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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, 2009
- ☐ **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 000-50095

AVERION INTERNATIONAL CORP.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

20-4354185
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

225 Turnpike Road,
Southborough, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)

01772
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(508) 597-6000**

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 has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). 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 definitions 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 ☒

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, 950,000,000 shares authorized, 639,257,753 issued and outstanding as of November 13, 2009.

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AVERION INTERNATIONAL CORP.
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	September 30, 2009 (unaudited)	December 31, 2008
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,824	\$ 4,492
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$423 and \$341 for 2009 and 2008, respectively)	11,331	11,168
Unbilled accounts receivable	5,583	7,816
Prepaid and other current assets	2,054	2,048
Total Current Assets	24,792	25,524
Property and equipment, net	5,183	6,229
Goodwill	25,528	25,528
Finite life intangibles (net of accumulated amortization of \$4,782 and \$3,846 for 2009 and 2008, respectively)	5,040	5,976
Deposits	678	709
Other non current assets	1,877	2,429
Total Assets	\$ 63,098	\$ 66,395
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,554	\$ 3,964
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	3,104	2,367
Current portion of capital lease obligations		8
Current portion of accrued lease obligations	610	610
Customer advances	14,788	18,424
Deferred revenue	2,733	2,685
Deferred rent	400	463
Deferred transaction obligation	40	560
Accrued interest payable	768	615
Other accrued liabilities	2,906	2,224
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 26,903	\$ 31,920
Notes payable	33,122	29,635
Accrued lease obligations, less current portion	2,319	2,696
Deferred taxes	1,248	1,847
Deferred pension obligation	1,068	1,047
Other long-term liabilities		65

Total Liabilities	\$	64,660	\$	67,210
Commitments and contingencies				
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock, \$.001 par value, 950,000,000 shares authorized, 639,257,753 and 634,972,039 shares issued and outstanding, respectively		639		635
Convertible warrants		164		164
Common stock to be issued				837
Additional paid-in capital		50,191		48,551
Other comprehensive income		146		25
Retained deficit		(52,702)		(51,027)
Total Stockholders' equity		(1,562)		(815)
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' equity	\$	63,098	\$	66,395

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

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AVERION INTERNATIONAL CORP.
Consolidated Statements of Operations
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	For the three months ended September 30,		For the nine months ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net service revenue	\$ 17,269	\$ 15,900	\$ 48,860	\$ 50,339
Reimbursement revenue	1,768	2,153	5,666	6,321
Total revenue	19,037	18,053	54,526	56,660
Operating expenses:				
Direct expenses	8,230	9,868	26,295	29,326
Reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses	1,768	2,153	5,666	6,321
Sales, general and administrative expenses	4,730	5,878	14,805	18,325
Depreciation and amortization expense	776	1,011	2,358	3,058
Total operating expenses	15,504	18,910	49,124	57,030
Net operating income (loss)	3,533	(857)	5,402	(370)
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	1	7	4	27
Interest expense	(906)	(454)	(2,596)	(1,529)
Foreign currency exchange gain (loss)	(396)	509	(334)	(244)
Amortization of debt discount	(1,165)	(1,199)	(3,461)	(3,258)
Other	33	76	147	200
Total other income (expense)	(2,433)	(1,061)	(6,240)	(4,804)
Income (loss) from operations before income taxes	1,100	(1,918)	(838)	(5,174)
Income tax expense	629	122	837	212
Net income (loss)	\$ 471	\$ (2,040)	\$ (1,675)	\$ (5,386)
Net income (loss) per share basic and fully-diluted				
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.01)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	639,257,753	634,996,948	639,242,054	628,833,185

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AVERION INTERNATIONAL CORP.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net loss	\$ (1,675)	\$ (5,386)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation of fixed assets and amortization of software	1,422	1,365
Amortization of finite life intangibles	936	1,693
Amortization of debt discount and financing costs	3,461	3,520
Amortization of deferred rent	(63)	(35)
Bad debt expense	23	(232)
Stock based compensation	807	617
Effect of exchange rate on foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities	565	590
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(186)	666
Unbilled accounts receivable	2,233	(4,290)
Prepaid and other current assets	(6)	(529)
Accounts payable	(2,410)	356
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	1,805	225
Deferred revenue and customer deposits	(3,766)	2,481
Deferred taxes	(487)	(136)
Other accrued liabilities	(496)	(1,707)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	2,163	(802)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(399)	(1,034)
Other	76	(8)
Net cash used by investing activities	(323)	(1,042)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Payment on Cerep note		(3,038)
Payments on capital lease obligation	(413)	(22)
Proceeds from debt issuance		2,000
Payments on notes payable		(2,156)
Net cash used by financing activities	(413)	(3,216)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(95)	47

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Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,332	(5,013)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	4,492	7,384
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 5,824	\$ 2,371

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

NATURE OF BUSINESS

Averion International Corp. and its consolidated subsidiaries are referred to throughout this report as Averion, we, us, our, and the Company.

We are an international clinical research organization (CRO) focused on providing our clients with global clinical research services and solutions throughout the drug development lifecycle. We serve a variety of clients in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries.

Our core competencies are in product agency registration support, trial design, site selection, project management, medical and site monitoring, data management, biostatistical analysis and reporting, pharmacovigilance, medical writing, and full clinical trial management and consulting services throughout the clinical trials lifecycle. We have the resources to directly implement or manage Phase I through Phase IV clinical trials and have clinical trial experience and expertise across a wide variety of therapeutic areas, including the following core focus areas: Oncology, Cardiovascular Diseases and Medical Devices.

Averion International Corp. was originally organized under the name Clinical Trials Assistance Corporation. We acquired IT&E International Corporation, a provider of staffing services to the life sciences industry, and changed the corporate name from Clinical Trials to IT&E International Group. On July 31, 2006, we acquired Averion Inc., a CRO that provided clinical research services for Phase I through Phase IV clinical trials, with a focus in medical devices, oncology, dermatology, nephrology and other complex medical conditions. On September 21, 2006, we changed our name to Averion International Corp. On October 3, 2007, we sold our former staffing services operating segment to members of management of that operating segment. On October 31, 2007, we acquired Hesperion AG (Hesperion), an international CRO based in Switzerland.

2. REVERSE/FORWARD STOCK SPLIT AND GO PRIVATE TRANSACTION

On September 4, 2009, we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) an Information Statement on Schedule 14C and a Schedule 13E-3, each related to a going private transaction (collectively, the Information Statement). As more fully set forth in the Information Statement, the Averion International Board of Directors (Board), including all of its independent, non-employee directors, authorized, and stockholders approved, a twenty thousand five hundred to one reverse split of Averion common stock, followed immediately thereafter by a one to twenty thousand five hundred Forward Split of Averion common stock (the Reverse/Forward Stock Split). In so doing, the Board formed a Special Committee comprised of independent directors to review and, if determined to be fair, recommend to the full Board a Reverse/Forward Stock Split ratio and a price per share to be paid for the shares of Averion common stock held by stockholders holding less than twenty thousand five hundred shares that are to be cashed out as a result of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split.

The Special Committee recommended to the Board and the Board authorized a price per share of one cent to be paid for the shares of Averion common stock held by stockholders holding less than twenty thousand five hundred shares that are to be cashed out as a result of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split. When the Reverse/Forward Stock Split becomes effective, holders of at least twenty thousand five hundred shares of common stock will have no change in the number of shares of common stock held. They will also not participate in any cash payments.

Averion has approximately eight hundred seventy five stockholders of record of its common stock, of which approximately seven hundred twenty five stockholders each own fewer than twenty thousand five hundred shares. In the aggregate, the shares held by these small holders comprise less than 1% of Averion outstanding capital stock. When the Reverse/Forward Stock Split is effected, approximately one hundred twenty five stockholders will remain as holders of Averion common stock, beneficially owning 100% of the outstanding common stock. Common stockholders, who now beneficially own approximately 99% of the outstanding common stock, will beneficially own 100% of the outstanding common stock after the Reverse/Forward Stock Split.

The Reverse/Forward Stock Split will not affect the outstanding stock options, whether exercisable or unexercisable, granted under Averion's option plans and holders of options will, following the Reverse/Forward Stock Split, continue to hold options for the same number of shares of common stock at the same exercise prices and other option terms.

