSIC paid an upfront license fee of \$5.0 million. The agreement has an initial term of three years, following which HSIC has the option to extend the agreement for an additional three-year period under certain circumstances, including its satisfaction of the minimum purchase requirements during the full three-year period, and for an additional license fee of \$5.0 million. We are amortizing the initial \$5.0 million payment to *license fees and royalty revenue* on a straight-line basis over the three-year term of the agreement. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, we recognized \$417,000 and \$1.3 million, respectively, of the license fees.

Under the agreement, HSIC is obligated to meet certain minimum purchase requirements and is entitled to receive incentive payments if certain purchase targets are achieved. If HSIC has not met the minimum purchase requirements at the midpoint of each of the first two three-year periods, we will have the option, upon repayment of a portion of the license fee, to (i) shorten the remaining term of the agreement to one year, (ii) grant distribution rights held by HSIC to other persons (or distribute products ourselves), (iii) reduce certain discounts on products given to HSIC under the agreement and (iv) cease paying future incentive payments. We maintain the right to grant certain intellectual property rights to third parties, but by doing so may incur the obligation to refund a portion of the upfront license fee to HSIC.

On May 9, 2007, we entered into *Addendum 1 to License and Distribution Agreement* with HSIC, which addendum is effective as of April 1, 2007 and modifies the License and Distribution Agreement entered into with HSIC on August 8, 2006, to add the terms and conditions under which HSIC has the exclusive right to distribute our new *ezlase* diode dental laser system in the United States and Canada. In the addendum, separate minimum purchase requirements are established for the *ezlase*. If HSIC has not met the minimum purchase requirement for any 12-month period ending on March 31, we will have the option, upon 30 days written notice, to (i) convert *ezlase* distribution rights to a non-exclusive basis for a minimum period of one year, after which period we would have the option to withdraw *ezlase* distribution rights, and (ii) reduce the distributor discount on *ezlase* products.

On March 3, 2008, we entered into a second addendum to the HSIC agreement that modifies certain terms of the initial agreement as amended. Pursuant to the second addendum, HSIC is obligated to meet certain minimum purchase requirements and is entitled to receive incentive payments if certain purchase targets are achieved. If HSIC has not

met the minimum purchase requirements, we will have the option to (i) shorten the remaining term of the agreement to one year, (ii) grant distribution rights held by HSIC to other persons (or distribute products ourselves), (iii) reduce certain discounts on products given to HSIC under the agreement and (iv) cease paying future incentive payments. Additionally, under certain circumstances, if HSIC has not met the minimum purchase requirements, we have the right to purchase back the exclusive distributor rights granted to HSIC under the agreement. We also agreed to actively promote Henry Schein Financial Services as our exclusive leasing and financing partner.

Our recent addition to the Waterlase family of lasers, the C100, will be distributed in North America by HSIC. C100 purchases by HSIC will apply toward satisfying the aforementioned minimum purchase requirements.

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On June 29, 2006, we received a one-time payment from The Procter & Gamble Company, or P&G, of \$3.0 million for a license to certain of our patents pursuant to a binding letter agreement, subsequently replaced by a definitive agreement effective January 24, 2007, which was recorded as deferred revenue when received. In the event of a material uncured breach of the definitive agreement by us, we could be required to refund certain payments made to us under the agreement, including the \$3.0 million payment. The license fee from P&G is being amortized over a two-year period commencing January 25, 2007. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, \$375,000 and \$1.1 million, respectively, of the license fee was recognized in *license fees and royalty revenue*. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, \$375,000 and \$1.1 million, respectively, of the license fee was recognized. Additionally, P&G is required to make quarterly payments to us in the amount of \$250,000, beginning with a payment for the third quarter of 2006 and continuing until the first product under the agreement is shipped by P&G for large-scale commercial distribution in the United States. Seventy-five percent of each \$250,000 payment is being treated as prepaid royalties and is being credited against royalty payments owed to us, and the remainder is credited to revenue and represents services provided by us to P&G. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, \$63,000 and \$188,000, respectively, of the payments received was recognized in *license fees and royalty revenue*. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, \$63,000 and \$313,000, respectively, of the payments received was recognized.

**NOTE 8 BANK LINE OF CREDIT AND DEBT**

On September 28, 2006, we entered into a Loan and Security Agreement or Loan Agreement with Comerica Bank, or the Lender which replaced the loan agreement previously held with Bank of the West. Under the Loan Agreement, the Lender agreed to extend a revolving loan, or the Revolving Line, to us in the maximum principal amount of \$10.0 million. Advances under the Revolving Line may not exceed the lesser of \$10.0 million or the Borrowing Base (80% of eligible accounts receivable and 35% of eligible inventory), less any amounts outstanding under letters of credit or foreign exchange contract reserves. Notwithstanding the foregoing, advances of up to \$6.0 million may be made without regard to the Borrowing Base. On October 5, 2007, we entered into an Amendment to the Loan Agreement which extends the agreement for an additional year. The entire unpaid principal amount plus any accrued but unpaid interest and all other amounts due under the Loan Agreement are due and payable in full on September 28, 2009 or the Maturity Date, but can be extended by us for an additional year upon Lender approval. Our obligations under the Loan Agreement bear interest on the outstanding daily balance thereof at one of the following rates, to be selected by us: (i) LIBOR plus 2.50%, or (ii) prime rate, as announced by the Lender, plus 0.25%. As security for the payment and performance of our obligations under the Loan Agreement, we granted the Lender a first priority security interest in existing and later-acquired Collateral (as defined in the Loan Agreement, and which excludes intellectual property).

The Loan Agreement requires compliance with certain financial covenants, including: (i) minimum effective tangible net worth; (ii) maximum leverage ratio; (iii) minimum cash amount at Lender of \$6.0 million; and (iv) minimum liquidity ratio. The Loan Agreement also contains covenants that require Lender's prior written consent for us, among other things, to: (i) transfer any part of our business or property; (ii) make any changes in our location or name, or replace our CEO or CFO; (iii) consummate mergers or acquisitions; (iv) incur liens; or, (v) pay dividends or repurchase stock. The Loan Agreement contains customary events of default, any one of which will result in the right of the Lender to, among other things, accelerate all obligations under the Loan Agreement, set-off obligations under the Loan Agreement against any balances or deposits of ours held by the bank, or sell the collateral. We have obtained the Lender's consent for the termination of our former CEO in November 2007, the resignation of our former CFO in January 2008, the appointment of our successor CEO in January 2008 and the appointment of our successor CFO in April 2008 and were in compliance with all other covenants as of September 30, 2008.

As of September 30, 2008, \$4.4 million was outstanding under the Loan Agreement at an interest rate of 5.25% (the Lender's announced prime rate as of such date plus 0.25%). As of December 31, 2007, \$3.6 million was outstanding under the Loan Agreement at an interest rate of 7.5%.

Certain subsidiaries of ours have entered into unconditional guaranties, dated as of September 28, 2006, pursuant to which such subsidiaries have guaranteed the payment and performance of our obligations under the Loan Agreement.

In December 2007, we financed approximately \$1.1 million of insurance premiums payable in eleven equal monthly installments of approximately \$107,000 each, including a finance charge of 5.39%. As of September 30, 2008, we had approximately \$106,000 remaining as outstanding.