The Reverse/Forward Stock Split will not affect the outstanding warrants to purchase Averion common stock and holders of warrants will, following the Reverse/Forward Stock Split, continue to hold warrants to purchase the same number of shares of common stock at the same exercise prices and other warrant terms.

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When the Reverse/Forward Stock Split becomes effective, the Company will be able to terminate registration of its securities under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act, suspend its duty to file periodic reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, and terminate the quotation of shares of its common stock on the OTCBB. Once Averion terminates registration of its common stock under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act, suspends its duty to file periodic reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act and terminate the quotation of our common stock, we will no longer be obligated to file periodic reports with the SEC or furnish reports to our stockholders.

Although the Reverse/Forward Stock Split has been approved by the requisite number of stockholders, our Board reserves the right, in its discretion, to abandon the Reverse/Forward Stock Split prior to the effective date if it determines that abandoning the Reverse/Forward Stock Split is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, should be read in conjunction with the Company's latest Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on March 30, 2009. These financial statements are unaudited but reflect all adjustments that, in our opinion, are necessary to fairly present our financial position and results of operations. All adjustments are of a normal and recurring nature unless otherwise noted. These financial statements, including the notes, have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and in accordance with the applicable rules of the SEC, but do not include all of the information and disclosures required by GAAP for complete financial statements. The operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 may not necessarily be indicative of the results that may be expected for other quarters or for the year ending December 31, 2009.

Certain amounts in the December 31, 2008 balance sheet and unaudited Statement of Cash Flows have been reclassified to conform to the presentation of the September 30, 2009 financial statements.

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through November 13, 2009, the filing date of this document, and has determined that there were no new material events to disclose.

PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Averion International Corp. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

The Company applies US GAAP to business combinations. US GAAP establishes principles and requirements for how an acquirer in a business combination (i) recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree, (ii) recognizes and measures goodwill acquired in a business combination or a gain from a bargain purchase, and (iii) determines what information to disclose to enable users of financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. In addition, US GAAP requires that changes in the amount of acquired tax attributes be included in the Company's results of operations.

FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Assets and liabilities of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars at period-end exchange rates. Income statement accounts are translated at average exchange rates for the applicable periods. These translation adjustments are recorded as a separate component of stockholders' equity. Foreign currency transaction gains and losses are included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations in Other Income (Expenses).

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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

We consider all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Our cash accounts are with banks and other financial institutions. The balances in these accounts may exceed the maximum U.S. federally insured amount and our deposits held at institutions outside of the United States may not be insured against loss. We have not experienced any losses in such accounts and do not believe that our cash and cash equivalents expose us to any significant credit risk.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenues are primarily recognized on a time-and-materials or proportional performance basis. Before revenues are recognized, the following four criteria must be met: (a) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (b) delivery has occurred or services rendered; (c) the fee is fixed and determinable; and (d) collectability is reasonably assured. We determine if the fee is fixed and determinable and collectability is reasonably assured based upon our judgment regarding the nature of the fee charged for services rendered and products delivered and the collectability of those fees. Arrangements range in length from less than one year to several years.

Revenues from time-and-materials arrangements are generally recognized based upon contracted hourly billing rates as the work progresses. Revenues from unit based and fixed price arrangements are generally recognized on a proportional performance basis. Revenues recognized on unit based and fixed price contracts are subject to revisions as the contract progresses to completion. As the work progresses, original estimates may be adjusted due to revisions in the scope of work or other factors and a contract modification may be negotiated with the customer to cover additional costs. Our accounting policy for recognizing revenue for changes in scope is to recognize revenue when the Company has reached a written agreement with the client, the services pursuant to the change in scope have been performed, the price has been set forth in the change of scope document and collectability is reasonably assured based on our course of dealings with the client. We bear the risk of cost overruns on work performed absent a signed contract modification. Because of the inherent uncertainties in estimating costs, it is reasonably possible that the estimated contract costs will change in the near term and may have a material adverse impact on our financial performance. Revisions in our contract estimates are reflected in the period in which the determination is made and the facts and circumstances dictate a change of estimate. Provisions for estimated losses on individual contracts are made in the period in which the loss first becomes known.

We may have to commit unanticipated resources to complete projects resulting in lower margins on those projects. If we do not accurately estimate the resources required or the scope of the work to be performed, do not complete our projects within the planned periods of time, or do not satisfy our obligations under the contracts, then our operating results may be significantly and adversely affected or losses may need to be recognized. Should our estimated costs on fixed price contracts prove to be low in comparison to actual costs, future margins could be reduced, absent our ability to negotiate a contract modification.

Revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables are divided into separate units of accounting if the deliverables in the arrangement meet the following criteria: (1) the delivered item has value to the client on a stand-alone basis; (2) there is objective and reliable evidence of the fair value of undelivered items; and (3) delivery of any undelivered item is probable. Arrangement consideration is allocated among the separate units of accounting based on their relative fair values, with the amount allocated to the delivered item being limited to the amount that is not contingent on the delivery of additional items or meeting other specified performance conditions.

In general, amounts become billable to the customer pursuant to contractual terms in accordance with predetermined payment schedules. Unbilled accounts receivable represents revenue recognized to date that is currently not billable to the client pursuant to contractual terms or was not billed as of the balance sheet date. As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, unbilled accounts receivable included in current assets totaled \$5.6 million and \$7.8 million, respectively. The majority of these amounts were billed in the subsequent month.

Deferred revenue represents amounts billed to customers for which revenue has not been recognized at the balance sheet date. As of September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, deferred revenue was approximately \$2.7 million and \$2.7 million, respectively.

The majority of contracts contain provisions permitting the customer to terminate for a variety of reasons. The contracts generally provide for recovery of costs incurred, including the costs to wind down the study, and payment of

fees earned to date. In some cases, the customer may be required to remit a portion of the fees due or profits that would have been earned under the contract had the contract not been terminated prematurely.

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Our operations have experienced, and may continue to experience, period-to-period fluctuations in net service revenue and results from operations. Because we generate a large proportion of our revenues from services performed at hourly rates, our revenue in any period is directly related to the number of employees and the number of hours worked by those employees during that period. Our results of operations in any one period can fluctuate depending upon, among other things, the number of weeks in the period, the number and related contract value of ongoing client engagements, the commencement, postponement and termination of engagements in the period, the mix of revenue, the extent of cost overruns, employee hiring, employee utilization, vacation patterns, exchange rate fluctuations and other factors.

REIMBURSABLE OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

On behalf of our clients, we pay fees and other out-of-pocket costs for which we are reimbursed at cost. Out-of-pocket costs are included in operating expenses, while the reimbursements received are reported separately as reimbursement revenue in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

We act as an agent on behalf of company sponsors with regard to certain investigator payments. Accordingly, we exclude certain fees paid to investigators and the associated reimbursement from revenue and reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The amount of investigator fees excluded from revenue was \$0.7 million and \$3.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The amount of investigator fees excluded from revenue was \$6.2 million and \$9.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments that subject us to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and unbilled accounts receivable. Our clients consist primarily of a small number of companies within the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. These industries may be affected by general business and economic factors, which may impact accounts receivable and unbilled accounts receivable. As of September 30, 2009, the total of accounts receivable and unbilled accounts receivable was \$17.3 million. Of this amount, approximately 14%, 13%, 13% and 12% was due from four respective customers. As of December 31, 2008, the total of accounts receivable and unbilled accounts receivable was \$19.3 million. Of this amount, approximately 27% was due from one customer.

We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of clients to make required payments. This allowance is based on current accounts receivable, historical collection experience, current economic trends, and changes in client payment patterns. Management reviews the outstanding receivables on a monthly basis to determine collectibility and to determine if proper reserves are established for uncollectible accounts. Receivables that are deemed to not be collectible are written off against the allowance for doubtful accounts.

FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, unbilled accounts receivable, accounts payable, deferred revenue and certain other liabilities approximate their estimated fair values due to the short-term nature of these instruments. The fair value of long-term notes payable approximates quoted market prices for the same or similar debt instruments. Senior Secured Notes payable associated with the Hesperion acquisition were issued in combination with equity and consequently the carrying value of these notes on the Company's balance sheet reflects a discount to their stated maturity values.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation and amortization are provided on a straight-line basis in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of depreciable assets to operations over their estimated service lives, which range from three to seven years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the life of the respective leases or the service life of the improvements, whichever is shorter.

Upon sale or retirement of property and equipment, the costs and related accumulated depreciation are eliminated and any gain or loss on such disposition is reflected in our consolidated financial statements. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to operations as incurred.

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FINITE LIFE INTANGIBLE AND LONG-LIVED ASSETS

Finite life intangibles are amortized over their estimated useful lives which range between 1 and 10 years. The Company evaluates the recoverability of long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Such circumstances would include a significant decrease in the market price of a long-lived asset, a significant adverse change to the manner in which the asset is being used or its physical condition, or a history of operating or cash flow losses associated with the use of the asset. In addition, changes to the expected useful lives of these long-lived assets may also be an indicator of impairment. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying value of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets and the resulting losses are included in the statement of operations. A valuation of the Company was performed using a discounted cash flow analysis and a market-based approach giving appropriate weighting to both. Using these guidelines it was determined that the carrying value of certain finite-life intangible assets at December 31, 2008 was impaired. The impairment loss of \$5.3 million is included in operating income in our consolidated results of operations for the 2008 fiscal year. For the period ended September 30, 2009, the Company performed no impairment testing on its finite life intangible assets.

GOODWILL

The Company accounts for goodwill as an indefinite life intangible asset and tests for impairment at least annually. The Company reviews goodwill for impairment on an annual basis in conjunction with our year end reporting date of December 31. The Company operates as one reporting unit and goodwill is evaluated based on this approach. A valuation of the Company was performed using a discounted cash flow analysis and a market-based approach giving appropriate weighting to both. Using these guidelines it was determined that the carrying value of goodwill at December 31, 2008 was significantly impaired. The impairment loss of \$26.1 million is included in operating income in our consolidated results of operations for the 2008 fiscal year. For the period ending September 30, 2009, the Company performed no impairment testing on its goodwill.

STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Stock-based compensation expense recognized during a period is based on the value of the portion of stock-based awards that is ultimately expected to vest during the period. The Company uses historical data to estimate pre-vesting option forfeitures.

The grant date fair value of each stock option is based on the underlying price on the date of grant and is determined using an option pricing model. The option pricing model requires the use of estimates and assumptions as to (a) the expected volatility of the price of the stock underlying the stock option, (b) the expected life of the option, (c) the risk free rate for the expected life of the option and (d) forfeiture rates. The Company is currently using the Black-Scholes option pricing model to determine the grant date fair value of each stock option.

Expected volatility is calculated based on a blended weighted average of historical information of the Company's stock and the weighted average of historical information of similar public entities for which historical information is available. The Company will continue to use a weighted average approach using its own historical volatility and other similar public entity volatility information until historical volatility of the Company is relevant to measure expected volatility for future option grants. The expected term assumption is based on the simplified or "safe-haven" method which calculates the term based on certain grant date provisions. The risk free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury bond rate commensurate with the expected life of the option. Forfeiture rates are estimated based upon past voluntary termination behavior and past option forfeitures.

INCOME TAXES

Deferred income taxes are provided under the liability method. The liability method requires that deferred tax assets and liabilities be determined based on the difference between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities using the tax rate expected to be in effect when the taxes will actually be paid or refunds received. In estimating future tax consequences, we generally consider all expected future events other than the enactment of changes in tax law or rates. If it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recorded.

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NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE

Basic net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing the net income or loss available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted net income (loss) per share is computed giving effect to all potentially dilutive common stock, including options and all convertible securities to the extent they are dilutive. The strike prices of the existing stock options currently outstanding are all above the average stock price of the Company during the three month period ended September 30, 2009. Under these circumstances, the fully diluted number of shares is not calculated and only basic earnings per share will be presented for the three and nine month periods ending September 30, 2009 and 2008.

OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Other comprehensive income represents the change in equity of a business enterprise from non-stockholder transactions affecting stockholders' equity that are not included in net income (loss) on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and are reported as a separate component of stockholders' equity. Other comprehensive income includes any adjustments resulting from the translation process of the financial statements of our foreign entities functional currency to U.S. dollars using the current rate method and actuarial gains or losses on our defined pension benefit plans.

DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The Company maintains statutory defined benefit pension plans for its employees in Benelux and Switzerland for which current service costs are charged to operations as they accrue based on services rendered by employees during the year. Pension benefit obligations are determined by independent actuaries using management's best estimate assumptions, with accrued benefits prorated on service. Obligations are recorded under the corridor method.

USE OF ESTIMATES

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

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Recent Accounting Standards Adopted in 2009

Codification

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued a standard that established the FASB Accounting Standards Codification TM (ASC) and amended the hierarchy of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) such that the ASC became the single source of authoritative nongovernmental U.S. GAAP. The ASC did not change current U.S. GAAP, but was intended to simplify user access to all authoritative U.S. GAAP by providing all the authoritative literature related to a particular topic in one place. All previously existing accounting standard documents were superseded and all other accounting literature not included in the ASC is considered non-authoritative. New accounting standards issued subsequent to June 30, 2009 are communicated by the FASB through Accounting Standards Updates (ASUs). Averion adopted the ASC on July 1, 2009. This standard did not have an impact on Averion's consolidated results of operations or financial condition. However, throughout the notes to the consolidated financial statements references that were previously made to various former authoritative U.S. GAAP pronouncements have been changed to coincide with the appropriate section of the ASC.

Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments

In April 2009, the FASB issued an accounting standard regarding interim disclosures about fair value of financial instruments. The standard essentially expands the disclosure about fair value of financial instruments that were previously required only annually to also be required for interim period reporting. In addition, the standard requires certain additional disclosures regarding the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value of financial instruments. The adoption of the provisions of this standard did not affect the Company's historical consolidated financial statements.

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Subsequent Events

In May 2009, the FASB issued a new accounting standard regarding subsequent events. This standard incorporates into authoritative accounting literature certain guidance that already existed within generally accepted auditing standards, with the requirements concerning recognition and disclosure of subsequent events remaining essentially unchanged. This guidance addresses events which occur after the balance sheet date but before the issuance of financial statements. Under the new standard, as under previous practice, an entity must record the effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the balance sheet date and must disclose but not record the effects of subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the balance sheet date. This standard added an additional required disclosure relative to the date through which subsequent events have been evaluated and whether that is the date on which the financial statements were issued. The additional disclosures required by this standard are included in Note 3.

Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary-Impairments

In April 2009, the FASB issued an accounting standard which modifies the requirements for recognizing other-than-temporarily impaired debt securities and changes the existing impairment model for such securities. The standard also requires additional disclosures for both annual and interim periods with respect to both debt and equity securities. Under the standard, impairment of debt securities will be considered other-than-temporary if an entity (1) intends to sell the security, (2) more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovering its cost, or (3) does not expect to recover the security's entire amortized cost basis (even if the entity does not intend to sell). The standard further indicates that, depending on which of the above factor(s) causes the impairment to be considered other-than-temporary, (1) the entire shortfall of the security's fair value versus its amortized cost basis or (2) only the credit loss portion would be recognized in earnings while the remaining shortfall (if any) would be recorded in other comprehensive income. The standard requires entities to initially apply its provisions to previously other-than-temporarily impaired debt securities existing as of the date of initial adoption by making a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of adoption. The cumulative-effect adjustment potentially reclassifies the noncredit portion of a previously other-than-temporarily impaired debt security held as of the date of initial adoption from retained earnings to accumulated other comprehensive income. For Averion, this standard was effective beginning April 1, 2009. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on Averion's consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly

In April 2009, the FASB issued an accounting standard which provides guidance on (1) estimating the fair value of an asset or liability when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly declined and (2) identifying transactions that are not orderly. The standard also amended certain disclosure provisions for fair value measurements and disclosures in ASC 820 to require, among other things, disclosures in interim periods of the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value as well as disclosure of the hierarchy of the source of underlying fair value information on a disaggregated basis by specific major category of investment. For Averion, this standard was effective prospectively beginning April 1, 2009. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on Averion's consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

Business Combinations

In December 2007, the FASB issued and, in April 2009, amended a new business combinations standard codified within ASC 805, which changed the accounting for business acquisitions. Accounting for business combinations under this standard requires the acquiring entity in a business combination to recognize all (and only) the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the transaction and establishes the acquisition-date fair value as the measurement objective for all assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination. Certain provisions of this standard impact the determination of acquisition-date fair value of consideration paid in a business combination (including contingent consideration); exclude transaction costs from acquisition accounting; and change accounting practices for acquisition-related restructuring costs, in-process research and development, indemnification assets, and tax benefits. For Averion, this standard was effective for business combinations and adjustments to an acquired entity's deferred tax asset and liability balances occurring after December 31, 2008. This standard had no immediate impact upon adoption.