**Table of Contents****NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES****Litigation**

In January 2005, we acquired the intellectual property portfolio of Diodem, LLC, or Diodem, consisting of certain U.S. and international patents of which four were asserted against us, and settled the existing litigation between us and Diodem, for consideration of \$3.0 million in cash, 361,664 shares of common stock (valued at the common stock fair market value on the closing date of the transaction for a total of approximately \$3.5 million) and a five-year warrant exercisable into 81,037 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.06 per share. In addition, 45,208 additional shares of common stock were placed in escrow, to be released to Diodem, if certain criteria specified in the purchase agreement were satisfied in or before July 2006. As of March 31, 2006, we determined that it was probable that these shares of common stock would be released from escrow in or before July 2006. Accordingly, we recorded a patent infringement legal settlement charge of approximately \$348,000 in 2006. In July 2006, we released these shares from escrow. The common stock issued, the escrow shares of common stock and the warrant shares had certain registration rights, and a Registration Statement on Form S-3 was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, to register for sale any of these shares which remained unsold. This Registration Statement became effective on April 17, 2007. The total consideration had an estimated value of approximately \$7.4 million including the value of the patents acquired in January 2005. As of December 31, 2004, we accrued approximately \$6.4 million for the settlement of the existing litigation with \$3.0 million included in current liabilities and \$3.4 million recorded as a long-term liability. In January 2005, we recorded an intangible asset of \$0.5 million representing the estimated fair value of the intellectual property acquired. The estimated fair value of the patents was determined with the assistance of an independent valuation expert using a relief from royalty and a discounted cash flow methodology. As a result of the acquisition, Diodem immediately withdrew its patent infringement claims against us and the case was formally dismissed on May 31, 2005. We did not pay, and have no obligation to pay, any royalties to Diodem on past or future sales of our products, but we agreed to pay additional consideration if any of the acquired patents held by us are licensed to a third party by a certain date. In order to secure performance by us of these financial obligations, the parties entered into an intellectual property security agreement, pursuant to which, subject to the rights of existing creditors and the rights of any future creditors to the extent provided in the agreement, we granted Diodem a security interest in all of their rights, title and interest in the royalty patents. In September 2007, Diodem filed a motion with the U.S. District Court in the Central District of California requesting that the original case be reopened for limited discovery concerning Diodem's claims that we breached various of our obligations and representations in the settlement agreement and seeking damages in the range of \$3.85 million to \$5.2 million plus costs and attorneys fees incurred in recovering said alleged damages. The District Court denied Diodem's motion finding, in part, that if Diodem wishes to pursue claims for breach of the settlement agreement, it must file a new lawsuit for breach of contract. On February 20, 2008, Diodem filed a lawsuit for breach of the settlement agreement in Los Angeles Superior Court, naming us and a wholly-owned subsidiary, BL Acquisition II, Inc. as defendants. The complaint asserts two claims, both alleging breaches of the Agreement. Diodem seeks damages of not less than \$4.0 million. On April 28, 2008, together with BL Acquisition II, Inc., we filed demurrers and a motion to strike that, in essence, request the court to dismiss Diodem's complaint. On June 20, 2008 the Court denied the demurrers and the motion and on July 21, 2008 we filed an answer to the complaint denying the allegations. On October 15, 2008 the lawsuit was dismissed with prejudice by Diodem pursuant to a settlement agreement among the parties which resolves all claims in the litigation and provides that we will make four payments to Diodem totaling approximately \$950,000 through 2010, of which \$85,000 will be paid by our liability insurance carriers. In the settlement agreement, we denied any wrongdoing. The settlement agreement contains confidentiality provisions that limit disclosure of the terms of the settlement except as required by SEC rule or regulation, under GAAP or pursuant to court order or law. Related to this matter, we will incur approximately \$1.2 million in charges for the settlement and associated legal fees in the third quarter ended September 30, 2008, which reflects all the settlement payments to be made over the next two years.

National Laser Technology, Inc, or NLT, buys used dental lasers, predominately those originally sold by Biolase, and resells them to other dentists. On August 19, 2008, NLT brought an action against us in federal court in the Southern District of Indiana. NLT alleged that we violated Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act, Section 43(a) of the

Lanham Act, Section 17200 et seq. of the California Unfair Competition Act and tortiously interfered with NLT's business relationships and prospective business advantage. NLT seeks a monetary award of three times the unquantified damages that NLT has allegedly sustained because of our alleged Sherman Act violations, unquantified damages for the rest of the claims, punitive damages and preliminary and permanent injunctive relief. On October 6, 2008, we answered the complaint, asserted several affirmative defenses and filed a counterclaim. We alleged that NLT violated Sections 1114 and 1125(a) of the Lanham Act and Section 17200 et seq. of the California Unfair Competition Act. We seek unquantified damages and a permanent injunction. On October 21, 2008, NLT filed a motion for a preliminary injunction seeking to enjoin us from certain actions that NLT alleged violated section 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act. Discovery has not yet begun in the action. We intend to vigorously oppose all of NLT's claims and its motion for preliminary injunction.

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On December 19, 2005, we entered into a Vendor Agreement with National Technology Leasing Corporation, or NTLC, in which NTLC was designated as our Preferred Leasing/Financing Provider. In September 2006, we gave notice to NTLC of the termination of the Vendor Agreement, and subsequently entered into a financing and distribution agreement with Henry Schein, Inc. On August 26, 2008, NTLC filed a lawsuit against us, Henry Schein, Inc. and a former employee of NTLC in California Superior Court in Placer County. NTLC alleges that we breached the Vendor Agreement by failing to provide the required notice of termination and asserts a claim for damages without specifying an amount. On October 10, 2008, we answered the complaint and asserted several affirmative defenses. Discovery has not yet begun in the case. We intend to vigorously oppose NTLC's claim.

From time to time, we are involved in other legal proceedings incidental to our business, but at this time we are not party to any other litigation that is material to our business.

**Securities and Exchange Commission Inquiry**

Following the restatement of our financial statements in September 2003, we received, in late October 2003, and subsequently in 2003 and 2004, informal requests from the SEC to voluntarily provide information relating to the restatement. We have provided information to the SEC and intend to continue to cooperate in responding to the inquiry. In accordance with its normal practice, the SEC has not advised us when its inquiry may be concluded, and we are unable to predict the outcome of this inquiry.

**NOTE 10 SEGMENT INFORMATION**

We currently operate in a single business segment. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, sales in Europe, Middle East and Africa, or EMEA, accounted for approximately 7% of net revenue in each period, and sales in Canada, Asia, Latin America and Pacific Rim countries accounted for approximately 15% and 17%, respectively, of net revenue. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, sales in EMEA accounted for approximately 9% and 8%, respectively, of net revenue, and sales in Canada, Asia, Latin America and Pacific Rim countries accounted for approximately 18% and 29%, respectively, of net revenue.

Net revenue by geographic location based on the location of customers was as follows (in thousands):

|                                          | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |           | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |           |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                          | 2008                                | 2007      | 2008                               | 2007      |
| United States                            | \$ 11,854                           | \$ 9,360  | \$ 40,321                          | \$ 28,841 |
| Europe, Middle East, Africa              | 1,135                               | 1,182     | 3,920                              | 3,852     |
| Canada, Asia, Latin America, Pacific Rim | 2,297                               | 2,270     | 8,749                              | 13,356    |
|                                          | \$ 15,286                           | \$ 12,812 | \$ 52,990                          | \$ 46,049 |

Long-lived assets located outside of the United States at our foreign subsidiaries were \$1.2 million as of September 30, 2008 and \$1.3 million as of December 31, 2007.

**NOTE 11 CONCENTRATIONS**

Revenue from our Waterlase systems, our principal product, comprised 70% and 63% of total net revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, and 62% and 68% of total net revenues, respectively, for the same periods in 2007. Revenue from our Diolase systems comprised 13% and 19% of total revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, and 15% and 13%, for the same periods of 2007.

Approximately 75% and 70% of our revenue in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 was generated through sales to HSIC. Approximately 69% and 63% of our revenue in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 was generated through sales to HSIC. One international distributor accounted for approximately 5% and 13% of our revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

We maintain our cash and cash equivalents accounts with established commercial banks. Such cash deposits periodically exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit of \$250,000 for each depository.