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Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

In March 2008, the FASB issued an accounting standard related to disclosures about derivative instruments and hedging activities, codified in ASC 815, which requires additional disclosures about an entity's strategies and objectives for using derivative instruments; the location and amounts of derivative instruments in an entity's financial statements; how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under ASC 815, and how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect its financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. Certain disclosures are also required with respect to derivative features that are credit-risk-related. The standard was effective for Averion beginning January 1, 2009 on a prospective basis. The adoption did not affect the Company's historical consolidated financial statements.

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Accounting for Collaborative Arrangements

In December 2007, the FASB ratified a standard related to accounting for collaborative arrangements which discusses how parties to a collaborative arrangement (which does not establish a legal entity within such arrangement) should account for various activities. The standard indicates that costs incurred and revenues generated from transactions with third parties (i.e. parties outside of the collaborative arrangement) should be reported by the collaborators on the respective line items in their income statements pursuant to ASC 605-45, *Principle Agent Consideration*.

Additionally, the guidance provides that income statement characterization of payments between the participants in a collaborative arrangement should be based upon existing authoritative standards; analogy to such standards if not within their scope; or a reasonable, rational, and consistently applied accounting policy election. This guidance was effective for Averion beginning January 1, 2009 and applied retrospectively to all periods presented for collaborative arrangements existing as of the date of adoption. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on Averion's consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

Recent Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted

Certain Revenue Arrangements That Include Software Elements

In October 2009, the FASB issued ASU No. 2009-14, *Certain Revenue Arrangements That Include Software Elements a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force*, that reduces the types of transactions that fall within the current scope of software revenue recognition guidance. Existing software revenue recognition guidance requires that its provisions be applied to an entire arrangement when the sale of any products or services containing or utilizing software when the software is considered more than incidental to the product or service. As a result of the amendments included in ASU No. 2009-14, many tangible products and services that rely on software will be accounted for under the multiple-element arrangements revenue recognition guidance rather than under the software revenue recognition guidance. Under the ASU, the following components would be excluded from the scope of software revenue recognition guidance: the tangible element of the product, software products bundled with tangible products where the software components and non-software components function together to deliver the product's essential functionality, and undelivered components that relate to software that is essential to the tangible product's functionality. The ASU also provides guidance on how to allocate transaction consideration when an arrangement contains both deliverables within the scope of software revenue guidance (software deliverables) and deliverables not within the scope of that guidance (non-software deliverables). For Averion, ASU No. 2009-14 is effective beginning January 1, 2011. Averion may elect to adopt the provisions prospectively to new or materially modified arrangements beginning on the effective date or retrospectively for all periods presented. However, Averion must elect the same transition method for this guidance as that chosen for ASU No. 2009-13. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this standard on Averion's consolidated results of operations and financial condition.

Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements

In October 2009, the FASB issued ASU No. 2009-13, *Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force*, that provides amendments to the criteria for separating consideration in multiple-deliverable arrangements. As a result of these amendments, multiple-deliverable revenue arrangements will be separated in more circumstances than under existing U.S. GAAP. The ASU does this by establishing a selling price hierarchy for determining the selling price of a deliverable. The selling price used for each deliverable will be based on vendor-specific objective evidence if available, third-party evidence if vendor-specific objective evidence is not available, or estimated selling price if neither vendor-specific objective evidence nor third-party evidence is available. A vendor will be required to determine its best estimate of selling price in a manner that is consistent with that used to determine the price to sell the deliverable on a standalone basis. This ASU also eliminates the residual method of allocation and will require that arrangement consideration be allocated at the inception of the arrangement to all deliverables using the relative selling price method, which allocates any discount in the overall arrangement proportionally to each deliverable based on its relative selling price. Expanded disclosures of qualitative and quantitative information regarding application of the multiple-deliverable revenue arrangement guidance are also required under the ASU. The ASU does not apply to arrangements for which industry specific allocation and measurement guidance exists, such as long-term construction contracts and software transactions. For Averion, ASU No. 2009-13 is effective beginning January 1, 2011. Averion may elect to adopt the provisions prospectively to new or

materially modified arrangements beginning on the effective date or retrospectively for all periods presented. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this standard on Averion's consolidated results of operations and financial condition.

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Measuring Liabilities at Fair Value

In August 2009, the FASB issued ASU No. 2009-05, *Measuring Liabilities at Fair Value*, which provides additional guidance on how companies should measure liabilities at fair value under ASC 820. The ASU clarifies that the quoted price for an identical liability should be used. However, if such information is not available, a entity may use, the quoted price of an identical liability when traded as an asset, quoted prices for similar liabilities or similar liabilities traded as assets, or another valuation technique (such as the market or income approach). The ASU also indicates that the fair value of a liability is not adjusted to reflect the impact of contractual restrictions that prevent its transfer and indicates circumstances in which quoted prices for an identical liability or quoted price for an identical liability traded as an asset may be considered level 1 fair value measurements. For Averion, this ASU is effective October 1, 2009. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this standard, but would not expect it to have a material impact on Averion's consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets

In June 2009, the FASB issued a new standard regarding the accounting for transfers of financial assets amending the existing guidance on transfers of financial assets to, among other things, eliminate the qualifying special-purpose entity concept, include a new unit of account definition that must be met for transfers of portions of financial assets to be eligible for sale accounting, clarify and change the derecognition criteria for a transfer to be accounted for as a sale, and require significant additional disclosure. For Averion, this standard is effective for new transfers of financial assets beginning January 1, 2010. Because Averion historically does not have significant transfers of financial assets, the adoption of this standard is not expected to have a material impact on Averion's consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

Variable Interest Entities

In June 2009, the FASB issued an accounting standard that revised the consolidation guidance for variable-interest entities. The modifications include the elimination of the exemption for qualifying special purpose entities, a new approach for determining who should consolidate a variable-interest entity, and changes to when it is necessary to reassess who should consolidate a variable-interest entity. For Averion, this standard is effective January 1, 2010. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this standard, but would not expect it to have a material impact on Averion's consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

Postretirement Benefit Plans

In December 2008, the FASB issued an accounting standard regarding a company's disclosures about postretirement benefit plan assets. This standard requires additional disclosures about plan assets for sponsors of defined benefit pension and postretirement plans including expanded information regarding investment strategies, major categories of plan assets, and concentrations of risk within plan assets. Additionally, this standard requires disclosures similar to those required for fair value measurements and disclosures under ASC 820 with respect to the fair value of plan assets such as the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value and information with respect to classification of plan assets in terms of the hierarchy of the source of information used to determine their value (see Note 10). The disclosures under this standard are required for annual periods ending after December 15, 2009. Averion is currently evaluating the requirements of these additional disclosures.

4. GOODWILL

At September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, goodwill was \$25.5 million.

The Company reviews goodwill for impairment on an annual basis in conjunction with our year end reporting date of December 31. The Company operates as one reporting unit and goodwill was evaluated based on this approach. A valuation of the Company was performed using a discounted cash flow analysis and a market-based approach giving appropriate weighting to both. Using these guidelines it was determined that the carrying value of goodwill at December 31, 2008 was significantly impaired. The impairment loss of \$26.1 million was included in operating income in our consolidated results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2008. For the three and nine month periods ending September 30, 2009, the Company performed no impairment testing on its goodwill.

5. NOTES PAYABLE AND FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

In July 2006, we purchased all of the outstanding capital stock of Averion Inc. In connection with that purchase we issued two year promissory notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$0.7 million and five year promissory notes in

the aggregate principal amount of \$5.7 million, each bearing interest at the prime rate of interest as set forth at the beginning of the calendar year (3.25% and 7.25% as of January 1, 2009 and 2008, respectively). At September 30, 2009, \$5.7 million in principal payments remained on these notes, all of which are scheduled to be repaid by July 31, 2011.