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Accounts receivable concentrations have resulted from sales to HSIC and one international distributor that totaled \$1.0 million and \$1.1 million, or 20% and 23%, respectively, at September 30, 2008. Accounts receivable concentrations from sales to HSIC and one international distributor totaled \$6.0 million and \$1.6 million, or 53% and 14%, respectively, at December 31, 2007.

We currently buy certain key components of our products from single suppliers. Although there are a limited number of manufacturers of these key components, management believes that other suppliers could provide similar key components on comparable terms. A change in suppliers, however, could cause a delay in manufacturing and a possible loss of sales, which would adversely affect consolidated operating results.

**NOTE 12 COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**

Components of comprehensive income (loss) were as follows (in thousands):

|                                          | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |            | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |            |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|                                          | 2008                                | 2007       | 2008                               | 2007       |
| Net loss                                 | \$ (4,490)                          | \$ (3,508) | \$ (3,842)                         | \$ (6,132) |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income items: |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | (81)                                | 557        | (20)                               | 1,038      |
| Comprehensive loss                       | \$ (4,571)                          | \$ (2,951) | \$ (3,862)                         | \$ (5,094) |

**NOTE 13 INCOME TAXES**

In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation Number FIN 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109* or FIN 48. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, and provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. We adopted FIN 48 as of January 1, 2007, as required. We have elected to classify interest and penalties as a component of our income tax provision. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, we recognized a \$156,000 liability for unrecognized tax benefits, which was accounted for as an increase in the January 1, 2007 accumulated deficit balance. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, we recorded a decrease of \$43,000 in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits, including related estimates of penalties and interest as well as the lapse of a statute of limitations.

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**CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Quarterly Report contains forward-looking statements that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements pertaining to financial items, plans, strategies or objectives of management for future operations, our financial condition or prospects, and any other statement that is not historical fact, including any statement using terminology such as may, might, will, intend, should, could, would, expect, believe, estimate, predict, potential, plan, or the negativities of these terms or other comparative terminology. For all of the foregoing forward-looking statements, we claim the protection of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are only predictions and actual events or results may differ materially from our expectations for a number of reasons including those set forth under Risk Factors in Item 1A of this quarterly report and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. These forward-looking statements represent our judgment as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason.

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

*The following discussion of our results of operations and financial condition should be read together with the unaudited consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements included elsewhere in this report and our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements for the year ended December 31, 2007. This discussion may contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from the results anticipated in any forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those discussed in Risk Factors and elsewhere in this report.*

**Overview**

We are a medical technology company that develops, manufactures and markets lasers and related products focused on technologies for improved applications and procedures in dentistry and medicine. In particular, our principle products provide dental laser systems that allow dentists, periodontists, endodontists, oral surgeons and other specialists to perform a broad range of dental procedures, including cosmetic and complex surgical applications. Our systems are designed to provide clinically superior performance for many types of dental procedures, with less pain and faster recovery times than are generally achieved with drills, scalpels and other traditional dental instruments. We have clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, to market our laser systems in the United States and also have the necessary approvals to sell our laser systems in Canada, the European Union and certain other international markets.

We offer two categories of laser system products: (i) Waterlase family of products and (ii) Diolase family of products. Our flagship product category, the Waterlase family of products, uses a patented combination of water and laser to perform most procedures currently performed using dental drills, scalpels and other traditional dental instruments for cutting soft and hard tissue including bone. We also offer our Diolase family of diode laser system products to perform soft tissue and cosmetic procedures, including tooth whitening.

On August 8, 2006, we entered into a License and Distribution Agreement with Henry Schein, Inc., or HSIC, a large distributor of healthcare products to office-based practitioners, pursuant to which we granted HSIC the exclusive right to distribute our complete line of dental laser systems, accessories and services in the United States and Canada. The agreement has an initial term of three years, following which it will automatically renew for an additional period of three years, provided that HSIC has achieved its minimum purchase requirements. Under the agreement, HSIC is obligated to meet certain minimum purchase requirements and is entitled to receive incentive payments if certain purchase targets are achieved. If HSIC has not met the minimum purchase requirements at the midpoint of each of the first two three-year periods, we will have the option, upon repayment of a portion of the license fee, to (i) shorten the remaining term of the agreement to one year, (ii) grant distribution rights held by HSIC to other persons (or distribute products ourselves), (iii) reduce certain discounts on products given to HSIC under the agreement and (iv) cease paying future incentive payments. We maintain the right to grant certain intellectual property rights to third parties, but by doing so may incur the obligation to refund a portion of the upfront license fee to HSIC.

On May 9, 2007, we entered into *Addendum 1 to License and Distribution Agreement* with HSIC, which addendum was effective as of April 1, 2007 and modified the License and Distribution Agreement entered into with HSIC on

August 8, 2006, to add the terms and conditions under which HSIC has the exclusive right to distribute our new *ezlase* diode dental laser system in the United States and Canada. In the addendum, separate minimum purchase requirements are established for

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the *ezlase* system. If HSIC has not met the minimum purchase requirement for any 12-month period ending on March 31, we will have the option, upon 30 days written notice, to (i) convert *ezlase* distribution rights to a non-exclusive basis for a minimum period of one year, after which period we would have the option to withdraw *ezlase* distribution rights, and (ii) reduce the distributor discount on *ezlase* products.

On March 3, 2008, we entered into a second addendum to the HSIC agreement that modifies certain terms of the initial agreement as amended. Pursuant to the second addendum, HSIC is obligated to meet certain minimum purchase requirements and is entitled to receive incentive payments if certain purchase targets are achieved. If HSIC has not met the minimum purchase requirements, we will have the option to (i) shorten the remaining term of the Agreement to one year, (ii) grant distribution rights held by HSIC to other persons (or distribute products ourselves), (iii) reduce certain discounts on products given to HSIC under the Agreement and (iv) cease paying future incentive payments. Additionally, under certain circumstances, if HSIC has not met the minimum purchase requirements, we have the right to purchase back the exclusive distributor rights granted to HSIC under the agreement. We also agreed to actively promote Henry Schein Financial Services as our exclusive leasing and financing partner.

Our recent addition to the Waterlase family of lasers, the C100, will be distributed in North America by HSIC. C100 purchases by HSIC will apply towards satisfying the aforementioned minimum purchase requirements.

We intend to augment the activities of HSIC in the United States and Canada with the efforts of our direct sales force; however, our future revenue will be largely dependent upon the efforts and success of HSIC in selling our products. Since September 1, 2006, nearly all of our domestic sales were made through HSIC and we expect this to continue for the foreseeable future. We cannot assure you that HSIC will devote sufficient resources to selling our products or, even if sufficient resources are directed to our products, that such efforts will be sufficient to increase net revenue.

## **Critical Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires us to make judgments, assumptions and estimates that affect the amounts reported. The following is a summary of those accounting policies that we believe are necessary to understand and evaluate our reported consolidated financial results.

**Revenue Recognition.** Effective September 1, 2006, nearly all of our domestic sales are to HSIC; prior to this date, we sold our products directly to customers through our direct sales force. Internationally, we sell products through direct sales representatives and through distributors. We recognize revenue in accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 104, *Revenue Recognition*, which requires that four basic criteria must be met before revenue can be recognized: (i) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (ii) delivery has occurred and title and the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to our customer, or services have been rendered; (iii) the price is fixed or determinable; and (iv) collectibility is reasonably assured.

We apply Emerging Issues Task Force, or EITF, 00-21, *Accounting for Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables*, which requires us to evaluate whether the separate deliverables in our arrangements can be unbundled in our revenue recognition. Sales of our Waterlase systems include separate deliverables consisting of the product, disposables used with the Waterlase system, installation and training. For these sales, we apply the residual value method, which requires us to allocate to the delivered elements the total arrangement consideration less the fair value of the undelivered elements. Sales of our Diolase systems include separate deliverables consisting of the product, disposables and training. For these sales, we apply the relative fair value method, which requires us to allocate the total arrangement consideration to the relative fair value of each element. Revenue attributable to the undelivered elements, primarily training and installation, are included in deferred revenue when the product is shipped and are recognized when the related service is performed or upon expiration of time offered under the agreement.

The key judgment related to our revenue recognition relates to the collectibility of payment from the customer. We evaluate the customer's credit worthiness prior to the shipment of the product. Based on our assessment of the credit information available to us, we may determine the credit risk is higher than normally acceptable, and we will either decline the purchase or defer the revenue until payment is reasonably assured.

Although all sales are final, we accept returns of products in certain, limited circumstances and record a provision for sales returns based on historical experience concurrent with the recognition of revenue. The sales returns

allowance is recorded as a reduction of accounts receivable and revenue.

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We recognize revenue for royalties under licensing agreements for our patented technology when the product using our technology is sold. We estimate and recognize the amount earned based on historical performance and current knowledge about the business operations of our licensees. Our estimates have been consistent with amounts historically reported by the licensees.

We may offer sales incentives and promotions on our products. We apply EITF 01-09, *Accounting for Consideration Given by a Vendor to a Customer (Including a Reseller of the Vendor's Products)*, in determining the appropriate treatment of the related costs of these programs.

*Commissions.* Commission expense is recorded in the sales and marketing category and is recorded when the liability is incurred.

*Accounting for Stock-Based Payments.* Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standard 123 (revised), *Share-Based Payment*, or FAS 123R, using the modified prospective transition method. Prior to the adoption of FAS 123R, we accounted for share-based payments to employees using the intrinsic value method under Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, or APB 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and the related interpretations. Under the provisions of APB 25, stock option awards were accounted for using fixed plan accounting whereby we recognized no compensation expense for stock option awards because the exercise price of options granted was equal to the fair value of the common stock at the date of grant. In March 2005, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin 107, or SAB 107, regarding the SEC Staff's interpretation of FAS 123R, which provides the Staff's views regarding interactions between FAS 123R and certain SEC rules and regulations and provides interpretations of the valuation of share-based payments for public companies. We have incorporated the provisions of SAB 107 in our adoption of FAS 123R.

Under the modified prospective transition method, the provisions of FAS 123R apply to new awards and to awards outstanding on January 1, 2006 and subsequently modified, repurchased or cancelled. Under the modified prospective transition method, compensation expense recognized in 2006 includes compensation costs for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of FAS 123, and compensation costs for all share-based payments granted subsequent to January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of FAS 123R. Prior periods were not restated to reflect the impact of adopting the new standard.

*Valuation of Accounts Receivable.* We maintain an allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable to estimate the risk of extending credit to customers. We evaluate our allowance for doubtful accounts based upon our knowledge of customers and their compliance with credit terms. The evaluation process includes a review of customers' accounts on a regular basis which incorporates input from sales, service and finance personnel. The review process evaluates all account balances with amounts outstanding 60 days and other specific amounts for which information obtained indicates that the balance may be uncollectible. The allowance for doubtful accounts is adjusted based on such evaluation, with a corresponding provision included in general and administrative expenses. Account balances are charged off against the allowance when we feel it is probable the receivable will not be recovered. We do not have any off-balance-sheet credit exposure related to our customers.

*Valuation of Inventory.* Inventory is valued at the lower of cost, determined using the first-in, first-out method, or market. We periodically evaluate the carrying value of inventory and maintain an allowance for excess and obsolete inventory to adjust the carrying value as necessary to the lower of cost or market. We evaluate quantities on hand, physical condition and technical functionality, as these characteristics may be impacted by anticipated customer demand for current products and new product introductions. Unfavorable changes in estimates of excess and obsolete inventory would result in an increase in cost of revenue and a decrease in gross profit.

*Valuation of Long-Lived Assets.* Property, plant and equipment, and certain intangibles with finite lives are amortized over their useful lives. Useful lives are based on our estimate of the period that the assets will generate revenue or otherwise productively support our business goals. We monitor events and changes in circumstances which could indicate that the carrying balances of long-lived assets may exceed the undiscounted expected future cash flows from those assets. If such a condition were to exist, we would recognize an impairment loss based on the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of the assets.

*Valuation of Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.* Goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives are not amortized but are tested for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. We conducted our annual impairment analysis of our goodwill and trade names as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and concluded there had been no impairment in trade names and no impairment in goodwill.

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*Warranty Cost.* Waterlase systems sold are covered by a warranty against defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year while our *ezlase* system warranty period is up to two years. Estimated warranty expenses are recorded as an accrued liability, with a corresponding provision to cost of revenue. This estimate is recognized concurrent with the recognition of revenue. The accrual is based on our historical experience and our expectation of future conditions. An increase in warranty claims or in the costs associated with servicing those claims would result in an increase in the accrual and a decrease in gross profit.

*Litigation and Other Contingencies.* We regularly evaluate our exposure to threatened or pending litigation and other business contingencies. Because of the uncertainties related to the amount of loss from litigation and other business contingencies, the recording of losses relating to such exposures requires significant judgment about the potential range of outcomes. As additional information about current or future litigation or other contingencies becomes available, we will assess whether such information warrants the recording of expense relating to contingencies. To be recorded as expense, a loss contingency must be both probable and reasonably estimable. If a loss contingency is material but is not both probable and estimable, we will disclose the matter in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

*Income Taxes.* Based upon our operating losses during 2007 and 2006 and the available evidence, management determined that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets as of September 30, 2008 will not be realized, excluding the foreign deferred assets. In this determination, we considered factors such as our earnings history, future projected earnings and tax planning strategies. If sufficient evidence of our ability to generate sufficient future taxable income tax benefits becomes apparent, we may reduce our valuation allowance, resulting in tax benefits in our statement of operations and in additional paid-in-capital. Management evaluates the potential realization of our deferred tax assets and assesses the need for reducing the valuation allowance periodically.

*Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements.* We have no off-balance sheet financing or contractual arrangements.

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The following table presents certain data from our consolidated statements of operations expressed as percentages of revenue:

|                                                    | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |         | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
|                                                    | 2008                                | 2007    | 2008                               | 2007    |
| <b>Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:</b> |                                     |         |                                    |         |
| Net revenue                                        | 100.0%                              | 100.0%  | 100.0%                             | 100.0%  |
| Cost of revenue                                    | 50.7                                | 48.6    | 48.6                               | 46.3    |
| Gross profit                                       | 49.3                                | 51.4    | 51.4                               | 53.7    |
| Operating expenses:                                |                                     |         |                                    |         |
| Sales and marketing                                | 36.7                                | 49.1    | 30.7                               | 42.6    |
| General and administrative                         | 20.7                                | 20.3    | 18.2                               | 16.9    |
| Engineering and development                        | 8.6                                 | 10.0    | 7.7                                | 8.0     |
| Legal settlement and fees                          | 8.1                                 |         | 2.3                                |         |
| Total operating expenses                           | 74.1                                | 79.4    | 58.9                               | 67.5    |
| Loss from operations                               | (24.8)                              | (28.0)  | (7.5)                              | (13.8)  |
| Non-operating income, net                          | (4.3)                               | 0.9     | 0.4                                | 1.0     |
| Loss before income tax provision                   | (29.1)                              | (27.1)  | (7.1)                              | (12.8)  |
| Income tax provision                               | 0.3                                 | 0.3     | 0.2                                | 0.5     |
| Net loss                                           | (29.4)%                             | (27.4)% | (7.3)%                             | (13.3)% |