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We issued stock and Senior Secured Notes in connection with the Hesperion financing transaction during October and November of 2007. The Senior Secured Notes have a principal amount at maturity of \$26.0 million and carry interest in the amount of 3% for the first year, 10% for the second year and 15% for the third year. The entire unpaid principal balance plus all accrued and unpaid interest is due and payable by October 31, 2010. The principal amounts of these Senior Secured Notes have been discounted to fair value for balance sheet presentation. The accretion of the original issue discount will cause an increase in indebtedness from September 30, 2009 to October 31, 2010 of \$4.1 million. We issued Cerep a promissory note (the Cerep Note) in connection with the Hesperion acquisition in the principal amount of 2.5 million Euros with interest accruing at a rate of 6% per annum due and payable quarterly in arrears. The entire unpaid principal balance, plus all accrued and unpaid interest is due and payable by October 31, 2010. The principal amount of the Cerep Note has been discounted to fair value for balance sheet presentation. The accretion of the original issue discount will cause an increase in indebtedness from September 30, 2009 to October 31, 2010 of \$0.2 million.

We issued stock and New Senior Secured Notes in connection with a financing transaction during June of 2008. The New Senior Secured Notes have a principal amount at maturity of \$2.0 million and carry interest in the amount of 3% for the first four months, 10% for the next twelve months and 15% for the final twelve months. The entire unpaid principal balance plus all accrued and unpaid interest is due and payable by October 31, 2010. The principal amounts of these New Senior Secured Notes have been discounted to fair value for balance sheet presentation. The accretion of the original issue discount will cause an increase in indebtedness from September 30, 2009 to October 31, 2010 of \$0.2 million.

On March 13, 2009, we entered into an agreement with certain holders of our Senior Secured Notes which amended the 2% transaction fee due and payable to the holders of those notes and allowed them to receive either an immediate payout of the fee due, or new senior secured notes in the principal amount equal to 3% of the purchase price of each holder's prior note and on the same terms and conditions as the original Senior Secured Notes. In accordance with this new agreement we issued notes to certain holders of our Senior Secured Notes in an aggregate amount equal to \$0.3 million, and paid the remaining Senior Secured Note holders an aggregate cash payment equal to \$0.3 million for the transaction fee amounts. The principal amounts of these notes have been discounted to fair value for balance sheet presentation. The accretion of the original issue discount will cause an increase in indebtedness from September 30, 2009 to October 31, 2010 of \$0.1 million.

As of June 30, 2009, we owed an aggregate of approximately \$2.0 million in interest on our Senior Secured Notes that had not been timely paid to the holders of our Senior Secured Notes. On July 30, 2009, we entered into an agreement with certain holders of our Senior Secured Notes to amend the schedule for the payment of the interest amounts owed to the holders of our Senior Secured Notes so that the Company would pay the interest in three monthly installments, with the first monthly installment due on or before July 31, 2009, the second monthly installment due on or before August 31, 2009, and the final monthly installment due on or before September 28, 2009. No additional interest was to accrue on the interest amounts owed to the holders of our Senior Secured Notes during the extended repayment period. Accordingly, the aforementioned interest amounts owed to the holders of our Senior Secured Notes were paid in full in accordance with the amended schedule for payment.

As of September 30, 2009 we have approximately \$0.7 million in interest payments outstanding on the Senior Secured Notes and the New Senior Secured notes which is due and payable on September 30, 2009 and is included in the accrued interest payable section of our balance sheet.

Aggregate maturities of notes payable as of September 30, 2009 are as follows (in thousands):

2009	\$	
2010		31,978
2011		5,700
Total	\$	37,678
Less: unamortized original issue discount		(4,556)

Total notes payable	\$ 33,122
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Total revenues are attributed to geographic areas based on location of the customer. Assets are assigned based on physical location.

Geographic information is summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Total revenues:				
United States	\$ 8,465	\$ 7,638	\$ 26,159	\$ 25,354
Europe	10,572	10,415	28,367	31,306
 Total revenue	 \$ 19,037	 \$ 18,053	 \$ 54,526	 \$ 56,660

	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
Long-lived assets, net of accumulated depreciation:		
United States	\$ 1,212	\$ 1,500
Europe	3,971	4,729
 Total long-lived assets, net	 \$ 5,183	 \$ 6,229

7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

We are involved in various legal actions arising in the normal course of our business. We believe that the outcome of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

8. INCOME TAXES

The Company applies the provisions of ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes*, on January 1, 2007. This topic clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes by prescribing a minimum recognition threshold for a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return that is required to be met before being recognized in the financial statements. Topic 740 also provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. There have been no changes to the unrecognized tax benefit balance during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and no significant changes in the unrecognized tax benefit balance are expected in the next twelve months.

The Company's effective tax rate was 100% for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, which differs from the statutory rate as a result of state taxes (net of the federal benefit), the international rate differential, the increase in the valuation allowance and other permanent differences.

9. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

The components of comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, are as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net income (loss)	\$ 471	\$ (2,040)	\$ (1,675)	\$ (5,386)
Change in accumulated translation adjustments	165	239	121	322
 Total comprehensive income (loss)	 \$ 636	 \$ (1,801)	 \$ (1,554)	 \$ (5,064)

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The Company has a contributory defined benefit plan (the Benefit Plan) covering its employees in Switzerland as mandated by the Swiss government. Benefits are based on the employee's years of service and compensation. Benefits are paid directly by the Company when they become due, in conformity with the funding requirements of applicable government regulations.

The effect on the Company's consolidated statement of operations of the Benefit Plan is as follows for the three and nine month period ended September 30 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2009		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Service cost	\$ 175	\$ 176	\$ 525	\$ 494
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	58	38	174	164
Expected return on plan assets	(54)	(35)	(162)	(155)
Settlement Cost		289		289
Net periodic pension expense	179	468	537	792

During the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, the Company contributed \$0.5 million and \$0.6 million respectively to the Benefit Plan. The Company expects to contribute an additional \$0.2 million to the Benefit Plan for the year ending December 31, 2009.

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

The information discussed below is derived from the unaudited consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, and should be read in conjunction therewith. Our results of operations for a particular quarter may not be indicative of results expected during subsequent quarters or for the entire year.

Company Overview

We are an international clinical research organization (CRO) focused on providing our clients with global clinical research services and solutions throughout the drug development lifecycle. We serve a variety of clients in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries.

Our core competencies are in product agency registration support, trial design, site selection, project management, medical and site monitoring, data management, biostatistical analysis and reporting, pharmacovigilance, medical writing, and full clinical trial management and consulting services throughout the clinical trials lifecycle. We have the resources to directly implement or manage Phase I through Phase IV clinical trials and have clinical trial experience and expertise across a wide variety of therapeutic areas, including the following core focus areas: Oncology, Cardiovascular Diseases and Medical Devices.

We have pursued a strategy of seeking other complimentary businesses to acquire so that we can expand our geographic presence and CRO capabilities. We believe the expansion of our business through the acquisition of established CROs enables us to provide a multitude of services sooner and more effectively than if we were to build such services organically.

On October 31, 2007, we acquired Hesperion AG (Hesperion), an international CRO based in Switzerland. The acquisition of Hesperion significantly strengthened our presence in Europe and significantly improved our capabilities to manage complex larger global clinical trials for our clients.

Our industry continues to be dependent on the research and development efforts of pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device companies as major clients, and we believe this dependence will continue. Our client list includes several large pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. With the strategic acquisition of Hesperion, we have expanded our customer base, a significant portion of our revenues are highly concentrated in a few key clients. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2009, approximately 33% of our total net service revenues were from two clients, representing 23%, and 10% of total net services revenues, respectively. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2008, 22% of our total net service revenues were from one client. Although the expansion of our client base through the acquisitions of Averion Inc. and Hesperion has increased our revenues, the loss of business from any of our major clients could have a material adverse effect on us.

Our revenue growth has and will continue to be highly dependent on our ability to attract, develop, motivate and retain skilled professionals. We closely monitor our overall attrition rates and patterns to ensure our personnel management strategy aligns with our growth objectives. There is intense competition for professionals with the skills necessary to provide the type of services we offer. If our attrition rate increases and was to be sustained at higher levels, our growth may slow and our cost of attracting and retaining clinical professionals could increase.

On September 4, 2009, we filed with the SEC the Information Statement related to our going private transaction and related Reverse/Forward Stock Split. We expect to complete the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the related going private transaction approximately twenty days after the Information Statement is first mailed to our stockholders.