The following table summarizes our net revenue by category (dollars in thousands):

|                         | Three Months Ended September 30, |      |           |      | Nine Months Ended September 30, |      |           |      |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------|-----------|------|---------------------------------|------|-----------|------|
|                         | 2008                             |      | 2007      |      | 2008                            |      | 2007      |      |
| Waterlase systems       | \$ 10,654                        | 70%  | \$ 7,906  | 62%  | \$ 33,631                       | 63%  | \$ 31,186 | 68%  |
| Diolase systems         | 1,989                            | 13%  | 1,985     | 15%  | 9,876                           | 19%  | 5,830     | 13%  |
| Non-laser systems       | 1,775                            | 11%  | 2,019     | 16%  | 6,743                           | 13%  | 6,142     | 13%  |
| Products and services   | 14,418                           | 94%  | 11,910    | 93%  | 50,250                          | 95%  | 43,158    | 94%  |
| License fee and royalty | 868                              | 6%   | 902       | 7%   | 2,740                           | 5%   | 2,891     | 6%   |
| Net revenue             | \$ 15,286                        | 100% | \$ 12,812 | 100% | \$ 52,990                       | 100% | \$ 46,049 | 100% |

**Three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007**

*Net Revenue.* Net revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$15.3 million, an increase of \$2.5 million, or 19%, as compared with net revenue of \$12.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007.

Laser system net revenue increased by approximately 28% in the quarter ended September 30, 2008 compared to the same quarter of 2007. Sales of our Waterlase systems increased \$2.7 million, or 35%, in the quarter ended

September 30, 2008 compared to the same period in 2007. Our Waterlase C100 system, which was released in the third quarter of 2008, accounted for the increase. Our Diolase family of products remained level in the third quarter of 2008 compared to the third quarter of 2007.

Non-laser system net revenue, which includes consumable products, as well as services revenues including advanced training programs, installation charges and extended service contracts, decreased by approximately \$244,000, or 12%, for the three months ended September 30, 2008 as compared to the same period of 2007. Consumable products revenue decreased \$170,000, or 16%, and services revenues decreased \$74,000, or 8%. The decrease in consumable products was due in part to special promotions on our tips and our newly launched gold hand pieces in the 2007 period.

License fees and royalty revenue decreased \$34,000, or 4%, in the quarter ended September 30, 2008 compared to the same quarter of 2007 resulting from lower estimated royalty revenue in the 2008 quarter.

Domestic revenues were \$11.9 million, or 78% of net revenue, for the three months ended September 30, 2008 versus \$9.4 million, or 73% of net revenue, for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The strengthened relationship and

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agreement with Henry Schein was a key component of the growth as well as our recently released Waterlase C100 laser system. International revenues for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 were \$3.4 million, or 22% of net revenue, as compared with \$3.5 million, or 27% of net revenue, for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit for the three months ended September 30, 2008 increased by \$947,000 to \$7.5 million, or 49% of net revenue, as compared with gross profit of \$6.6 million, or 51% of net revenue, for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease in gross margin is the result of discounts on sales of demonstration units of Waterlase C100. The margins were also reduced by sales mix of Waterlase C100 which have lower margins compared to the Waterlase MD.

*Operating Expenses.* Operating expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 increased by \$1.2 million, or 11%, to \$11.3 million as compared to \$10.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, and decreased as a percentage of net revenue to 74% from 79%. The increase is primarily due to legal settlement and fees associated with the Diadem matter of \$1.2 million in the third quarter of 2008. We continue to work on reducing expenses, but are also reinvesting in programs to drive sales.

*Sales and Marketing Expense.* Sales and marketing expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 decreased by \$677,000, or approximately 11%, to \$5.6 million, or 37% of net revenue, as compared with \$6.3 million, or 49% of net revenue, for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The largest decreases were in convention and seminars expenses which decreased by \$616,000.

*General and Administrative Expense.* General and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 increased by \$563,000, or 22%, to \$3.2 million, or 21% of net revenue, as compared with \$2.6 million, or 20% of net revenue, for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The increase in general and administrative expenses resulted primarily from higher legal expenses from various lawsuits and payroll expenses including non-cash stock based compensation and heightened patent activity.

*Engineering and Development Expense.* Engineering and development expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 increased by \$34,000, or 3%, to \$1.3 million, or 9% of net revenue, as compared with \$1.3 million, or 10% of net revenue, for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The increase is primarily related to building an internal team for new product introductions.

### *Non-Operating Income (Loss)*

*(Loss) gain on Foreign Currency Transactions.* We recognized a \$637,000 loss on foreign currency transactions for the three months ended September 30, 2008, compared to a \$34,000 loss on foreign currency transactions for the three months ended September 30, 2007 due to the treatment of intercompany balances as short term. The increase is due to changes in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the Euro, the Australian dollar and the New Zealand dollar and an increase in foreign currency denominated transactions and balances. We have not engaged in hedging transactions to offset foreign currency fluctuations. Therefore, we are at risk of changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the value of these foreign currencies.

In mid-October 2008, we significantly reduced the inter-company payable due from the foreign subsidiaries to us by making an approximately equal capital contribution which did not result in a significant change in global cash positions. Through the mid-October 2008 contribution date, foreign currency gains and losses continued. However, subsequent to the contribution date, foreign currency transactions gains and losses recorded on the remaining inter-company balances are expected to be significantly reduced.

*Interest Income.* Interest income resulted from interest earned on our cash and investments balances. Interest income for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$26,000 as compared with \$156,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease is the result of lower average cash balances during the 2008 period compared to the same period in 2007.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense consists primarily of interest on the financing of our business insurance premiums and interest on outstanding balances on our line of credit. Interest expense for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 was \$35,000 as compared to \$3,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2007.

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**Income Taxes.** An income tax provision of \$50,000 was recognized for the three months ended September 30, 2008 as compared with an income tax provision of \$38,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2007. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, we recognized a \$156,000 liability for unrecognized tax benefits, including related estimates of penalties and interest, which was accounted for as an increase in the January 1, 2007 accumulated deficit balance. For the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, we recorded an increase of \$2,000 and an increase of \$5,000, respectively, in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits, including related estimates of penalties and interest. As of September 30, 2008, we have a valuation allowance against our net deferred tax assets, excluding foreign operations, in the amount of \$27.3 million. Based upon our operating losses and the weight of the available evidence, management believes it is more likely than not that we will not realize all of these deferred tax assets.

### **Nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007**

**Net Revenue.** Net revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$53.0 million, an increase of \$6.9 million or 15% as compared with net revenue of \$46.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

Laser system net revenue increased by approximately 18% in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to the same period of 2007. Sales of our Waterlase systems increased \$2.4 million, or 8%, in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to the same period in 2007 as a result of sales of our recently released Waterlase C100 system. Sales of our Diolase family of products increased \$4.0 million, or 69%, in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to the same period of 2007. Our ezlase diode system, which was released in limited quantities in the first quarter of 2007, accounted for the increase.

Non-laser system net revenue increased by approximately \$601,000, or 10%, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 as compared to the same period of 2007. Consumable products revenue increased \$171,000, or 6%, and services revenues increased \$430,000, or 13%.

License fees and royalty revenue decreased approximately \$151,000 to \$2.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to \$2.9 million in the same period of 2007 resulting from additional license fees recorded in the 2007 period related to the P&G agreement.

Domestic revenues were \$40.3 million, or 76% of net revenue, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 versus \$28.8 million, or 63% of net revenue, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The strengthened relationship and agreement with Henry Schein along with sales of our recently released Waterlase C100 were key components of the growth. International revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were \$12.7 million, or 24% of net revenue, as compared with \$17.2 million, or 37% of net revenue, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The lower international sales were largely due to economic uncertainties and personnel turnover.