Backlog

Our clinical research backlog consists of anticipated net service revenue from uncompleted projects which have been authorized by the client, through a written contract or letter of intent. Many of our studies and projects are performed over an extended period of time, which may be several years. Amounts included in backlog have not yet been recognized as net service revenue in our Consolidated Statement of Operations. Once contracted work begins, net service revenue is recognized over the life of the contract on a fee for service or proportional performance basis. The recognition of net service revenue reduces our backlog while the awarding of new business increases our backlog. Our backlog for clinical research services was approximately \$80.8 million at September 30, 2009, representing an increase of approximately \$25.1 million from backlog of \$55.7 million at December 31, 2008.

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We believe that our backlog as of any date may not necessarily be a meaningful predictor of future results because backlog can be affected by a number of factors including the size and duration of contracts, many of which are performed over several years. Additionally, contracts may be delayed or cancelled during the course of a study. For these reasons, we might not be able to fully realize our entire backlog as net service revenue.

Application of Critical Accounting Estimates

Our consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or GAAP. Preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of revenue and expenses, assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We consider an accounting estimate to be critical to the preparation of our financial statements when both of the following are present:

- the estimate is complex in nature or requires a high degree of judgment; and

- the use of different estimates and assumptions could have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

We have discussed the development and selection of our critical accounting estimates and related disclosures with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors. Those estimates critical to the preparation of our consolidated financial statements are listed below.

Revenue Recognition

Our services are performed under both time-and-material and fixed-price arrangements. All revenue is recognized pursuant to GAAP. Revenue is recognized as work is performed and amounts are earned. We consider amounts to be earned once evidence of an arrangement has been obtained, services are delivered, fees are fixed or determinable and collectability is reasonably assured. For contracts with fees billed on a time-and-materials basis, we generally recognize revenue over the period of performance.

Revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables are divided into separate units of accounting if the deliverables in the arrangement meet the following criteria: (1) the delivered item has value to the client on a stand-alone basis; (2) there is objective and reliable evidence of the fair value of undelivered items; and (3) delivery of any undelivered item is probable. Arrangement consideration is allocated among the separate units of accounting based on their relative fair values, with the amount allocated to the delivered item being limited to the amount that is not contingent on the delivery of additional items or meeting other specified performance conditions.

Fixed-price contracts are accounted for under the proportional performance method based on assumptions regarding the estimated completion of the project. Under the proportional performance method, we estimate the percentage-of-completion by comparing the actual number of work hours performed or units delivered to date to the estimated total number of hours or units required to complete each engagement. The use of the proportional performance method requires significant judgment relative to estimating total contract revenue and costs to completion, including assumptions and estimates relative to the length of time to complete the project, the nature and complexity of the work to be performed and anticipated changes in other contract-related costs. Estimates of total contract revenue and costs to completion are continually monitored during the term of the contract and are subject to revision as the contract progresses. Unforeseen circumstances may arise during an engagement requiring us to revise our original estimates and may cause the estimated profitability to decrease. When revisions in estimated contract revenue and efforts are determined, such adjustments are recorded in the period in which they are first identified. Provisions for estimated losses on individual contracts are made in the period in which the loss first becomes known. Depending on the specific contractual provisions and nature of the deliverable, revenue may be recognized as interim deliverables are achieved or when final deliverables have been accepted.

Our accounting policy for recognizing revenue for terminated projects requires us to perform a reconciliation of study activities versus the activities set forth in the contract. We negotiate with the client, pursuant to the terms of the existing contract, regarding the wind up of existing study activities in order to clarify which services the client wants us to perform. Once we and the client agree on the reconciliation of study activities and the agreed upon services have been performed by us, we would record the additional revenue provided collectability is reasonably assured.

Our operations have experienced, and may continue to experience, period-to-period fluctuations in net service revenue and results from operations. Because we generate a large proportion of our revenue from services performed at hourly rates, our revenue in any period is directly related to the number of employees and the number of hours worked by those employees during that period. Our results of operations in any one quarter can fluctuate depending upon, among other things, the number of weeks in a quarter, the number and related contract value of ongoing client engagements, the commencement, postponement and termination of engagements in the quarter, the mix of revenue, the extent of cost overruns, employee hiring, vacation patterns, exchange rate fluctuations and other factors.

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Goodwill

We review goodwill for impairment on an annual basis in conjunction with our year end reporting date of December 31. Averion operates as one reporting unit and goodwill is evaluated based on this approach.

Long-lived assets

Our long-lived assets include finite-life intangible assets, property and equipment and long-term notes receivable. We evaluate the recoverability of our long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Such circumstances would include a significant decrease in the market price of a long-lived asset, a significant adverse change to the manner in which the asset is being used or its physical condition, or a history of operating or cash flow losses associated with the use of the asset. In addition, changes to the expected useful lives of these long-lived assets may also be an indicator of impairment. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying value of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets and the resulting losses are included in the statement of operations.

Share-Based Compensation

The grant date fair value of each stock option is based on the underlying price on the date of grant and is determined using an option pricing model. The option pricing model requires the use of estimates and assumptions as to (a) the expected volatility of the price of the stock underlying the stock option, (b) the expected life of the option, (c) the risk free rate for the expected life of the option and (d) forfeiture rates. The Company is currently using the Black-Scholes option pricing model to determine the grant date fair value of each stock option.

Share-based compensation expense recognized during a period is based on the value of the portion of share-based awards that is ultimately expected to vest during the period. The Company uses historical data to estimate pre-vesting option forfeitures.

Expected volatility is calculated based on a blended weighted average of historical information of the Company's stock and the weighted average of historical information of similar public entities for which historical information is available. The Company will continue to use a weighted average approach using its own historical volatility and other similar public entity volatility information until historical volatility of the Company is relevant to measure expected volatility for future option grants. The expected life of the option assumption is based on the simplified or "safe-haven" method. The risk free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury bond rate commensurate with the expected life of the option. Forfeiture rates are estimated based upon past voluntary termination behavior and past option forfeitures.

We believe there is a high degree of subjectivity involved when using option-pricing models to estimate share-based compensation. Option-pricing models were developed for use in estimating the value of traded options that have no vesting or hedging restrictions, are fully transferable and do not cause dilution. Because our share-based payments have characteristics different from those of freely traded options and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect our estimates of fair values (such as attrition), in our opinion, existing valuation models, including Black-Scholes, may not provide reliable measures of the fair values of our share-based compensation. Consequently, there is a risk that our estimates of the fair values of our share-based compensation awards on the grant dates may bear little resemblance to the actual values realized upon the exercise, expiration, early termination, or forfeiture of those share-based payments in the future. Certain share-based payments, such as employee stock options, may expire worthless or otherwise result in zero intrinsic value as compared to the fair values originally estimated on the grant date and reported in our financial statements. Alternatively, value may be realized from these instruments that is significantly in excess of the fair values originally estimated on the grant date and reported in our financial statements. There is currently no market-based mechanism or other practical application to verify the reliability and accuracy of the estimates stemming from these valuation models, nor is there a means to compare and adjust the estimates to actual values. Although the fair value of employee share-based awards is determined using an option-pricing model that value may not be indicative of the fair value observed in a market transaction between a willing buyer and willing seller. If factors change and we employ different assumptions in future periods than those currently applied and those previously applied in determining our pro forma amounts, the compensation expense that we record in the future may differ significantly from what we have reported during the

periods for the three and nine months periods ending September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

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Income Taxes

The calculation of our tax liabilities involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax regulations in multiple jurisdictions. We record liabilities for estimated tax obligations in the United States and other tax jurisdictions. Determining the consolidated provision for income tax expense, tax reserves, deferred tax assets and liabilities and related valuation allowance, if any, involves judgment. We calculate and provide for income taxes in the jurisdictions in which we operate, including the United States, Switzerland, Germany, Israel, the United Kingdom, France, Austria, the Netherlands, and several eastern European countries. It is our policy to file tax returns as prescribed by the tax laws of the jurisdictions in which we operate. We are not currently under examination by any federal, state or local taxing jurisdiction. The 2002 to 2008 tax years for which we have filed tax returns with federal, state and local taxing jurisdictions remain subject to examination. In the normal course of business, we conduct operations in various state and local taxing jurisdictions. We may have exposure for examination or tax assessment by a state or local taxing jurisdiction where we have not historically filed tax returns. We believe any such potential tax assessment would not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations. Our overall effective tax rate fluctuates due to a variety of factors, including changes in the geographic mix or estimated level of annual pretax income, the ability to utilize our accumulated net operating loss carryforwards and newly enacted tax legislation in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate.