**Gross Profit.** Gross profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 increased by \$2.5 million to \$27.2 million, or 51% of net revenue, as compared with gross profit of \$24.7 million, or 54% of net revenue, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The improvement in gross profit dollars of \$2.5 million was primarily driven by a \$6.5 million laser revenue volume increase partially offset by discounts on demonstration unit sales.

**Operating Expenses.** Operating expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 increased by \$103,000 to \$31.2 million, or 59% of net revenue as compared to \$31.1 million, or 68% of net revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The increase is primarily due to legal settlement and fees associated with the Diodem matter of \$1.2 million in the third quarter of 2008 and increases in general and administrative expenses and engineering and development expenses related to improving our infrastructure and improving our intellectual property portfolio. These increases were almost completely offset as a result of our corrective actions taken in reducing sales and marketing expenses.

**Sales and Marketing Expense.** Sales and marketing expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 decreased by \$3.3 million, or approximately 17%, to \$16.3 million, or 31% of net revenue, as compared with \$19.6 million, or 43% of net revenue, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Major factors contributing to the change were a reduction of convention and seminars expenses of \$1.8 million as well as decreases in travel and entertainment expenses, advertising expenses and commission expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared with the same period of 2007.

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*General and Administrative Expense.* General and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 increased by \$1.9 million, or 24%, to \$9.6 million, or 18% of net revenue, as compared with \$7.8 million, or 17% of net revenue, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The increase in general and administrative expenses resulted primarily from increased legal fees, increased accounts receivable bad debt expense due to a recovery in the 2007 period and increased payroll related expenses partially offset by a decrease in audit fees. The higher legal expenses were a result of lawsuits, efforts to reorganize and improve the business and higher patent expenses.

*Engineering and Development Expense.* Engineering and development expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 increased by \$359,000, or 10%, to \$4.0 million, or 8% of net revenue, as compared with \$3.7 million, or 8% of net revenue, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The increase is primarily related to building the internal team for new product introductions.

*Non-Operating Income (Loss)*

*Gain on Foreign Currency Transactions.* We recognized a \$204,000 gain on foreign currency transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to a \$34,000 gain on foreign currency transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 due to the treatment of intercompany balances as short term. The increase is due to changes in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the Euro, the Australian dollar and the New Zealand dollar and an increase in foreign currency denominated transactions and balances. We have not engaged in hedging transactions to offset foreign currency fluctuations. Therefore, we are at risk for changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the value of these foreign currencies.

In mid October 2008, we significantly reduced the inter-company payable due from the foreign subsidiaries to us by making an approximately equal capital contribution which did not result in a significant change in global cash positions. Through the mid October 2008 contribution date, foreign currency gains and losses continued. However, subsequent to the contribution date, foreign currency transactions gains and losses recorded on the remaining inter-company balances are expected to be significantly reduced.

*Interest Income.* Interest income resulted from interest earned on our cash and investments balances. Interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$110,000 as compared with \$434,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The decrease is the result of lower average cash balances during the 2008 period compared to the same period in 2007.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense consists primarily of interest on the financing of our business insurance premiums and interest on outstanding balances on our line of credit. Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$95,000 as compared to \$26,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The increase is the result of higher average borrowings under our line of credit during the 2008 period.

*Income Taxes.* An income tax provision of \$92,000 was recognized for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 as compared with \$219,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, we recognized a \$156,000 liability for unrecognized tax benefits, including related estimates of penalties and interest, which was accounted for as an increase in the January 1, 2007 accumulated deficit balance. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, we recorded a decrease of \$43,000 and an increase of \$39,000, respectively, in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits, including related estimates of penalties and interest. As of September 30, 2008, we have a valuation allowance against our net deferred tax assets, excluding foreign operations, in the amount of \$27.3 million. Based upon our operating losses and the weight of the available evidence, management believes it is more likely than not that we will not realize all of these deferred tax assets.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

At September 30, 2008, we had approximately \$9.0 million in net working capital, a decrease of \$2.0 million from \$11.0 million at December 31, 2007. Our principal sources of liquidity at September 30, 2008 consisted of our cash and cash equivalents balance of \$15.5 million and a \$10.0 million revolving bank line of credit with Comerica Bank, or the Lender. Advances under the revolving bank line of credit may not exceed the lesser of \$10.0 million or the Borrowing Base (80% of eligible accounts receivable and 35% of eligible inventory), less any amounts outstanding under letters of credit or foreign exchange contract reserves. Notwithstanding the foregoing, advances of up to \$6.0 million may be made without regard to the Borrowing Base. The entire unpaid principal amount plus any accrued

but unpaid interest and all other amounts due under the Loan Agreement are due and payable in full on September 28, 2009, but can be extended by us for an additional year

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upon Lender approval. Our obligations under the line of credit bear interest on the outstanding daily balance at our choice of either: (i) LIBOR plus 2.50%, or (ii) prime rate plus 0.25%. As security for the payment and performance of our obligations under the Loan Agreement, we granted the Lender a first priority security interest in certain collateral, which excludes intellectual property.

The line of credit requires compliance with certain financial covenants, including: (i) minimum effective tangible net worth; (ii) maximum leverage ratio; (iii) minimum cash amount at the Lender of \$6.0 million; and (iv) minimum liquidity ratio. The line also contains covenants that require the Lender's prior written consent for us, among other things, to: (i) transfer any part of our business or property; (ii) make any changes in our location or name, or replace our CEO or CFO; (iii) consummate mergers or acquisitions; (iv) incur liens; or, (v) pay dividends or repurchase stock. The line contains customary events of default, any one of which will result in the right of the Lender to, among other things, accelerate all obligations under the line, set-off obligations under the line against any of our balances or deposits held by the Lender, or sell the collateral. Outstanding balances on our line of credit were \$4.4 million at September 30, 2008 and \$3.6 million at December 31, 2007.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, our operating activities provided cash of approximately \$375,000 compared to cash usage of \$3.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The most significant change in operating assets and liabilities for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 as reported in our consolidated statements of cash flows was an accounts receivable decrease of \$6.5 million (before the change in allowance for doubtful accounts), primarily the result of accelerated cash receipts from our North American distribution partner. Other significant changes in operating assets and liabilities were an increase of \$4.2 million in inventory and decreases of \$1.2 million in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and \$2.6 million in deferred revenue.

On January 10, 2006, we entered into a five-year facility lease with initial monthly installments of \$39,000 and annual adjustments over the lease term. These amounts are included in the outstanding obligations as of September 30, 2008 listed below.

The following table presents our expected cash requirements for contractual obligations outstanding as of September 30, 2008 for the years ending as indicated below (in thousands):

|                             | <b>Less<br/>Than<br/>1 Year</b> | <b>1 to 3<br/>Years</b> | <b>3 to 5<br/>Years</b> | <b>More<br/>Than<br/>5 years</b> | <b>Total</b>    |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Operating leases            | \$ 517                          | \$ 910                  | \$                      | \$                               | \$ 1,427        |
| SurgiLight agreement        | 25                              | 25                      |                         |                                  | 50              |
| Insurance premium financing | 106                             |                         |                         |                                  | 106             |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$ 648</b>                   | <b>\$ 935</b>           | <b>\$</b>               | <b>\$</b>                        | <b>\$ 1,583</b> |

In addition to the amounts shown in the table above, \$151,000 of unrecognized tax benefits have been recorded as liabilities in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, *An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109*, or FIN 48, and we are uncertain as to if or when such amounts may be settled. Related to these unrecognized tax benefits, we have also recorded a liability for potential penalties and interest of \$20,000 and \$19,000, respectively, at September 30, 2008.