Applicable transfer pricing regulations require that transactions between and among our subsidiaries be conducted at an arm's-length price. On an ongoing basis we estimate an appropriate arm's-length price and use such estimate for our intercompany transactions.

On an ongoing basis, we evaluate whether a valuation allowance is needed to reduce our deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. This evaluation considers the weight of all available evidence, including both future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. In the event that we determine that we will not be able to realize a recognized deferred tax asset in the future, an adjustment to the valuation allowance would be made resulting in a decrease in income in the period such determination was made. Likewise, should we determine that we will be able to realize all or part of an unrecognized deferred tax asset in the future, an adjustment to the valuation allowance would be made resulting in an increase to income (or equity in the case of excess stock option tax benefits). Deferred income taxes are provided under the liability method. The liability method requires that deferred tax assets and liabilities be determined based on the difference between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities using the tax rate expected to be in effect when the taxes will actually be paid or refunds received. In estimating future tax consequences, we generally consider all expected future events other than the enactment of changes in tax law or rates. If it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recorded.

Recent Accounting Standards

See Note 3 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for a discussion of accounting standards adopted during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and recent accounting standards not yet adopted.

Table of Contents**Results of Operations*****Three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008***

The following table presents an overview of our results of continuing operations for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008.

(in thousands)	September 30, 2009		September 30, 2008	
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue
Net service revenue	\$ 17,269	100%	\$ 15,900	100%
Direct expenses	8,230	48%	9,868	62%
SG&A expense	4,730	27%	5,878	37%
Depreciation and amortization	776	4%	1,011	6%
Net operating income (loss)	3,533	20%	(857)	(5)%
Other income (expense)	(2,433)	(14)%	(1,061)	(6)%
Income (loss) before income tax expense	1,100	6%	(1,918)	(12)%
Income tax expense	629	(4)%	122	(1)%
Net income (loss)	\$ 471	3%	\$ (2,040)	(13)%

Net service revenue for the three months ending September 30, 2009 increased \$1.4 million to \$17.3 million as compared to \$15.9 million for the three months ending September 30, 2008. The 2009 results include \$2.1 million in previously deferred revenue recognized as a large contract was signed during July of 2009. A significant portion of this revenue related to services delivered during 2009, but prior to the September, 2009 quarter. Absent the aforementioned contract, net service revenue for the current period declined slightly as compared to the three months ending September 30, 2008. The absence of revenue growth is attributable to a lower level of contract signings during the prior year which would have contributed to 2009 revenue as those engagements developed during the current year period. We have been able to offset this reduction with new business project signings and a progression of those projects to revenue producing engagements during 2009. Newly signed contracts during the three months ended September 30, 2009 were \$37.3 million as compared to \$17.2 million during the comparable period in 2008.

Direct expenses consist primarily of compensation, related payroll taxes and fringe benefits for our project-related staff and contracted personnel, and other expenses directly related to specific contracts. Direct expenses decreased by \$1.6 million to \$8.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 from \$9.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. As a percentage of net service revenues, direct expenses decreased to 48% during the three months ended September 30, 2009 from 62% during the comparative period in 2008. The favorable variance in direct expenses as a percentage of net service revenues is principally the result of \$2.1 million in revenue recognized during the comparative 2009 period where the services related to that revenue and the associated costs had occurred and been recorded in earlier periods.

Selling, general and administrative expenses included the salaries, wages, and benefits of all administrative, financial and business development personnel and all support and overhead expenses not directly related to specific contracts. Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2009 were \$4.7 million, or 27% of net service revenue, as compared to \$5.9 million, or 37% of net service revenue for the three month period ended September 30, 2008. The decrease in expenses of \$1.2 million was primarily due to certain staff reductions and cost efficiencies during the current period as compared with the prior year. We undertook a complete review and expense reduction initiative in all SG&A departments during the fourth quarter of 2008 continuing into the first quarter of 2009 which has evidenced itself here. Reductions in professional fees, travel, recruiting costs, and computer hardware and software costs all contributed to our savings in this area.

Depreciation expense remained flat at \$0.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Amortization expense decreased to \$0.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 from \$0.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, primarily due to the reduction in carrying values assigned to finite life intangibles due to the impairment and associated write-down of those assets during the quarter ended December 31, 2008.

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Other income and expense is comprised primarily of interest charges on our outstanding notes, the amortization of the original issue discount on the Senior Secured Notes issued in conjunction with the Hesperion acquisition, and foreign exchange gains and losses. Net interest expense increased to \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to \$0.5 million for the same period in 2008, due to the increase in the principal amount outstanding as a result of notes issued during June of 2008. In addition, we incurred approximately \$1.2 million of non-cash expense for the amortization of the original issue discount on debt issued in connection with the Hesperion acquisition. During the three months ended September 30, 2009, we experienced foreign currency exchange losses of approximately \$0.4 million as compared to foreign currency exchange gains of \$0.5 million during the prior year period. This current quarter loss was primarily due to the net effects of a weaker U.S. dollar against the Swiss franc and the Euro. We carry a Euro denominated note on our U.S. books as a result of the acquisition of Hesperion. This note is in the amount of EUR 2.5 million and is due during the latter half of 2010. In addition, we have receivable and payable balances on the books of our Swiss subsidiary that are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of that subsidiary, the Swiss franc. As foreign exchange rates change from period to period these receivables and payables are revalued resulting in an offsetting gain or loss in the income statement.

The reductions in direct costs and SG&A expense enabled us to achieve net income of \$0.5 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2009 as compared to a net loss of \$2.0 million, for the three months ended September 30, 2008.

Nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008

The following table presents an overview of our results of continuing operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008.

(in thousands)	September 30, 2009		September 30, 2008	
	\$	% of revenue	\$	% of revenue
Net service revenue	\$ 48,860	100%	\$ 50,339	100%
Direct expenses	26,295	54%	29,326	58%
SG&A expense	14,805	30%	18,325	36%
Depreciation and amortization	2,358	5%	3,058	6%
Net operating income (loss)	5,402	11%	(370)	(1)%
Other income (expense)	(6,240)	(13)%	(4,804)	(10)%
Loss before income tax expense	(838)	(2)%	(5,174)	(10)%
Income tax expense	837	(2)%	212	(1)%
Net loss	\$ (1,675)	(3)%	\$ (5,368)	(11)%

Net service revenue for the nine months ending September 30, 2009 decreased \$1.5 million to \$48.9 million as compared to \$50.3 million for the nine months ending September 30, 2008. The 2008 results include \$3.3 million in previously deferred revenue recognized as a large contract was signed during June 2008. Approximately \$1.7 million of this revenue related to services delivered prior to 2008. Absent of the aforementioned 2008 contract, net service revenue for the current period increased approximately \$0.2 million as compared to the nine months ending September 30, 2008. Newly signed contracts during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 were \$82.9 million as compared to \$45.0 million during the comparable period in 2008.

Direct expenses consist primarily of compensation, related payroll taxes and fringe benefits for our project-related staff and contracted personnel, and other expenses directly related to specific contracts. Direct expenses decreased by \$3.0 million to \$26.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 from \$29.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. As a percentage of net service revenues, direct expenses decreased to 54% during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 from 58% during the comparative period in 2008. The favorable variance in direct expenses as a percentage of net service revenues is principally the result of an increase in staff utilization and enhanced efficiencies on clinical study activities.

Selling, general and administrative expenses included the salaries, wages, and benefits of all administrative, financial and business development personnel and all support and overhead expenses not directly related to specific contracts.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 were \$14.8 million or 30% of net service revenue, as compared to \$18.3 million or 36% of net service revenue for the nine month period ended September 30, 2008. The decrease in expenses of \$3.5 million was primarily due to certain staff reductions and cost efficiencies during the current year as compared with the prior year as we worked to align Averion and Hesperion's operations during 2008 following the Hesperion acquisition. In addition, we undertook a complete review and expense reduction initiative in all SG&A departments during the fourth quarter of 2008 continuing into the first quarter of 2009. Reductions in professional fees, travel, recruiting costs, and computer hardware and software costs all contributed to our savings in this area.

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Depreciation expense remained consistent with the prior year at approximately \$1.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Amortization expense decreased to \$1.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 from \$1.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, primarily due to the reduction in carrying values assigned to finite life intangibles due to the impairment and associated write-down of those assets during the quarter ended December 31, 2008.

Other income and expense is comprised primarily of interest charges on our outstanding notes, the amortization of the original issue discount on the Senior Secured Notes issued in conjunction with the Hesperion acquisition, and foreign exchange gains and losses. Net interest expense increased to \$2.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, as compared to \$1.5 million for the same period in 2008, due to the increase in the principal amount outstanding as a result of notes issued during June of 2008. In addition, we incurred approximately \$3.5 million of non-cash expense for the amortization of the original issue discount on debt issued in connection with the Hesperion acquisition. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we experienced foreign currency exchange losses of approximately \$0.3 million as compared to foreign currency exchange losses of \$0.2 million during the prior year. Current year exchange losses were primarily due to the net effects of a weaker U.S. dollar against the Swiss franc and the Euro. We carry a Euro denominated note on our U.S. books as a result of the acquisition of Hesperion. This note is in the amount of EUR 2.5 million and is due during the latter half of 2010. In addition, we have receivable and payable balances on the books of our Swiss subsidiary that are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of that subsidiary, the Swiss franc. As foreign exchange rates change from period to period these receivables and payables are revalued resulting in an offsetting gain or loss in the income statement.

Our net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 decreased to \$1.7 million, as compared to a net loss of \$5.4 million, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have financed our growth and operations from the issuances of debt and equity, and cash flows from operations. The CRO industry is generally not capital intensive. Our principal source of cash for operations is from contracts with clients. If we are unable to generate new contracts with existing and new clients and/or if the level of contract cancellations increases, revenues and cash flow will be materially and adversely affected. Absent a material adverse change in the level of our new business bookings or contract cancellations, we believe that our existing capital resources together with cash flow from operations will be sufficient to meet our operating needs for the next twelve months.

At September 30, 2009 we had cash and cash equivalents of \$5.8 million as compared to \$2.4 million at September 30, 2008, an increase of \$3.4 million. Approximately \$4.6 million in cash was located outside of the United States at September 30, 2009. Amounts are principally held in bank deposits with major financial institutions in countries whose governments guarantee those deposits (primarily in Switzerland and the United States.) Our expected primary cash needs on both a short and long-term basis are for working capital, payment of interest and principal on outstanding notes, expansion of services, capital expenditures, possible future acquisitions, geographic expansion, and other general corporate purposes.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$2.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, an increase of \$3.0 million from the corresponding 2008 period. The amount of non-cash charges included in net loss from operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was \$7.2 million as compared to \$7.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

The change in net operating assets used \$3.3 million in cash during the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to a reduction in customer deposits and accounts payable, partially offset by collections on unbilled accounts receivable and accounts receivable and an increase of compensation related accruals. The change in net operating assets used \$2.9 million in cash during the nine months ended September 30, 2008, primarily due to a net increase in unbilled and billed accounts receivable as well as a reduction in accrued liabilities as we paid down expenses associated with the Hesperion acquisition. These uses of cash were partially offset by an increase in customer deposits during that same period. Approximately \$2.0 million in operating cash was used during 2009 to pay interest on our Senior Notes.

Net cash used by investing activities was comprised primarily of outlays for the purchase of capital equipment and was significantly lower as compared to the 2008 period due to the integration activities of the Hesperion acquisition during 2008. In addition, we were able to reduce balances on outstanding lease deposits which contributed to the favorable period over period variance.

Net cash used by financing activities was \$0.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, compared with net cash used by financing activities of \$3.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The decrease was attributable to the payment of approximately \$3.0 million to Cerep in January 2008, which represented a deferred portion of the purchase price related to the October 2007 acquisition of Hesperion, and \$2.2 million in payments on our Junior notes offset by a \$2.0 debt issuance in June of 2008.

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We issued Senior Secured Notes in connection with the Hesperion financing transaction during October and November of 2007. The Senior Secured Notes have a principal amount at maturity of \$26.0 million and interest is due and payable quarterly in arrears in the amount of 3% for the first year, 10% for the second year and 15% for the third year. The entire unpaid principal balance plus all accrued and unpaid interest is due and payable by October 31, 2010. We issued additional Senior Secured Notes in connection with a financing transaction during June of 2008. The additional Senior Secured Notes have a principal amount at maturity of \$2.0 million and interest is due and payable quarterly in arrears in the amount of 3% for the first four months, 10% for the next twelve months and 15% for the final twelve months. The entire unpaid principal balance plus all accrued and unpaid interest is due and payable by October 31, 2010.

We currently do not have the funds necessary to enable us to repay the Senior Secured Notes when they come due in October of 2010, and we do not anticipate generating such funds through our operations. If we (i) are unable to make any future interest payments as they may come due, or (ii) are unable to refinance the Senior Secured Notes or otherwise enter into another strategic transaction prior to the date on which the Senior Secured Notes become due and payable, then in each case the holders of such Senior Secured Notes will have the right to initiate liquidation proceedings against the Company and foreclose on our assets. We are actively exploring strategic alternatives, including possible restructuring of our outstanding debt, raising additional capital, and ways to further decrease our operating expenses. To this end, our Board of Directors has appointed a Special Committee of independent directors to assess the fairness of any negotiation with our debt holders and to explore alternative strategic possibilities.

Off Balance Sheet Financing Arrangements

As of September 30, 2009, we did not have any off-balance sheet financing arrangements or any equity ownership interests in any variable interest entity or other minority owned ventures.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Form 10-Q includes forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included or incorporated by reference in this Form 10-Q which address activities, events or developments which we expect or anticipate will or may occur in the future, including such things as future capital raising or expenditures (including the amount and nature thereof), finding suitable merger or acquisition candidates, expansion and growth of our business and operations, and other such matters are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by us in light of our experience and our perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors we believe are appropriate in the circumstances. However, whether actual results or developments will conform to our expectations and predictions is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, general economic market and business conditions; the business opportunities (or lack thereof) that may be presented to and pursued by us; changes in laws or regulation; and other factors, most of which are beyond our control.

Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of predictive, future-tense or forward-looking terminology, such as believes, anticipates, expects, intends, estimates, plans, may, will, or similar terms. These statements appear in a number of places in this Form 10-Q and include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of the Company, our directors or our officers with respect to, among other things: (i) trends affecting our financial condition or results of operations for our limited history; and (ii) our business and growth strategies. Investors are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve significant risks and uncertainties, and that actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. Factors that could adversely affect actual results and performance include, among others, our ability to repay our debts as they come due, our limited operating history, the burden of repaying interest and principal on our Senior Secured Notes, potential fluctuations in quarterly operating results and expenses, government regulation, technological change and competition. We refer you to the cautionary statements and risk factors set forth in the documents we file from time to time with the SEC, particularly our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed on March 30, 2009.

Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this Form 10-Q are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by us will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequence to or effects on us or our business or

operations. We assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements.

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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 Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. We believe that a control system, no matter how well designed and operated, cannot provide absolute assurance that the objectives of the control system are met, and no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within a company have been detected.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) that occurred during the period covered by this report 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

We are involved in various other legal actions arising in the normal course of our business. We believe that the outcome of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operation.

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

On August 27, 2009, in accordance with the relevant sections of the Delaware General Corporation Law and our Certificate of Incorporation, holders of a majority of our common stock executed a written consent approving an amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation that will effect the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and our going private transaction (see Note 2). The Reverse/Forward Stock Split was approved by 453,299,776 shares, or approximately 71% of all shares entitled to vote thereon. The written consent of the majority of our stockholders approving the Reverse/Forward Stock Split was delivered to us in connection with our proposed going-private transaction, which is more fully described in our most recently amended preliminary Schedule 13E-3 and preliminary Information Statement on Schedule 14C, each filed with the SEC on November 3, 2009, and each of which is currently pending review by the SEC.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Title of Document
31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*

* Filed herewith

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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.

Averion International Corp.
(Registrant)

Dated: November 13, 2009

By: /s/ James H. McGuire
James H. McGuire
Chairman of the Board

Dated: November 13, 2009

By: /s/ Lawrence R. Hoffman
Lawrence R. Hoffman
Chief Financial Officer