Effective November 5, 2007, we terminated the employment of Jeffrey W. Jones, our President and Chief Executive Officer. On January 30, 2008, we entered into a Separation and General Release Agreement with Mr. Jones relating to the termination of his employment. The agreement superseded the Employment Agreement we had with Mr. Jones dated December 29, 2005. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we agreed to pay Mr. Jones a severance amount of \$374,822 and pay COBRA premiums on his behalf of \$1,712 per month for the period from December 2007 through February 2008. The severance amount was paid on February 2, 2008.

Following the termination of Mr. Jones, we appointed Federico Pignatelli, one of our current directors and Chairman Emeritus, as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Pignatelli subsequently resigned his position as Interim Chief Executive Officer in January 2008 following the appointment of Jake St. Philip as our Chief

Executive Officer. Mr. Pignatelli will remain our President in 2008 for which he will receive a salary of \$150,000.

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Effective November 5, 2007, we terminated the employment of Keith G. Bateman, our Executive Vice President, Global Sales and Marketing. On January 22, 2008, we entered into a Separation and General Release Agreement with Mr. Bateman relating to the termination of his employment. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we agreed to pay Mr. Bateman a severance amount of \$187,263 and pay COBRA premiums on his behalf of \$1,311 per month for the period from December 2007 through May 2008. The severance amount was paid on January 31, 2008.

On January 2, 2008, Richard L. Harrison resigned as our Chief Financial Officer. On January 30, 2008, Frederick M. Capallo, our Corporate Controller, was appointed Interim Chief Financial Officer. On April 30, 2008, we appointed David M. Mulder as Chief Financial Officer.

Messrs. St. Philip and Mulder have employment agreements that obligate us to pay them severance benefits under certain conditions, including termination without cause and resignation with good reason. In the event Mr. St. Philip is terminated by us without cause or he resigns with good reason, the total severance benefits payable would be approximately \$600,000 based on compensation in effect as of January 2, 2008, the date Mr. St. Philip was appointed as our current Chief Executive Officer. In the event Mr. Mulder is terminated by us without cause or he resigns with good reason, the total severance benefits payable would be approximately \$255,000 based on compensation in effect as of April 30, 2008, the date Mr. Mulder was appointed as our current Chief Financial Officer.

In addition, Messrs. St. Philip and Mulder along with certain other members of management are entitled to severance benefits payable upon termination following a change in control, which would total approximately \$3.2 million. Also, we have agreements with certain employees to pay bonuses based on targeted performance criteria.

We believe we currently possess sufficient resources, including amounts available under our revolving bank line of credit, to meet the cash requirements of our operations for at least the next year. Our capital requirements will depend on many factors, including, among other things, the effects of any acquisitions we may pursue as well as the rate at which our business grows, with corresponding demands for working capital and manufacturing capacity. We could be required or may elect to seek additional funding through public or private equity or debt financing. However, the extended credit facility, or additional funds raised through public or private equity or other debt financing, may not be available on terms acceptable to us or at all.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 2 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) included in this report for a discussion on recent accounting pronouncements.

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

We generate a portion of our net revenue from the sale of products outside the United States. Our sales from our international subsidiaries are denominated in their local currencies, and our sales in other international markets are denominated in U.S. dollars. As we do not engage in hedging transactions to offset foreign currency fluctuations, we are at risk for changes in the value of the dollar relative to the value of the foreign currency. An increase in the relative value of the dollar would lead to less income from sales denominated in foreign currencies unless we increase prices, which may not be possible due to competitive conditions in the respective foreign territories. Conversely, a decrease in the relative value of the dollar would lead to more income from sales denominated in foreign currencies. Additionally, we are obligated to pay expenses relating to international subsidiaries in their respective local currencies. Thus, we are also at risk for changes in the value of the dollar relative to the foreign currency with respect to our obligation to pay expenses relating to our international subsidiaries' operations. An increase in the value of the dollar relative to the foreign currencies would reduce the expenses associated with the operations of our international subsidiaries' facilities, whereas a decrease in the relative value of the dollar to the foreign currency value would increase the cost associated with the operations of our international subsidiaries' facilities.

We currently have a line of credit which bears interest at rates based on the prime rate or LIBOR. At September 30, 2008, \$4.4 million was outstanding on the line of credit. A change in the prime rate or LIBOR would have an effect of an increase or decrease in interest expense on any balances outstanding.

Our primary objective in managing our cash and cash equivalents balances has been preservation of principal and maintenance of liquidity to meet our operating needs. Most of our excess cash and cash equivalents balances are invested in money market accounts in which there is minimal interest rate risk.



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**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.**

***Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

Our management, with the participation of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of September 30, 2008. Based on this evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2008.

***Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

In our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, we disclosed management's assessment that our internal control over financial reporting contained a material weakness with respect to the controls over the recording of realized and unrealized foreign currency transaction gains or losses resulting from the fluctuation in exchange rates on transactions between BIOLASE and our subsidiaries. The assessment by our management during the first quarter of 2008 is that our remedial efforts have been completed relating to the material weakness reported in our December 31, 2007 Annual Report and included, but was not limited to, the quarterly settlement of our intercompany balances and recognition of realized transaction gains or losses to the consolidated statement of operations. Except for the implementation of these remedial measures, no change in internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) occurred in 2008 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION.**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

In January 2005, we acquired the intellectual property portfolio of Diodem, LLC, or Diodem, consisting of certain U.S. and international patents of which four were asserted against us, and settled the existing litigation between us and Diodem, for consideration of \$3.0 million in cash, 361,664 shares of common stock (valued at the common stock fair market value on the closing date of the transaction for a total of approximately \$3.5 million) and a five-year warrant exercisable into 81,037 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.06 per share. In addition, 45,208 additional shares of common stock were placed in escrow, to be released to Diodem, if certain criteria specified in the purchase agreement were satisfied in or before July 2006. As of March 31, 2006, we determined that it was probable that these shares of common stock would be released from escrow in or before July 2006. Accordingly, we recorded a patent infringement legal settlement charge of approximately \$348,000 in 2006. In July 2006, we released these shares from escrow. The common stock issued, the escrow shares of common stock and the warrant shares had certain registration rights, and a Registration Statement on Form S-3 was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, to register for sale any of these shares which remained unsold. This Registration Statement became effective on April 17, 2007. The total consideration had an estimated value of approximately \$7.4 million including the value of the patents acquired in January 2005. As of December 31, 2004, we accrued approximately \$6.4 million for the settlement of the existing litigation with \$3.0 million included in current liabilities and \$3.4 million recorded as a long-term liability. In January 2005, we recorded an intangible asset of \$0.5 million representing the estimated fair value of the intellectual property acquired. The estimated fair value of the patents was determined with the assistance of an independent valuation expert using a relief from royalty and a discounted cash flow methodology. As a result of the acquisition, Diodem immediately withdrew its patent infringement claims against us and the case was formally dismissed on May 31, 2005. We did not pay, and have no obligation to pay, any royalties to Diodem on past or future sales of our products, but we agreed to pay additional consideration if any of the acquired patents held by us are licensed to a third party by a certain date. In order to secure performance by us of these financial obligations, the parties entered into an intellectual property security agreement, pursuant to which, subject to the rights of existing creditors and the rights of any future creditors to the extent provided in the agreement, we granted Diodem a security interest in all of their rights, title and interest in the royalty patents. In September 2007, Diodem filed a motion with the U.S. District Court in the Central District of California requesting that the original case be reopened for limited discovery concerning Diodem's claims that we breached various of our obligations and representations in the settlement agreement and seeking damages in the range of \$3.85 million to \$5.2 million plus costs and attorneys fees incurred in recovering said alleged damages. The District Court denied Diodem's motion finding, in part, that if Diodem wishes to pursue claims for breach of the settlement agreement, it must file a new lawsuit for breach of contract. On February 20, 2008,

Diodem filed a lawsuit for breach of the settlement agreement in Los Angeles Superior Court, naming us and a wholly-owned subsidiary, BL Acquisition II, Inc. as defendants. The complaint asserts two claims, both alleging breaches of the Agreement. Diodem seeks damages of not less than \$4.0 million. On April

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28, 2008, together with BL Acquisition II, Inc., we filed demurrers and a motion to strike that, in essence, request the court to dismiss Diodem's complaint. On June 20, 2008 the Court denied the demurrers and the motion and on July 21, 2008 we filed an answer to the complaint denying the allegations. On October 15, 2008 the lawsuit was dismissed with prejudice by Diodem pursuant to a settlement agreement among the parties which resolves all claims in the litigation and provides that we will make four payments to Diodem totaling approximately \$950,000 through 2010, of which \$85,000 will be paid by our liability insurance carriers. In the settlement agreement, we denied any wrongdoing. The settlement agreement contains confidentiality provisions that limit disclosure of the terms of the settlement except as required by SEC rule or regulation, under GAAP or pursuant to court order or law. Related to this matter, we will incur approximately \$1.2 million in charges for the settlement and associated legal fees in the third quarter ended September 30, 2008, which reflects all the settlement payments to be made over the next two years.

National Laser Technology, Inc. or NLT, buys used dental lasers, predominately those originally sold by Biolase, and resells them to other dentists. On August 19, 2008, NLT brought an action against us in federal court in the Southern District of Indiana. NLT alleged that we violated Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act, Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, Section 17200 et seq. of the California Unfair Competition Act and tortiously interfered with NLT's business relationships and prospective business advantage. NLT seeks a monetary award of three times the unquantified damages that NLT has allegedly sustained because of our alleged Sherman Act violations, unquantified damages for the rest of the claims, punitive damages and preliminary and permanent injunctive relief. On October 6, 2008, we answered the complaint, asserted several affirmative defenses and filed a counterclaim. We alleged that NLT violated Sections 1114 and 1125(a) of the Lanham Act and Section 17200 et seq. of the California Unfair Competition Act. We seek unquantified damages and a permanent injunction. On October 21, 2008, NLT filed a motion for a preliminary injunction seeking to enjoin us from certain actions that NLT alleged violated section 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act. Discovery has not yet begun in the action. We intend to vigorously oppose all of NLT's claims and its motion for preliminary injunction.

On December 19, 2005, we entered into a Vendor Agreement with National Technology Leasing Corporation, or NTLC, in which NTLC was designated as our Preferred Leasing/Financing Provider. In September 2006, we gave notice to NTLC of the termination of the Vendor Agreement, and subsequently entered into a financing and distribution agreement with Henry Schein, Inc. On August 26, 2008, NTLC filed a lawsuit against us, Henry Schein, Inc. and a former employee of NTLC in California Superior Court in Placer County. NTLC alleges that we breached the Vendor Agreement by failing to provide the required notice of termination and asserts a claim for damages without specifying an amount. On October 10, 2008, we answered the complaint and asserted several affirmative defenses. Discovery has not yet begun in the case. We intend to vigorously oppose NTLC's claim.

From time to time, we are involved in other legal proceedings incidental to our business, but at this time we are not party to any other litigation that is material to our business.

### **Securities and Exchange Commission Inquiry**

Following the restatement of our financial statements in September 2003, we received, in late October 2003, and subsequently in 2003 and 2004, informal requests from the SEC to voluntarily provide information relating to the restatement. We have provided information to the SEC and intend to continue to cooperate in responding to the inquiry. In accordance with its normal practice, the SEC has not advised us when its inquiry may be concluded, and we are unable to predict the outcome of this inquiry.

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

### **Risk Factors**

The discussion of our business and operations should be read together with the risk factors contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, and describes the various risks and uncertainties to which we are or may be subject. The risk factors presented below update, and should be considered in addition to, the risk factors previously disclosed by us in our Annual Report on Form 10-K. You should carefully review the risk factors below as well as those risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and in other reports we file with the SEC in evaluating our business.

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### ***Our business, operating results and growth rates may be adversely affected by unfavorable economic and market conditions, as well as the volatile geopolitical environment.***

Our business depends on consumer demand for our products and on the economic health of our current and prospective customers. Our current business and operating plan assumes that economic activity in general, and spending on dental lasers in particular, will at least remain at close to current levels. However, we cannot be assured of the level of such spending, the deterioration of which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and growth rates. The purchase of our products may involve a significant commitment of capital and other resources. Therefore, weak economic conditions would likely adversely impact our business, operating results and financial condition in a number of ways, including longer sales cycles, lower prices for our products and services, and reduced unit sales. Furthermore, interest rates have fluctuated recently, which could increase the cost of financing our products and may reduce our customers' profits. As such, our customers may delay or cancel plans to purchase our products. In addition, some of our customers are likely to experience serious cash flow problems, and, as a result, may find it difficult to obtain financing, if financing is available at all. If our customers are not successful in generating sufficient revenue or securing alternate financing arrangements, they may not be able to purchase or may delay purchase of our products, which may adversely affect our sales and cash flows. If economic conditions in the United States and other key markets deteriorate further or do not show improvement, we believe that we will experience material adverse impacts to our business and operating results.

### ***Adverse Capital and Credit Market Conditions May Significantly Affect Our Ability to Meet Liquidity Needs, Access to Capital and Cost of Capital***

Recently the capital and credit markets have been experiencing extreme volatility and the markets have exerted downward pressure on availability of liquidity and credit capacity for certain issuers. We need liquidity to pay our operating expenses, interest on our debt and replace certain maturing liabilities. Without sufficient liquidity, we may be forced to curtail our operations, and our business will suffer. In the event that our operations or other internal sources of liquidity do not satisfy our needs, we may have to seek additional financing. In addition, our \$10.0 million revolving bank line of credit with Comerica Bank, \$4.4 million of which was drawn as of September 30, 2008, will expire on September 28, 2009, and all amounts due under the bank line of credit will be due and payable on such date. Our ability to refinance the bank line of credit or obtain additional financing on favorable terms or at all will depend on a variety of factors such as market conditions, the general availability of credit, our credit ratings and credit capacity, as well as the possibility that customers or lenders could develop a negative perception of our long- or short-term financial prospects if the level of our business activity decreased due to a market downturn. If we are unable to successfully refinance the bank line of credit or obtain additional financing on favorable terms, or at all, this would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

### ***We may be required to record a significant charge to earnings if our goodwill or amortizable intangible assets become impaired.***

We are required under generally accepted accounting principles to review our amortizable intangible assets and investments in equity interests for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Goodwill is required to be tested for impairment at least annually. Factors that may be considered a change in circumstances indicating that the carrying value of our amortizable intangible assets or goodwill may not be recoverable include a decline in stock price and market capitalization and slower growth rates in our industry. We may be required to record a significant charge to earnings in our consolidated financial statements during the period in which any impairment of our amortizable intangible assets or goodwill is determined to exist. This could adversely impact our results of operations. Consistent with past years, we will be testing our goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets for impairment as of June 30, 2009. Through September 30, 2008, we have concluded that there were no indicators of impairment that would cause us to accelerate our testing. Please see *Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* for our critical accounting policies related to goodwill and long-lived assets and acquired intangible assets.

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

None

## **ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.**

None

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**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

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**SIGNATURES**

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

Dated: November 7, 2008

BIOLASE TECHNOLOGY, INC.,  
a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ JAKE ST. PHILIP  
Jake St. Philip  
Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive  
Officer)

By: /s/ DAVID M. MULDER  
David M. Mulder  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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